

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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## **Present**

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chair), Mr M Davies, Mr P Hancock, Mrs M Sumner, Mr J Whitehouse.

## **In Attendance**

Footpaths Warden, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 14 members of the public.

## **01/20 Apologies**

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:**

Cllrs. Miss J Biggs, Dr J Mortimer & Mrs M Purser (accepted).

## **02/20 Interests**

**i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests regarding items on the agenda:** There were none.

**ii. Notification of changes to the register of interests:** There were none.

**iii. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation for those with Disclosable Interests to take part in discussions or voting:** There were none.

## **03/20 Planning**

**i. To report on meeting with DB Land and Planning regarding application 19/01770/FUL:** An informal meeting had taken place earlier in the month with Debbie Brookes, the developer, who had outlined the proposals and had indicated that amended plans were to be submitted.

**ii. To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:**

<b>Application No</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Details</b>
19/01770/FUL	Land At (Os 7964 4028) Rear Of, Cornfield Close	Development of a Rural Exception site for the erection of 14 dwellings (7 affordable dwellings to be cross-subsidised by 7 market dwellings).
19/01868/HP 19/01869/LB	Court Cottage Lockeridge Lane	Proposed single storey side extension
19/01884/HP	Mill Cottage Drake Street	Renovation of existing derelict pigsty to habitable accommodation including single storey extension.

The following responses were agreed:

19/01770/FUL – A response was deferred until after the amended plans had been submitted.

19/01868/HP and 19/01884/HP – ‘The Parish Council has no objection to the application’.

**iii. To report on the refusal of the Pheasant Inn Application 19/01035/FUL and to report on subsequent meetings with MHDC and Court Properties and consider any actions arising:**

Following the refusal an informal meeting had taken place between councillors and planning officials to explore options for the sites development. The applicant had also had a meeting with the planning department and it was hoped that a new initiative involving Court Properties could achieve the desired result of a pub reopening on the site. It was noted that a facebook group numbering over four hundred mainly local residents had been created in favour of reopening the pub.

## **04/20 Minutes**

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December:**

These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

## **05/20 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes**

It was reported that the advertisement for a Community Facilitator had been published and so far there were seven applicants. Further advertisements were to be submitted to The Malvern Gazette and Worcestershire County Council. The closing date was 7<sup>th</sup> February and interviews would be held towards the end of the month.

## 06/20 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

**County Cllr. Tom Wells firstly** congratulated the council for obtaining grant funding for a Community Facilitator. He also commented on the increased pressures on the County Council for adult care in the budget which would be considered later in the month.

**District Cllr. Mick Davies** reported that the District Council was to consider its budget on Tuesday which was capped at a 2% increase. Also to be considered were the 5 year plan, carbon reduction, and proposals to refurbish the Splash. The chief executive, Jack Heggerty was to retire in July. Finally he was happy to report that the superfast broadband scheme provided by 'Airband' for Drake Street was being offered to the rest of the village.

## 07/20 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

**i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:** The Group was currently working with Peter Hamilton on the plan's review and the landscape assessment of proposed sites should be ready for consideration next month. A report was given on the designation of Green Spaces in the parish which would be included when the finalised plan was submitted for public consultation.

**ii. Communications Working Group:** A newsletter had been distributed in December and the next one was due at the end of the month.

**iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: To approve S106 application for storage facility on Spitalfields:** The application for a metal shipping container on Spitalfields had been submitted and was to be considered by MHDC next week.

The Clerk was to chase Kompan over rectification of faults in the play area.

**iv. Orchard Working Group:** The provision of mistletoe over the Christmas period had raised £160. Much of the scrub had now been cut and burnt and help and advice had been received from local experts. An official opening with tours of the orchard were to be arranged on fête day.

**v. Highways Working Group: Report on progress of Community Speed Watch Scheme:** There were now 5 members of the team and 2 more to complete applications. It was agreed to submit these to the Road Safety Team and to arrange a training day.

The scheme to widen the footway between the village hall and shop was scheduled to start next Monday and the Clerk was to ascertain the full schedule of work.

Data on the new Marlbank speed sign was presented and it was agreed to rotate the sign and monitor the results.

## 08/20 Parish Council Promotions

The next music events were to be 'Ma Bessie' on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 'Elles Bailey' on 29<sup>th</sup> February and 'Sunjay' on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February the Chairman was to give a talk on 'The Beatles' to raise funds for Castlemorton Village Hall.

## 09/20 Correspondence

**To consider responses to correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
MHDC	*	Ticket to Ride Event-Wed 22 Jan, 9:30am-1pm, Council Chamber
WCC	*	Funding For Communities- Open4Community
MHDC	*	District, Town and Parish Councillor Training Programme
Resident	*(i)	Spitalfields Car Park
WCC	*	Budget Briefing - 29 Jan 2020 at 6.30pm – County Hall
Malvern Hills Trust	*	Countryside Stewardship Grant
MHDC	*	Pride of Malvern Hills Community Awards 2020

(i) – Concerns had been raised over long term plans to deter antisocial behaviour in the car park and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the resident to discuss options.

**10/20 Finance****i. To consider the budget for 2020/21 and set a precept.**

The budget was considered and approved and a precept of £31,042 was to be requested. Based on the tax base projection by MHDC this would represent a 3% increase in Band D council tax.

**ii. To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payment was approved from the **Funding Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Solopress	30/11	£41.42	Performance Flyers
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£41.42</b>	

The following payments were approved from the **Main Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore (BACS)	23/12	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (December)
Solopress	30/11	£74.75	Newsletter Printing
Mark Watling	05/01	£45.00	Cemetery Hedge Cutting
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£366.40	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
E Hardman	20/01	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp (BACS)	20/01	£505.28	Clerk's Fee (£495.60 from £480.48 (+ back pay of £136.08 from April 2019))
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,331.43</b>	

The following payment was approved from the **Neighbourhood Plan Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Peter Hamilton (BACS)	31/12	£406.26	Professional Fee
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£406.26</b>	

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£2,975.46</b>		<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£53,168.20</b>
Interest	£0.13	<b>£2,975.59</b>		
<b>Fête Account</b>	<b>£1,917.36</b>	<b>£1,917.36</b>	WCC Lengthman	£177.00
<b>Buildings Account</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	Cemetery Fees	£80.00
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Ac.</b>	<b>£5,119.65</b>		D Sharp (BT Costs)	£228.24
Peter Hamilton	-£406.26	<b>£4,713.39</b>	MHDC Rubbish Collection (dd)	-£58.11
<b>Funding Account</b>	<b>£409.32</b>		BT (Village Hall Internet) (dd)	-£402.58
Event Costs	-£41.42	<b>£367.90</b>	January Payments	-£1,331.43
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£10,778.71</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£51,861.32</b>

**11/20 Any other matters for future consideration**

A meeting had been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> February to look at ways the Parish Hall could be improved for future use.

**12/20 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.