

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021

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Present

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson, Mr M Davies, Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs M Renton, Mrs M Sumner, Mr M Whaley and Mr J Whitehouse.

In Attendance

Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Before the meeting a resident briefed councillors on the 'Heat Networks' scheme at Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire which was to provide hot water for central heating to properties via a large geothermal energy system. This would be suitable for properties dependent on either gas or oil powered heating systems and she wondered whether such a project could be successful in Welland. The Clerk was to make enquires of MHDC over grant funding which was available for a feasibility study.

A representative of the local History Group asked whether the Parish Council could fund 3 panels containing montages of local photographs to mount in the village hall. The cost would be about £200. The project was approved by councillors.

139/21 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

140/21 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.

141/21 Co-Option

To consider applicants for co-option onto the Parish Council: No applications had been received.

142/21 Planning

To consider response to any late submitted applications:

Application No	From	Details
21/01847/OUT	Myrtle Cottage Drake Street	Proposed construction of up-to 3 detached dwellings (all matters reserved except access)
21/01894/FUL	Arosfa Upper Welland Road	Change of use of former agricultural land to residential garden and single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

Cllr. Davies abstained from voting due to his position as District Councillor.

The following responses were agreed:

21/01847/OUT - "The Parish Council has a number of concerns over this proposed development. It is outside the development boundary and therefore against SWPD policy (being in open countryside) and is not included in the parish council's emerging Neighbourhood plan. Although only an outline application, the size and scale of the properties does not meet the housing needs of the village."

21/01894/FUL - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application"

143/21 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th October: These were accepted as accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

144/21 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

Further to the request last month for the Parish Council to nominate a representative onto the Poores charity, Cllr. Anne Davis volunteered and she was duly approved.

145/21 Reports by County and District Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported that MHDC and Wychaven had secured government grants of £238,000 to fund a Covid recovery grant for upskilling apprentices in the Districts.

He expected the Boundary Commission to publish their review in January for public consultation. This would be finalised in July and in place for the 2023 elections.

The SWDPR had been delayed due to the lack of traffic modelling caused by Covid restrictions on movement.

Finally he confirmed that he had a ward budget of £500 which he expected to distribute among the three parishes comprising Morton.

146/21 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:

Report on current Regulation 14 consultation: The consultation was now closed. About 100 members of the public had responded as well as 15 organisations. Seven drop in sessions had been attended by about 80 residents. Initial findings indicated a high level of agreement although the housing allocations and changes to the development boundary being the most contentious. A thorough assessment of the responses would be undertaken and any alterations would be made to the Plan prior to submission to MHDC.

ii. Communications Working Group: The Website was to have a security upgrade by the host C3 Marketing. More use was to be made of Facebook and the Parish Council Website. A larger noticeboard near the shop was to be sourced.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

Kompan had indicated that installation of the gym would commence on 22nd November. Two recycled plastic picnic benches for Spitalfields had been ordered.

iv. Orchard Working Group: Cllr. Whaley confirmed that charitable status had been approved. The Group had been liaising with the Primary School over planting of hedging as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. Plans for the wassailing event on 15th January were progressing.

v. Highways Working Group:

To review car parking in village centre: The issue of cars parking on the village green during Saturday football practice was causing concern. A request was to be made for the Football Club to rope off the area.

Cllr. Davies confirmed that the roads on Spring Meadows and St James Green had been surveyed and a schedule of works was being produced for the developers to undertake prior to their adoption by WCC.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: It was noted that Watery Lane was not to be designated as a PRow due to the number of HGV's using the track.

147/21 Community Development Facilitator

To receive progress report: Mr Farley was continuing to meet with local groups, and was proposing to hold two community events next year. The first in spring 2022 could coincide with the annual parish meeting and would be a market place for local groups to promote themselves. The second would be a summer festival, replacing the fete and dog show.

148/21 Parish Council Promotions

The Chair gave a review of past events. Since 2016, nineteen events had been promoted, seventeen of which had been music events. The church had donated their facilities for free, but recently the costs involved had been rising and it may be deemed necessary to use some of the financial reserves within the 'Funding Account' acquired rather than increase ticket prices, until the insecurity caused by Covid reduces.

149/21 Correspondence

To consider responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
NALC	*	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	*	Online Events
CALC	*	Training & Events Update for Councillors and Clerks
MHDC	*	Worcestershire Queens green Canopy.
WCC	*	Notice -Footpaths WD-501 and WD-513, Welland
MHDC	*	Town Centre Transformation Plans Survey
WCC	*	EA consultation
CALC	*	AGM Agenda 16/11
South Worcestershire Police Rural and Business Crime Team	*	Rural Beat Newsletter
MHDC	*	Parish & Town Council Forum - Tackling the Climate Emergency Mon 15 Nov at 5pm
MHDC	*	Consultation on Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy
CALC	*	How are you doing Worcestershire & Covid Impact Focus Groups

150/21 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were made between meetings from the **Main Account** and were ratified:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Lee Farley	08/11	£1,404.00	Community Development Facilitator
Steve Maund	19/10	£410.00	Grass Cutting
Marmax Products Ltd	10/11	£957.60	Benches for Spitalfields
TOTAL		£2,771.60	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	27/10	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (October)
NA Priday	31/10	£648.00	Hedge and Bank Cutting
Royal British Legion	-	£30.00	Poppy Wreath
E Hardman	15/11	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	15/11	£406.20	Clerk's Fee (£507.60 – 40 hrs @ SCP 17)
TOTAL		£1,306.20	

The following payment was made between meetings from the **Funding Account** and was ratified:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Early Birds Music	11/11	£549.60	Event Payment
TOTAL		£549.60	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,976.75		Main Account B/F	£159,201.87
Interest	£0.05	£2,976.80		
Fête Account	£1,832.36	£1,832.36	MHDC CiL Payment	£3,752.54
Buildings Account	£804.47		Cemetery Fee	£50.00
Marmax Benches	-£798.00	£6.47	Trans. From Buildings Account	£798.00
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£4,340.82	£4,340.82		
Funding Account	£1,260.30		Pre Payments	-£2,771.60
Event Income	£549.60		November Payments	-£1,306.20
Event Expenses	-£549.60	£1,260.30		
Total C/F		£10,416.75	Main Account C/F	£159,724.61

150/21 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

One Cil receipt of £7757.30 had been received last year and a further £3752.54 received this month. The allocation of these funds were to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was reported that the developer of the Pheasant Inn site had confirmed with MHDC that they were willing to guarantee the opening of the licenced premises prior to the occupation of the residential units.

The Christmas lights switch on was to be Sunday 12th December at 6:00pm.

151/21 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 20th December 2021 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9:50 pm.