

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st August 2023

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Present

Cllrs. Mr M Davies (Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mrs M Sumner.

In Attendance

District Cllrs. Mr J Gallagher and Ms C Wild, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

106/23 Public Participation

The Council invites local residents attending the meeting to make comments and suggestions, and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration: It was noted that a 'footpath' sign had been removed from the bottom of Garret Bank.

107/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Dr J Mortimer, Mrs V Nelson Mrs M Renton and Mr M Whaley (accepted).

108/23 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registrable 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.

109/23 Co-Option

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: There were none.

110/23 Election of Vice Chair

To consider candidates for the post of Vice Chair: Cllr. M Whaley was unanimously elected to the position of vice-chair.

110/23 Planning

i. To consider response to the following any late submitted applications:

Application No	At	Details
M/23/00916/HP	Willow End Farm Cottage Blackmore Park Road	Erection of proposed first floor extensions
M/23/01102/FUL	Rosebud Meadow Camping Site	Retention of mobile home for three years.

The following responses were agreed:

M/23/00916/HP – "The Parish Council has no objection to the application". The Clerk was to confirm that Hanley Castle Parish Council had also been notified since the property lay within their boundary.

M/23/01102/FUL - "The Parish Council has no comment to make regarding this application."

ii. Decisions notified:

M/23/00615/HP - Church Villa, Gloucester Road: Approved.

M/23/00948/TPOA – Welland Parish Hall: Approved. This was to remove basal growth from the lime tree in the village hall car park. Work to be scheduled.

Planning appeal – M/23/00148/FUL – Lyndhurst, Gloucester Road - Detached garage building providing single garage space for each of the two plots: Written representation was to be considered next month.

111/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th July 2023: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

112/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

113/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Christine Wild reported that she had received reports that the 'black out' curtains in the church which MHDC had part funded were a great success. She also confirmed that MHDC would be holding a 'Residents Survey' between 17th September and 15th October and that all households will receive a questionnaire.

District Cllr. John Gallagher added that tMHDC were looking to extend the number of vehicle charging points throughout the district.

114/23 Welland Steam Rally

To consider responses to concerns raised over this year's event: Councillors welcomed the apology from the Steam Rally organisers following their false accusation that the Parish Council was looking to close down the event. However numerous complaints had been made this year regarding the poor traffic management which had led to considerable delays, both to event visitors as well as local residents. The Parish Council was to seek a meeting with organisers, police and WCC Highways to solve these issues. Furthermore the Clerk was to enquire of Worcester Regulatory Services of any licences that the event had applied for.

115/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The Regulation 16 consultation had been extended by two weeks and finished today. It was thought the examination would commence on 1st September and be completed in October.

A further grant application for just over £4,000 had been made to Locality to complete the process up to referendum and was ratified here.

ii. Communications Working Group: The Councillor list had been updated on the website. A request was also made to put the Library hours on the website.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: To consider proposals for acquiring additional open space land: Following discussions with councillors, the developer of Spring Meadows Close on Drake Street had indicated his willingness to 'gift' the area of open space on the site to the Parish Council. This would come with the responsibility for maintenance as detailed in the S106 agreement. This would not include any responsibility for the alleviation tanks situated in the north-west corner which were to be adopted by Severn Trent Water. It was agreed in principle to accept ownership of this space and the Clerk was mandated to continue negotiations with the developer in consultation with Cllrs. Davis and Hancock. It was also agreed to continue with negotiations with the owners of Holly Cottage on Drake Street, to purchase a strip of land that would allow the public right of way bordering the property to be widened.

iv. Events Working Group: Update to be given next month.

v. Orchard Working Group: Ripe fruit was being picked. Residents were encouraged to take advantage of this resource.

The Parish Council had committed £1,000 to the group for their work installing the notice boards by the shop and this was to be spent on a pond liner. It was also agreed to purchase some picnic tables that would be included as Parish Council assets and included in the lease agreement that was currently being considered.

vi. Highways Working Group: A stretch of footway on Drake Street had been cleared and an email of thanks had been sent to WCC Highways.

All VAS signs were now working and it was agreed to reverse their direction occasionally.

vii. Footpaths Working Group:

The S106 application for certain footpath improvements had been approved in principle by MHDC.

viii. S106 Working Group: To consider design for Pump Track: The design for the proposed pump track had been received, but there were certain queries that the Clerk was to gain clarification on.

ix. Pavilion Working Group: Quotes for PV panels were approximately £15,000. It had been confirmed by MHDC that they were ineligible for S106 funding and the new 'crowdfunding' scheme run by MHDC was to be investigated.

116/23 Community Builder

The preferred candidate had withdrawn and further advertisements for the position were to be posted.

117/23 Parish Council Promotions

The black-out blinds had been installed and were working effectively.

118/23 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
MHDC – District Cllr. Wild	Environment matters slides
MHDC	July Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Parish Online	Newsletter
Three Choirs Way	Newsletter
Resident	Worcestershire Open Studios 19-28 August 2023
Kompan	Inspection
MHDC	August Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Forte Trailscapes	Pump Track
Misc	Welland Steam Rally

119/23 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Live and Local	18/07	£130.00	Event Fee

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Solopress	18/07	£125.72	Newsletter
Welland Community Cinema	18/07	£250.00	Grant

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	25/07	£256.00	Lengthman Duties (July)
Broadleaf Tree Care	17/07	£480.00	Grass Cutting
Broadleaf Tree Care	31/07	£470.00	Grass Cutting
Broadleaf Tree Care	07/08	£150.00	Mow Spitalfields
Misc	21/08	£487.91	Noticeboard Materials
Welland Parish Hall	01/08	£294.00	Hire Fee For Library (Apr-Jul)
JRB Enterprises	31/07	£285.12	Dog Bags
Mark Watlin	11/08	£160.00	PRoW Strimming
Mark Loader	11/08	£35.00	Spitalfields Gate Wheels
E Hardman	21/08	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	21/08	£446.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross)
TOTAL		£3,214.43	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,990.07	
Interest	£2.21	£2,992.28
Saver Account	£30,088.67	
Interest	£67.93	£30,156.60
Fête Account	£1,702.13	£1,702.13
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£0.00	£0.00
Funding Account	£2,043.95	
Live and Local	-£130.00	£1,913.95
Total C/F		£36,771.43

Main Account B/F	£38,370.60
WCC Lengthman	£256.00
Cemetery Fee	£280.00
Cemetery Fee	£50.00
National Grid Wayleave	£35.72
Pre Payments	-£375.72
August Payments	-£3,214.43
Main Account C/F	£35,402.17

120/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

MHDC Street scene department were to be asked for help about the increase in dog fouling locally.

121/23 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 18th^t September 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:55 pm