Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th July 2024
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Present
Cllrs. Mr M Davies (Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs V Nelson, Ms R Sampson, and Mrs M Sumner.

In Attendance
District Cllrs. John Gallagher and Christine Wild, Mrs Barbara Stephens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and nine members of the public.

94/24 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:
A resident requested that the Parish Council ask landowners on Garret Bank, whose properties border the road where there is no footway, to cut back hedges.

95/24 Apologies
To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr M Whaley (accepted).

96/24 Interests
i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registable Interests regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Davis declared an ODI on planning application M/24/00885/FUL since it bordered her property.
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: Cllr. Davis was granted a dispensation to speak but not vote on planning application M/24/00885/FUL, which would last until the next ordinary election.

97/24 Planning
i. To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	At	Details
M/24/00756/FUL	Holdfast Cottage Hotel Marlbank	Change of use of the existing hotel (C1) to a mixed use comprising a hotel (C1) and self-contained holiday let (C3 – restricted)
M/24/00885/HP	Broatch Barn Woodside Lane	Proposed garaging, porch and removal of internal partition wall (Retrospective)

It was agreed to submit the following comment to both applications - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".
It was noted that a planning enforcement investigation was being held for an alleged unauthorised road construction at Welland Steam Rally land.

ii. Decisions notified:
M/24/00452/HP – Camelot, Byefields Lane - Approved

98/24 Minutes
To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th June: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

99/24 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes
To consider response to Malvern Hills Trust consultation on proposed governance changes: A draft response had been circulated previously for consideration. It was approved and was to be submitted.

100/24 Community Development Coordinator
Barbara Stevens reported that some activities had been highlighted after the public consultation and quiz night. Another quiz was hoped to be held in the autumn. WCC and Freedom Leisure were currently working on providing 'led' sessions at the gym and 'walk leaders' were to be trained up to host weekend and evening walks. Art classes were planned from September after school in the village hall.

101/24 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives
District Cllr. John Gallagher confirmed that an approach by Warwick College Group had been made regarding the vacant Malvern Hills College.

District Cllr. Christine Wild reported that she was currently a member of the health overview and scrutiny committee and also on the environmental policy panel. A food waste strategy had been approved.
She also reported that a planning appeal for a travellers site on Castlemorton Common was to be heard on July 23rd. Finally plans had been revealed for a £20M upgrade to Malvern theatre.

101/24 Working Party & Other Reports & Recommendations
i. Events – Report on The Big Bash: The event had been a great success with more than 500 attendees and had generated over £1600. Thanks were paid to all the volunteers, particularly Mike Street who had managed the finances.
ii. Communications – Update on email usage: All dedicated emails were now being used. A Group meeting was due to be held on 24th July when the use of social media was to be reviewed.
iii. S106 and CiL: Progress was being made with the footpaths project and the final details requested, following initial approval, were to be submitted to MHDC. It was agreed that the additional works would raise the grant application to £50,000.
iv. Buildings and Spaces: It was agreed to renew the seating adjacent to the war memorial and to fix a disabled ramp at the rear of the village hall. The playground climbing net had been fixed.
Clerk was to investigate new hedge trimming laws.

102/24 Mobile Phone Service
Update on progress to improve local service: Atlas Tower Group had identified a suitable site for a mobile phone mast and were in discussion with the landowner. It was thought a planning application would be submitted soon.

103/24 Correspondence
To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
NALC	Events / Newsletters / Bulletins
Misc	Parish Council Vacancies
CALC	Meeting and AGM - 26 June 2024
CALC	Training Program
MHDC (i)	South Worcestershire Development Plan: Village Facilities and Rural Transport Survey Update
MHDC	June Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Cllr. Malcolm Victory	June Report
WCC	First Notice of Order - Road Closure - Little Malvern
WCC	Second Notice of Order - Footpath Closure - Welland
Age UK (ii)	Rag Bin
WCC	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Strategy for Worcestershire Consultation exercise
Malvern Hills National Landscape	Annual Review 2023/24
Cllr. Malcolm Victory	July Report
Cllr. John Gallagher	Malvern Hills Greener Places Award
Cllr. John Gallagher	Free online workshop about Crowdfund Malvern Hills: 18 July

(i) – The response was agreed and was to be submitted.
(ii) – Age UK were to be offered a spot on Spitalfields adjacent to the glass recycling bins.

104/24 Finance
To consider payment of invoices presented:
The following payments were made from the **Fete Account** between meetings and were ratified:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Misc	-	£22.00	Big Bash Expenses
Misc	-	£27.25	Big Bash Expenses
Misc	-	£61.91	Big Bash Expenses
Carnival Marquees	-	£600.00	Marquee Hire
Hereford & Worcester First Responders	-	£150.00	Donation
Misc	-	£82.74	Big Bash Expenses
Misc	-	£119.39	Big Bash Expenses
RT Sumner	-	£457.91	Signage & Misc Big Bash Expenses
Live & Local	30/06	£95.00	Big Bash Expenses
Three Kings Inn	30/06	£492.91	Big Bash Expenses
Misc	-	£155.39	Big Bash Expenses
Shooting Stars Circus Skills	-	£280.00	Big Bash Expenses
	TOTAL	**£2,544.50**	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Barbara Stephens	02/07	£1,131.40	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Misc	02/07	£311.51	Quiz Expenses
Shirley Jones	15/06	£120.00	Quiz Delivery
St Richards Hospice	-	£316.00	Donation from Quiz
	Total	**£1,878.91**	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	21/06	£288.00	Lengthman Duties (June)
JRB Enterprises	03/07	£285.12	Dog Bags
Kompan	09/07	£9.38	Playground Parts
Welland Village Hall	01/07	£225.00	Library Rent Fee
Misc	-	£940.14	Orchard Groundwork Materials for Benches
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£358.80	PAYE (Apr-June)
E Hardman	15/07	£185.00	Handyman (£150 Gross + £35 Big Bash)
D Sharp	15/07	£478.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £598.00 Gross)
	TOTAL	**£2,769.84**	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	**£3,024.08**		**Main Account B/F**	**£41,351.80**
Interest	£3.12	**£3,027.20**		
Saver Account	**£50,830.46**		National Grid Wayleave	£38.06
Interest	£97.57	**£50,928.03**	Cemetery Fee	£140.00
Fête Account	**£283.67**		WCC Lengthman	£288.00
Big Bash Income	£3,508.65		Quiz Income	£40.00
Big Bash Cardnet Income	£1,012.36		MHDC Rubbish Collection	-£68.51
Big Bash Income	£39.15		BT	-£334.15
Big Bash Income	£280.00			
Pre Payments	-£2,544.50	**£2,579.33**		
Buildings Account	**£6.47**	**£6.47**	Pre Payments	-£1,878.91
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	July Payments	-£2,769.84
Funding Account	**£0.00**	**£0.00**		
Total C/F		**£56,541.03**	**Main Account C/F**	**£36,806.45**

It was further agreed to redirect the old web site to the new one at a cost of £43 for twelve months.

105/24 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was agreed that a memorial for Mandy Renton be best associated with the village hall. This would be discussed at the next parish hall committee meeting.
It was noted that several volunteers had come forward to wind the church clock mechanism.
Quotes to fix pot holes in Spitalfields car park were to be investigated.
Informal meetings were to be arranged with prospective co-optees to the Parish Council.
Cllr. Jon Mortimer tended his resignation form the Parish Council and was warmly thanked for his commitment over his tenure.

106/24 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th August 2024 in Welland Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55 pm