

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026

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Present

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mrs V Nelson, Ms R Sampson and Mrs M Sumner.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mrs C Wild, Community Development Coordinator Mrs B Stephens, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

01/26 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:

Clerk to chase up report of blocked ProW off Garret Bank.

02/26 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr P Henderson-Brown and Mr M Whaley (accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr M Victory, and District Cllr. Mr J Gallaway.

03/26 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.

04/26 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/26/00013/GPDE	Lake Farmhouse Welland Court Lane	Prior Notification for a Larger Home Extension - Single storey rear extension

The Parish Council was not asked to comment on the above 'Permitted Development' application, nevertheless the following response was agreed:

Subject to understanding any comments from neighbouring properties, and confirmation from the Local Authority that the proposals do indeed fall under permitted development rights, Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council has no objection in principle to this development. However, it notes the demolition of some buildings and structures within the proposal and would be grateful if the planners could encourage the homeowners to consider any impacts on biodiversity, and undertake bat and other surveys as necessary. Further, the Parish Council would be grateful if the planners could highlight Welland's Neighbourhood Plan and its Design Guide and Code to the homeowner and encourage reference to this with their external lighting, building materials and colour selection etc.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/24/01340/FUL – Land at Lockeridge Lane – Notification of appeal following planning refusal – It was agreed that no further comment was necessary.

M/ENF/23/0208 – Oldfields Garrett Bank – Planning Enforcement – Investigations in progress.

05/26 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th December: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

06/26 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

i. Unauthorised access onto Green Spaces: A request had been sent for information on what constituted a 'sensitive site' in the 'Joint Unauthorised Encampment Protocol' which would instigate immediate action rather than allowing for a 21 day delay. Cllr Wells was able to confirm what parties were involved with managing encampments. It was agreed to write to the Director of Economy and Infrastructure at MHDC asking for clarification.

ii. Update on Steam Rally event for 2026: Cllr. Ann Davis confirmed that she had contacted the Rally organisers and was assured that meetings would be held in March between both residents and the Parish Council to discuss this year's event. Clerk to ask for traffic queue data for last year's event from WCC Highways Network Manager.

07/26 Community Development Coordinator

To Receive Report: Barbara Stevens' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. District Cllr. Wild had donated £250 to the lunch club which had been attended by 28 people on 17th December. She had been liaising with the Community Action Team to get further events in Welland. She was also working with Freedom Leisure to improve the gym equipment and try to get more classes arranged. An Improv. workshop was planned for March as well as a wine tasting session and a grand relaunch of the Marlbank Pub.

08/26 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported on a proposed development of about 3,500 houses in the Forest of Dean District which was about 5 miles from Welland adjacent to junction 2 on the M50. He had concerns that no consultation had taken place with MHDC as required when local plans are updated. Enquiries were to be made whether any consultation had taken place.

The WCC budget had been discussed last Thursday and a £71M deficit identified which had resulted in a loan application to central government. It was expected that council tax would rise by 10%.

Finally he confirmed that he had divisional funds to allocate which would be targeted at health and wellbeing projects.

District Cllr. Christine Wild confirmed that she was to enquire what consultation, if any, had taken place between MHDC and Forest of Dean District Council. She also commented on local health and wellbeing projects and that a recent visit to West Mercia police headquarters had flagged that 20-25% of all 999 calls were for domestic abuse.

County Cllr Malcolm Victory's report had been circulated and included details of the closure of the A449 at British Camp.

09/26 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects:

- a) **Update on Footpaths Projects:** It was noted that a new post had been installed at the entrance to the Drake Street footpath and now held both the speed indicating device and the 30mph repeater sign. The legal agreement concerning the Marlbank Farm path was still to be finalised by MHDC.
- b) **To consider approval of S106 fund application:** The application for £107,000 which covered the fitness track, climbing wall, gym equipment, parish hall patio and signage was approved and would be submitted to MHDC.

Further consultations with other councils regarding the pump track were to be made via CALC.

ii. Environment/Biodiversity: To consider report and update on current projects: Sue Haywood's report was received and several small ongoing projects were still to be completed.

10/26 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
ONH	NPPF Consultation
Severn Trent	Newsletter
	SWDPR Modifications
MHDC	Art Funding Workshop
MHDC	Overview and Scrutiny
Atlas Tower	Phone Mast Appeal
Malvern Hills Trust	Call for Evidence
NHBS	Big Garden Birdwatch
MHDC	Planning Enforcement – Garrett Ban
WCC	Digital Infrastructure
Misc	Unauthorised Encampments
MHDC	December Business E Bulletin

11/26 Finance

i. To consider the budget for 2026/27 and set a precept: The budget was approved and a precept of £39,175 was to be requested.

ii. To consider payment of invoices presented:

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Barbara Stephens	15/01	£636.00	Community Development Co-Ordinator
TOTAL		£663.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Waitrose	15/01	£85.50	Wassail Expenses
Booker	15/01	£388.52	Wassail Expenses
Venture Display	-	£125.14	Banners for Wassail
Sparklers.co.uk	15/01	£64.20	Wassail Expenses
Party Packs	15/01	£25.72	Wassail Expenses
Glow Company	15/01	£139.75	Wassail Expenses
Misc (SC)	15/01	£25.60	Wassail Expenses
TOTAL		£854.43	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Hereford & Worcester First Responders	-	£150.00	Donation for First Aid Cover - Wassail
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MHDC	-	£21.00	TEN for Wassail
AJ Playford	-	£140.00	PAT Testing
Alex Lake	-	£100.00	Green Man Costs - Wassail
TOTAL		£561.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	24/12	£320.00	Lengthman Duties (December)
Welland Parish Hall	28/12	£312.50	Library Hire (Inv41)
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£664.57	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
E Hardman	19/01	£200.00	Handyman
D Sharp	19/01	£649.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £811.60 Gross)
TOTAL		£2,146.27	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,064.50		Main Account B/F	£9,377.26
Interest	£1.56	£3,066.06	WCC Lengthman	£320.00
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Saver Account	£42,472.61		MHDC Legacy Grant	£18,000.00
Interest	£79.46	£42,552.07	Welland Juniors FC	£2,191.00
			Service Charge (DD)	-£4.25
Event Account	£4,506.90		Airband (DD)	-£15.00
Charges	-£4.25		Wassail Float	-£1,400.00
PrePayments	-£854.43		MHDC Waste Removal	-£73.32
January Payments	-£561.00	£3,087.22	PrePayments	-£663.00
Total C/F		£48,705.35	January Payments	-£2,146.27
			Main Account C/F	£25,906.42

Furthermore it was agreed to transfer £10,000 from the Saver Account to the Main Account.

12/26 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

To confirm consideration of climate change actions on agenda items: This was affirmed.

13/26 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16th February 2026 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

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