

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026

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Present

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan,(Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mr P Henderson-Brown, Mrs D Macklin, Ms R Sampson and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, Community Development Coordinator Mrs B Stephens, Environment and Planning Advisor Mrs S Haywood, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

28/26 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:

It was noted that the bus shelter on Garret Bank had been renovated.

The Clerk was to contact the PPW concerning the obstructed ProW on the Steam Rally site.

29/26 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson and Mrs M Sumner (accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr M Victory and District Cllrs. Mr J Gallaway and Mrs C Wild.

30/26 Interests

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

31/26 Co-Option

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

32/26 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/26/00335/FUL	Myrtle Cottage Drake Street	Proposed extension to north end of existing agricultural building for Livestock and Feed Store

The following response was agreed: *""Little Malvern and Welland Parish council is disappointed that neighbouring properties to the site have not been contacted about this planning application and therefore will not have had the fullest opportunity to provide their views about the proposals. We also are aware that concerns have previously been expressed in the community that the current building is being used for non-agricultural purposes. The stated use for the proposed extension in the application is for agricultural use only and the parish council would seek assurances that any planning permission granted would be conditional on this (as we understand should also still be applicable and enforced for its predecessor)."*

ii. To consider response to Forest of Dean District Revised Draft Local Plan 2025 – 2045

Regulation 18 Consultation: A public meeting had taken place last week for residents and a response was agreed objecting to the proposal.

iii. Decisions notified: The following had been received:

M/26/00154/PIP – Land at OS 8001 4009 Drake Street – Refused

M/26/00119/HP – Holly Cottage Drake Street - Approved

33/26 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February:

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

34/26 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

Update on Steam Rally event for 2026: Cllr. Ann Davis confirmed that a meeting had taken place between organisers and WCC last week and a further meeting with residents was set for 30th March.

Clerk to chase WCC for quotation for village green fencing.

Clerk to chase WCC Gypsy Team to clarify what constitutes a special site.

35/26 Community Development Coordinator

To Receive Report: Barbara Stevens' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. She had met with local groups and had produced a 6 point 6 month plan for future priorities. The Parish Council was to assess the information and look at whether the contract would be extended beyond 31st March.

36/26 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported that MHDC were to meet next week with a view to adopting the SWDPR. He also confirmed that the way the 5 year land supply was determined was to be adjusted.

He commented on the proposed Glynchbrook development which made up part of the Forest of Dean District Revised Draft Local Plan which Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council were to object to. If this development was rejected there would be repercussions with the adoption of their local plan.

Finally he confirmed that both Birtsmorton and Castlemorton Parish Councils had expressed their support for a reduction in speed limit across Castlemorton Common to 40mph.

County Cllr Malcolm Victory's report had been circulated and he hoped that the A449 to British Camp would be opened next month.

37/26 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects:

- a) **Update on Footpaths Projects:** 70 m² of wildflower turf had been installed on the banks of the Drake Street footpath.
The legal agreement for the permissive path was still pending.
- b) **Update on other S106 projects:** The Clerk reported that MHDC were awaiting finalisation of the permissive path costs before approving funds for further S106 projects. Furthermore they required more details and costings for the Climbing Wall and Noticeboards.
- c) **Update on Pavilion Legacy Fund:** The Clerk reported that work had been completed apart from a few minor issues that would be resolved over the Easter Holiday. Councillor Henderson-Brown agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Pavilion Management Committee.

ii. Environment/Biodiversity:

To consider report and update on current projects: The mowing regime had been finalised and related to contractors.

A plan was to be produced for some tree planting on the northern bank of Spitalfields.

A request for venues to hold a film screening on climate change was to be responded to.

Finally a Climate Change meeting was to look at further ways the parish can reduce its carbon footprint.

iii. Highways and Footpaths:

To consider request for speed limit review on B4208: It was agreed to support the proposed reduction in speed limit across Castlemorton common to 40mph.

A request to WCC to consider widening Blandford Close to allow visitor or delivery vehicles to park without obstructing the flow of other traffic had been rejected.

38/26 Correspondence

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
WCC	Budget Engagement
Parish Online	Newsletter
Misc	Glynchbrook Development
MHDC	Talk on Waste
Locality	Future of NP Support
MHDC	February Malvern Hills Business Bulletin
County Cllr Victory	Report
MHDC	Defibrillator Grants
Resident	Wavemobile.com
MHDC	SWDPR Examination Conclusion

39/26 Finance***i. To consider payment of invoices presented:***

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
NALC	10/03	£42.00	Event Ticket Cost
CRH Plumbing	27/02	£20,968.95	Pavilion Heating Works
TOTAL		£21,010.95	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£320.00	Lengthman Duties (Feb/Mar)
Barbara Stephens	11/03	£952.00	Community Coordinator
Lee Dixon	11/03	£446.00	Repairs to Bus Shelter
RT Sumner	18/02	£375.00	Biodiversity Information Boards
MD Projects	20/02	£55.00	Cemetery Taps
JRB Enterprises	16/02	£292.80	Dog Bags
Pontrilas Merchants Ltd.	13/02	£207.12	Wood for Orchard Information Signs
NALC	16/03	£42.00	Event Ticket Cost
E Hardman	16/03	£200.00	Handyman
D Sharp	16/02	£649.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £811.60 Gross)
TOTAL		£3,539.12	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,067.45		Main Account B/F	£19,234.27
Interest	£1.18	£3,068.63	Transfer From Saver	£10,017.10
			Jackson Funerals	£140.00
Saver Account	£42,600.24		WCC Lengthman	£160.00
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Transfer to Main	-£10,017.10	£32,646.48	Pavilion Group Insurance	£422.89
			Service Charge (DD)	-£4.25
Event Account	£4,832.22		Airband (DD)	-£15.00
Charges	-£4.25	£4,827.97	Pre Payments	-£21,010.95
			March Payments	-£3,539.12
Total C/F		£40,543.08	Main Account C/F	£5,564.94

40/26 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

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

It was expected that a planning application would be submitted for land off Cornfield Close within the next week.

Consideration of an IT policy was to be discussed next month.

A 4Cs meeting was to take place on Wednesday and vehicle speeding was to be raised as an issue.

Production of a google doc to track progress and decision making was to be investigated.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should aim to become paperless, commencing with next month's meeting.

41/26 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 20th April 2026 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.