

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2026

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Present

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

In Attendance

Environment and Planning Advisor Mrs S Haywood, Footpath Warden Mr M Davies, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

42/26 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:

A question from the public was received regarding progress with the telephone mast application, to which there had been no correspondence from MHDC.

There were also several comments on pending planning applications which were accepted for consideration.

43/26 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr P Henderson-Brown and Mrs D Macklin (accepted). Also Community Development Coordinator Mrs B Stephens.

44/26 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.

45/26 Co-Option

To consider applicants for co-option to the Parish Council: No applications had been received although two residents had explained an interest.

46/26 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/26/00432/FUL	Land At (Os 7964 4028) Rear Of Cornfield Close Welland	Full planning application for the erection of 13 residential dwellings comprising a mix of 4-bed houses, 1-bed maisonettes, 1-bed bungalow, 2-bed houses and 3-bed houses, with associated access, car parking, landscaping and public open space.
M/26/00478/HP	The Willows Hook Bank	Proposed rear extensions - construction of single storey garden room and link extension
M/26/00155/HP	2 The Avenue	Side extension, part double and part single storey
M/26/00120/FUL	Land At (Os 8172 3904) Lockeridge Lane	Use of land as a caravan site for the stationing of 10 log cabins for holiday let use and associated works

The following responses were agreed:

M/26/00432/FUL – Objection – The application was contrary to several NP policies. The wording of the response was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the planning group.

M/26/00478/HP – Comment – “The Parish Council has no objection to the application.”

M/26/00155/HP – Comment – “The Parish Council has no objection to the application.”

M/26/00120/FUL – Objection - The wording of the response was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the planning group.

There had also been notification of a planning appeal concerning **M/26/00154/PIP** - Permission in Principle for the proposed erection up to 1 self-build dwelling at Land At OS 8001 4009 Drake Street which had previously been refused.

It was agreed to send a further objection. The wording of the response was delegated to the Clerk in consultation the planning group.

It was noted that MHDC had asked the developer of the Pheasant Inn to submit a further application since it considered the building height and window sizes erected were contrary to submitted plans.

ii. To review Planning Policy Changes and update of Local Neighbourhood Plan: It was noted that the SWDPR had been adopted and there was consultation on Supplementary Planning Documents. The wording of the Parish Council's response was delegated to the Clerk in consultation the planning group.

It was also agreed to submit an EOI for funding from MHDC to update the Welland NP.

iii. Decisions notified.

M/24/01340/FUL – Appeal - Dismissed

47/26 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

48/26 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

49/26 Community Development Coordinator

i. To consider for approval contract extension until 31st March 2027: It was agreed to extend the contract up to 31/01/27 with an option to extend further to 31/03/27.

ii. To receive report: The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

50/26 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

None were received.

51/26 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects: Update on Footpaths Projects: It was noted that their had been a slight underspend on completed projects. An updated quotation had been requested for work on the Marlbank Farm path. Clerk was to get an update on the time scale for when S106 monies had to be used.

ii. Environment/Biodiversity: To consider reports and update on current projects: Bird feeders had been handed out and wild seed sown on the borders of Spitalfields. A photo competition had been started with adult and child book prizes. Closing date end May.

It was also noted that the excessive smoke at last year's Steam Rally had been caused by poor quality coal which was to be replaced this year.

iii. Highways and Footpaths: To receive report on Speed Indicating Devices and Speedwatch

Data: The data from both methods was presented and it was noted that having received the speedwatch data the police had agreed to visit.

52/26 Parish Council Policies

To consider the following for adoption/renewal:

i. IT Policy: The policy supplied by CALC was to be amended and presented at the next meeting.

ii. Standing Orders: These were renewed without change.

53/26 Correspondence

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
Resident	Pheasant Inn Development
Gypsy Service Team	Unauthorised Camps (i)
MHDC	Art and Culture Grants
Police and Crime Commissioner	Police Force Merger Consultation
Neil Homer	Planning Appeal Changes
WCC	Village Green Fence Costings
MHDC	Community Builder Monitoring
Malvern Town Council	Joint Meeting 27 th April
Parish Online	Newsletter
MHDC	Registering to Speak at Planning Meetings
MHDC	SWDPR Adoption
MHDC	Neighbourhood Plan Funding
Joscelyne Orr	Holdfast Cottage
Clerk	Cemetery Boundary and Hedge (ii)
MHDC	Community Development at WCCC on 14 th May (iii)

(i) – It was agreed to get further clarification on what constituted a sensitive site.

(ii) – Costs for simple screening fencing were to be obtained.

(iii) - Cllr Nelson to attend.

54/26 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
Paytons Solicitors	31/03	£815.20	Holly Cottage Legal Fees
Solopress	31/03	£111.57	Newsletter
Barbara Stephens	13/04	£775.40	Community Coordinator
Ross Tudge Fencing	13/04	£1,305.60	Parish Hall Car Park Fence
TOTAL		£3,007.77	

The following payment were approved from the **Event/Fete Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
MHDC	24/04	£20.00	Lottery Licence
TOTAL		£20.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Whatley Recordon Solicitors	17/04	£901.20	Pursers Orchard Lease Legal Fees
CRH Plumbing & Heating	14/04	£538.99	Pavilion Heating Works
Broadleaf Tree Care	22/03	£480.00	Grass Cutting
Welland Parish Hall	05/04	£330.00	Library Hire Fee
E Hardman	20/04	£200.00	Handyman
D Sharp	20/04	£649.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £811.60 Gross)
TOTAL		£3,099.59	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,068.63		Main Account B/F	£5,564.94
Interest	£1.30	£3,069.93	WCC (Natural Network Grant)	£2,514.91
			Atkinson (Burial Fee)	£80.00
			WCC (MHNL Grant)	£3,186.45
Saver Account	£32,646.48		WCC Lengthman (Balance 25/26)	£23.76
Interest	£58.02	£32,704.50	Service Charge	-£37.66
			MHDC Waste Collection (DD)	-£76.96
			Service Charge (DD)	-£4.25
Event Account	£4,827.97		Airband (DD)	-£15.00
Charges	-£4.25	£4,823.72	Pre Payments	-£3,007.77
			April Payments	-£3,099.59
Total C/F		£40,598.15	Main Account C/F	£5,128.83

55/26 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

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

It was agreed to investigate purchasing 'stand alone' card readers in time for the Summer Bash.

56/26 Date of the next meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18th May 2026 in Welland Parish Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.