

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026

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Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mr J Gallagher, Environment and Planning Advisor Mrs S Haywood, Community Development Coordinator Mrs B Stephens, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

57/26 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Cllr. Riordan was unanimously elected to the position of Chair of the Parish Council and duly completed his acceptance of office. Cllr. Whaley was unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

58/26 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: No matters were discussed.

59/26 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mrs D Macklin (accepted). Also County Cllr. M Victory and District Cllr. Mrs C Wilde.

60/26 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.

61/26 Co-Option

To consider applicants for co-option to the Parish Council: Mrs Sarah Whitehead was unanimously voted on to the Parish Council and duly completed her acceptance of office.

62/26 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/26/00590/CLE	Marlbank Inn Marlbank Road	Certificate of Lawfulness for the Existing Use of land as a caravan and camping site for holiday makers comprising 10 touring caravan pitches.
M/26/00424/FUL	Land At Os 8046 3955 Byefields Lane	Erection of agricultural building
M/26/00510/FUL (Late Submission)	The Croft Welland Court Lane	Proposed replacement self-build dwelling(demolition of existing bungalow)

The following responses were agreed:

M/26/00590/CLE:

"Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council has no objection to the application M/26/00590/CLE. However, we would ask that conditions should be placed on an appropriate maximum capacity for the site, which should be 10 touring caravan/camping pitches. We would seek reassurance that no further expansion to the site would be allowed, and clarification about tents and camping capacity vs caravan/motorhome capacity."

M/26/00424/FUL:

"Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council has no objection to the application M/26/00424/FUL. We would ask if there is opportunity for the applicant to consider including some surface/roof water collection and storage to the design as this could potentially reduce the client's own future water use and costs onsite (especially if viable for use by the livestock), and potentially could reduce waterlogging of the surrounding ground and subsequent churning by the livestock. This would deliver environmental benefits and reflect the need for adaptation in the face of climate change."

Both responses to planning applications contained the following addendum:
Notwithstanding this, the application is for a site within the Welland Neighbourhood Plan area and we would ask that the local authority ensures that the policies contained in the Welland Neighbourhood Plan are considered in their decision making on this application and apply conditions, if an application is approved and as appropriate, that reference these policies (including the Welland Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide and Code, e.g. for the choice of boundary treatments, materials and colours used).

M/26/00510/FUL:

"Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council has no objection to this application. The site lies just outside the Welland Neighbourhood Plan area, and therefore the policies in that Plan do not apply.

We welcome some agreeable aspects of this application, including the consideration that has been given to the materials and design of the proposed dwelling, water and energy sustainability, wildlife impacts, and the ProW."

It was also noted that an EOI for funding from MHDC to update the Welland NP had been submitted.

iii. Decisions notified.

M/25/00849/TC – Phone Mast, Hillcourt Farm (Appeal) – Refused.

M/24/00510/FUL – Land Rear of Lime Grove – Approved

M/26/00155/HP – 2 The Avenue - Approved

63/26 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

64/26 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

65/26 Community Development Coordinator

To receive report: The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The next Collab. Group meeting was arranged for Tuesday 19th May where lines of communication were to be reviewed. A Sunday Tea event was planned for 24th May and a Quiz Night on 4th July. The Curry Night had been cancelled.

66/26 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. John Gallagher reported that there was a support scheme in place for those in need for help with fuel costs. He also confirmed that a decision concerning reorganisation was due in July.

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported on efforts to reduce the speed limit over Castlemorton Common. Most of UK unfenced commons had a 40mph speed limit and efforts were being made to alter the current national speed limit section.

Finally he confirmed that WCC had a new leader and a new cabinet was currently being appointed.

67/26 Working Groups

To consider the make up of the following working groups and determine their powers & responsibilities:

- i. Planning – Cllrs. Hancock, Macklin, Riordan and Sumner.
- ii. Communications – Cllrs. Davis, Hancock, Nelson, Sampson and Whitehead.
- iii. Buildings and Spaces – Cllrs Henderson-Brown and Whaley.
- iv. Events - Cllrs Henderson-Brown, Nelson, Riordan, Sampson, Whaley and Whitehead.
- v. Highways and Footpaths - Cllrs. Hancock, Sumner and Whaley.
- vi. Finance – Cllrs. Davis, Hancock, Nelson and Riordan.
- vii. Projects (S106 and CIL) – All Cllrs.
- viii. Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change – Cllrs. Macklin, Riordan and Sumner.

68/26 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects: Review of revised costings for Footpaths Projects: This would be considered at the next Group Meeting, together with costings for remedial work to the Spring Meadow Footpath.

ii. Environment, Biodiversity & Climate Change: To consider recommendations for action following the water course testing around the parish: It was noted that most water courses showed good or moderate results except west of Welland Court, south of the sewage facility which showed high levels of nitrates. Copies of the results were to be sent to MHDC, The Environment Agency, WCC, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Severn Trent. The Malvern Gazette had also shown interest.

Other matters decided were:

Judges for Photo competition – Cllrs Davis, Hancock, Riordan and Sampson.

It was agreed to apply for up to £5,000 funding from MHNL for environmental projects.

It was agreed to declare the village green a 'Sensitive Site' and notify the relevant authorities.

iii. Events:

a) *To consider arrangements for Summer Bash on 21st June:* Arrangement were progressing and it was agreed to order two stand alone card readers for £199 each.

b) *To review use of Live & Local:* Cllrs. Davis, Hancock and Nelson together with the Community Development Coordinator were to review available acts.

69/26 Parish Council Policies

To consider IT Policy for adoption: This was to be considered next month.

70/26 Correspondence

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
WCC	Unlawful Encampments
Parish Online	Newsletter
MHDC	CIL Payments
MHDC	S106 Projects
WCC	Community Services Directory
Malvern Hills Trust	Land Management Consultation
Misc.	Phone Mast (i)
WCC	Wavemobile
Liquid 11	Phone Landline switch off
MHDC	Removal of Address from Register of Interests
MP	Information

(l) – Following the dismissal of the Phone Mast appeal it was agreed to ask WCC to trial the Wavemobile system in Welland.

71/26 Finance

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
Hanley High School	24/04	£605.35	Pitch Maintenance
Barbara Stephens	07/05	£561.00	Community Coordinator
TOTAL		£1,166.35	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
MHDC	21/04	£20.00	Lottery Licence
KE West	24/04	£61.57	Bash Expenses
Solopress	07/05	£55.08	Bash Expenses
Raffle Tickets Online	07/05	£52.00	Bash Expenses
TOTAL		£188.65	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	16/04	£176.00	Lengthman Duties (April)
Broadleaf Tree Care	18/04	£480.00	Grass Cutting
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£664.57	PAYE (Jan-Mar)
E Hardman	18/05	£200.00	Handyman
D Sharp	18/05	£649.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £811.60 Gross)
TOTAL		£2,169.77	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,069.93		Main Account B/F	£5,128.83
Interest	£1.35	£3,071.28		
			MHDC Precept	£19,587.50
Saver Account	£32,704.50		MHDC CIL	£3,761.02
Interest	£46.46	£32,750.96	Bank Refund	£40.00
Event Account	£4,823.72		Airband (DD)	-£15.00
Pre Payments	-£188.65		Pre Payments	-£1,166.35
Charges	-£4.25	£4,630.82	May Payments	-£2,169.77
Total C/F		£40,453.06	Main Account C/F	£25,166.23

72/26 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

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

A Safeguarding Policy was to be considered next month.

73/26 Date of the next meeting

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 15th June 2026 in Welland Parish Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25 pm.