

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2026

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Present

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Mr P Hancock, Mrs D Macklin, Ms R Sampson, Mrs M Sumner, Mr M Whaley and Mrs S Whitehead.

In Attendance

County Cllr Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mrs C Wild, Comms Advisor Mr M Davies, Environment and Planning Advisor Mrs S Haywood, Community Development Coordinator Mrs B Stephens, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

116/26 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 member of the public read out a statement objecting to the minutes of the last meeting since they did not contain full details of a statement or issues that she had raised. The Clerk explained that the minutes of the meeting were a record of decisions taken and not a verbatim account of discussions that took place. He confirmed that the salient points she had raised had been included.

Following a query Cllr Tom Wells reported on the closure of the A449 at British Camp for maintenance by Worcestershire County Council and also the subsequent closure of Jubilee Drive by Herefordshire County Council.

117/26 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Dr A Davis, Mr P Henderson-Brown and Mrs V Nelson(accepted).

118/26 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.

119/26 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/26/01157/HP	Mistletoe Cottage Hook Bank	Single storey rear extension with internal and external alterations.
M/26/01367/FUL	Rosewill Stables, Hanley Swan,	Erection of two storage barns and a diesel storage tank
M/26/01396/FUL Late Submission	Daisy More Marlbank Road	Change of use of land and two existing buildings to mixed agricultural and private equestrian use (retrospective)

The following responses were agreed:

M/26/01157/HP – A request was to be made seeking clarity over the future use of what appears to be a six bedroomed dwelling and also a request that the Local Neighbourhood Plan policies be considered.

M/26/01367/FUL – No Objection but a request that the Local Neighbourhood Plan policies be considered.

M/26/01396/FUL - No Objection but a request that the Local Neighbourhood Plan policies be considered.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/26/01101/HP – The White Bungalow - Approved

iii. Update from Planning Working Group:

Efforts were to be made to ensure that MHDC in future referred to the Local Neighbourhood Plan when considering applications.

The new planning rules were still to be finalised.

The Neighbourhood Plan Review was to be delayed until January since several large applications were still pending.

120/26 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th August: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

121/26 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

- i. **Mobile phone mast options:** No update had been received from WCC over the Wavemobile installation.
- ii. **Action Tracker:** Cllrs Riordan and Sampson were to finalise purchase of Zoho Workdrive that contained an Action Tracker.
- iii. **Zoho:** New email for 'Safeguarding' was to be created.
- iv. **Declarations of Interests:** After last month's meeting and researching the issue it was found that Cllr. Sumner's dispensation over the Pheasant Inn had elapsed. A complaint had been lodged by a member of the public with the Monitoring Officer at MHDC who was to investigate the matter.

122/26 Community Development Coordinator

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

The CDC thanked Cllr Wild for her ward budget donations that would fund the Youth Wellbeing Project by creating a Youth Hub with help from the local YMCA. It would also help fund the Community Communication project with new noticeboards. A new defibrillator had been ordered for the walking group and was to be funded from Cllr Gallagher's ward budget. Costings for new Gym equipment was currently underway. Finally she gave dates for upcoming events:

Saturday 26th September – Welland's Big Autumn Quiz.

Sunday 18th October - Community Action Sunday Afternoon Tea at Welland Parish Hall.

Friday 9th October – A Taste of Ukraine evening at St James church featuring Ukrainian music snacks and drinks.

Friday 4th December – Malvern Vineyards Festive Wine Tasting and Food Pairing at Welland Parish Hall.

Saturday 5th December(TBC) – Welland's Festive Big Quiz at St James church, Welland.

123/26 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Christine Wild reported that she was to advocate Welland as a Community Wellbeing Hub; Home food waste collections were to commence in October; The Local Government Review was being paused; New planning rules were still being finalised and MHDC had started an ebike rental scheme for over 16s.

County Cllr Tom Wells reported that an Airband manhole cover in Orleton Close was to be replaced; Bus shelters were to have electronic information screens and a new speed limit of 40mph was to be imposed over Castlemorton Common.

124/26 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects:

a) Update on S106 and permissive path projects: Grant funding had now been approved and would be credited within the next few days. The patio project was to commence on 13th October and the Working Group were to finalise time line of other projects.

b) To consider use of £3,761 CIL funding from Pheasant Inn Development: This was ongoing. An additional Speed Indicating Device or village hall chairs were being considered.

ii. Environment, Biodiversity & Climate Change:

Update on future projects: The updated Biodiversity policy was agreed and signed by the Chair. Final review of the village map was underway.

iii. Highways: A request had been made from a resident for another speed indicating device to be fitted opposite California Lane to slow traffic leaving Welland and to warn of a concealed entrance. Due to height restrictions and glare into an adjacent property the fitting of a second unit was deemed impractical and concerns were raised that it could lead to a proliferation of requests for units in other locations.

125/26 Parish Council Policies

To consider Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policies for adoption: These were both approved for adoption and signature.

126/26 Correspondence

To consider responses to correspondence previously circulated below:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting/Pay Scales
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
Michelle Wickenden	St James' Close
Michelle Wickenden	Declaration of Interests Complaint
Big Batties Patties	Big Batties Patties Pop Up
Medichecks	Blood testing
MHDC	SWDP Review Adopted
WCC	Welland Village Green
WCC	Road Closure Drake Street 28/09 for 12 days
-	Revised NPPF
MHDC	Business E Bulletin
WCC	Road Closure Garrett Bank 10/10 for 1 day
CALC	LGR Paused
Parish Online	Newsletter
WCC	Vacancy on the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel
MHDC	District Meeting on Mental Health - 15/10
Planning Changes	District Cllr Wild
MHDC	S106 Projects
Member of Public	Helpful Resident
CALC	FREE CPR and Defibrillator Training
PKF Littlejohn	Conclusion of Audit
Parish Online	Wellbeing Webinar
Michelle Wickenden	PC Minutes objection

127/26 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
Barbara Stephens	-	£935.00	Community CoOrdinator
Solopress	-	£124.17	Newsletter Printing
AEDDonate	-	£874.80	Defibrillator
TOTAL		£1,933.97	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	19/08	£352.00	Lengthman Duties (August)
PKF Littlejohn	18/09	£504.00	External Audit
Broadleaf Tree Care	26/08	£950.00	Grass Cutting and Removal
Broadleaf Tree Care	06/09	£260.00	Tree Removal
E Hardman	21/09	£200.00	Handyman
D Sharp	21/09	£756.60	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £838.40 Gross) + 4 x £26.80 = £107.20 (Apr-Jul)
TOTAL		£3,022.60	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,075.11		Main Account B/F	£7,091.79
Interest	£1.26	£3,076.37	WCC Lengthman	£352.00
			HMRC VAT	£11,253.46
Saver Account	£32,902.35		C Wild Ward Budget – Youth Hub	£6,000.00
Interest	£58.43	£32,960.78	C Wild Ward Budget – Trim Trail	£1,000.00
			C Palmer Ward Budget - Comms	£2,000.00
			Charges	-£35.16
			Charges	-£4.25
Event Account	£4,880.79		Airband	-£15.00
Charges	-£4.25	£4,876.54	Prepayments	-£1,933.97
			September Payments	-£3,022.60
Total C/F		£40,913.69	Main Account C/F	£22,686.27

128/26 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

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

129/26 Date of the next meeting

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19th October 2026 in Welland Parish Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm.