Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2026
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Present
Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr P Henderson-Brown, Mr P Hancock, Mrs V Nelson, Ms R Sampson, Mrs M Sumner and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance
County Cllr Mr T Wells, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

130/26 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:
Following a report of attendance in Welland over the weekend by armed police a member of the public asked if the parish council had received any further information. They had not.
It was also confirmed that the Pheasant Inn NMA planning application had been rejected by MHDC who advised that a full application should be submitted. No further information was available.

131/26 Apologies
To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs D Macklin and Mrs S Whitehead (accepted). Also County Cllr Mr M Victory, District Cllr Mrs C Wild, Environment and Planning Advisor Mrs S Haywood and Community Development Coordinator Mrs B Stephens.

132/26 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.

133/26 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/26/01475/AGR	Land At Os 8006 4022 Garrett Bank	Erection of agricultural building
M/26/01385/CCO	12A Cornfield Close	Discharge of Conditions 6 (Cycle parking) and 12 (Water consumption) of planning permission M/23/01666/FUL.
M/26/01499/CAN	Little Malvern Priory	Fell one maple, as detailed on application form and in accompanying information.

The following responses were agreed:
M/26/01157/HP – The applicant had submitted a planning justification statement which had answered the Parish Councils queries. It was agreed to submit 'no objection' to the application but to request that the Welland Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide be referred to.
M/26/01475/AGR – It was agreed to submit 'objection' to the application due to a number of issues: The non agricultural current use of the land; no clarification why such a large barn was required; vehicle ingress and egress and no explanation for the use of the surface water lagoon. Also to request that the Welland Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide be referred to.
M/26/01385/CCO – no comment was to be made.
M/26/01499/CAN - no comment was to be made.

ii. Decisions notified:
M/26/01199/NMA – Pheasant Inn – Refused
M/26/00154/PIP – Land off Drake Street appeal - Dismissed

iii. Update from Planning Working Group:
Cllr Macklin, Sue Haywood and the Clerk had attended the last Hanley Castle Parish Council meeting for a presentation on behalf of the new owners of Tyre Hill Stables (now Rosewill Stables). Plans were in place to improve the facilities and a number of planning applications were soon to be submitted.

134/26 Minutes
To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st September: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

135/26 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes
i. **Mobile phone mast options:** The PCC had reiterated their willingness to have the mast installed on the church. Efforts were to be made to contact Wavebobile and WCC to progress.
ii. **Zoho Workdrive:** It was agreed to purchase the starter package for all 15 current users @ £2 per user per month.

136/26 Community Development Coordinator
To receive report: The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
The CDC reported that the new defibrillator had been delivered to the Welland Walkers Group. The Autumn quiz had raised £228 to be shared between Community Action and Pursers Orchard Group. There had been a Ukrainian Fundraiser on 9th October which raised over £2500. Plans to start a Youth Club were ongoing and the Collab Group were looking at ways to utilise the PC website more. Upcoming events were:
18/10 – Afternoon Tea
01/11 – Family Environment Day
04/12 – Malvern Vineyards Wine Tasting
05/12 – Big Festive Quiz

137/26 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives
County Cllr Tom Wells reported that he was to lobby for a pedestrian crossing between Spitalfields and the School/Parish Hall. It was agreed to write in support. The closure of the A449 to British Camp was expected to last well into 2027 due to the complexities involved. He expected a public consultation soon regarding the 40mph restriction across Castlemorton Common. The Police and Crime Commissioner was offering grant funding for schemes to raise awareness of road safety issues and he also had yet to distribute his divisional fund.
As far as MHDC was concerned an inspector at a recent appeal had deemed the District Council did not have an adequate 5 year land supply. This may lead to some inappropriate applications.
Finally the Local Government Review had been paused although a decision was hoped to be reached within the next few weeks.

138/26 Working Party and other reports and recommendations
i. Projects:
a) Update on S106 and permissive path projects: Grant funding had been credited and the patio project was underway. Some concerns had been raised by residents over the permissive path route via the play area off Giffard Drive. The Working Group were to finalise a time line of other projects.

ii. Environment, Biodiversity & Climate Change:
Update on future projects: A Family Environment Day was to be held on 1st November. The Group had been in contact with Severn Trent Water over the results of water testing. Two tranches of grant funding via Malvern Hills NL had been applied for. And the Group were preparing a resilience/emergency plan.

iii. Highways: Cllr Hancock presented draft speed data from the unit sited on Garrett Bank.

139/26 Correspondence
To consider responses to correspondence previously circulated below:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
MHDC	S106 Applications
WCC	Road Closure Drake Street 27/10 + 4
WCC	Winter Newsletter
Misc.	Tyre Hill Stables
OHN	NPPF Briefings
Resident	Giffard Drive Greenspace
Resident	Speeding Traffic
Police and Crime Commissioner	Road Safety Grant
MHDC	Rural Lettings Policy
Resident	Mistletoe Cottage Planning Application
Malvern Hills NL	Wildlife-Rich Habitat Fund 2027/28

140/26 Finance
To consider payment of invoices presented:
The following payments were made from the **Main Account** between meetings and require ratification:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Barbara Stephens	05/10	£1,017.00	Community CoOrdinator
HMS	24/09	£948.00	Village Hall Heating (S106 Fund)
.Gov.Uk	24/09	£21.50	Councillor DBS
Shirley Jones	29/09	£120.00	Quiz Preparation
Community Action	-	£114.24	Quiz Donation
	TOTAL	**£2,220.74**	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	19/08	£352.00	Lengthman Duties (September)
Pursers Orchard Group	-	£114.24	Quiz Donation
Worcestershire CALC	15/10	£42.00	Finance Training
Broadleaf Tree Care	30/09	£500.00	Grass Cutting and Removal
Broxap	25/09	£848.40	Beehive Maze (Biodiversity Grant Fund)
Welland Parish Hall	30/09	£310.00	Library Hire
JRB Enterprises	18/09	£295.20	Dog Bags
Priday Bros	12/10	£711.72	Hedge Cutting
Royal British Legion	-	£40.00	Poppy Wreath
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£711.47	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
E Hardman	19/10	£200.00	Handyman
D Sharp	19/10	£670.60	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £838.40 Gross)
	TOTAL	**£4,795.63**	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	**£3,076.37**		**Main Account B/F**	**£22,686.27**
Interest	£1.26	**£3,077.63**	WCC Lengthman	£352.00
			MHDC S106 Grant	£135,177.00
			MHDC Precept	£19,587.50
Saver Account	**£32,960.78**		Cemetery Fee (Schwab)	£50.00
Interest	£45.33	**£33,006.11**	Cemetery Fee (Robinson)	£140.00
			National Grid Wayleave	£38.63
			Quiz Income	£379.48
Event Account	**£4,876.54**		WCC Lengthman	£352.00
Charges	-£4.25	**£4,872.29**	MHDC (Cil)	£2,872.16
			ICO (DD)	-£47.00
			MHDC (Waste Collection) (DD)	-£76.96
			Airband	-£15.00
			Prepayments	-£2,220.74
			October Payments	-£4083.91
Total C/F		**£40,956.03**	**Main Account C/F**	**£175,191.43**

It was agreed to transfer £100,000 from the main account to the saver account

141/26 Any other matters for report or for future consideration
To confirm consideration of climate change actions on agenda items: This was affirmed.

142/26 Date of the next meeting
The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16th November 2026 in Welland Parish Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.