

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 5 January 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton (Chair), Jeremy Fryman, Barbara Wilkes, Hilary Flanders, David Smallwood, Anne Cotterell, Ben Wiggins, Jeremy Hubbard and Simon Watts.

In Attendance:

*C.Cllr. Tom Wells and Mrs C Leake (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

01/17. Apologies: DCllr Mick Davies

02/17. Declarations of interest

1. *Register of Interests. No updates.*
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature. None*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None*

03/17. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2016 were a true record of the meeting and signed.

04/17 Matters Arising

Broadband. Communication continues between parish and provider as further infrastructure is being installed across the parish but as yet not a live service accessible to parishioners.

05/17 Highway/Lengthsman Reports

Highways – as per report.

Further comment related to:

- Recent lengthsman work completed with funds still available within allocated budget.
- Concerns expressed on recent accidents involving livestock on the Common and the potential of a further incident incurring human injury. Discussion covered both, speed of the increasing volume of traffic and the poor visibility of the dark animals. Various aspects considered including improving the visibility of the animals in the dark with the further use of fluorescent paint and maybe “coats”, more temporary fencing and signs and traffic calming methods like cattle grids.

AGREED to address the matter with Malvern Hills Conservators through 4C’s representatives.

Footpaths- Discussions continue as to how to remedy the installation of a suitable stile at Shady Bank. Site meeting planned with WCC to address this and other footpath matters.

06/17Planning

Report of planning applications **received/decided** since last meeting was noted

16/01312/PDU	<i>Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development</i>	<i>Barn at The Farthings, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6JB</i>	<i>Not standard consultee Refusal of agricultural prior approval. Nov 16 APPEAL 28.12.16</i>
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16/01426/FUL	Proposed change to design of stables and stables/agricultural building. Amendment to approved application 16/00130/FUL (Change of use of land to equestrian use and erection of private stables/agricultural buildings (x4) and separate livery stables (x2) for commercial use)	Eight Oaks Farm, Eight Oaks, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BU	MHDC Approve
16/01505/PDU	<i>Change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse.</i>	<i>The Barn, Little Welland Farm, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BN</i>	<i>Not standard consultee. Withdrawn by applicant</i>
16/01392/HOU	Construction of single storey kitchen extension	Millpond Cottage, Golden Valley, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6AA	Withdrawn by applicant
16/01645/FUL	Wrought iron overmantle with light above church gate	St Gregorys Church, Church Road, Castlemorton, Worcestershire	Recommend Approve

Follow up:

1. The recent removal of the roadside hedge along Micklefield. Reference MHDC for any further action.
2. Siting of caravan on private ground in the vicinity of Feathers Pitch. No further action advised at this present time.

07/17. Finance Report **Income and Payments**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following income be noted & payments agreed:

	£	£	Description
Balance: 3 November 2016		12579.80	
Add Income			
Total		0.00	
Less Expenditure pre-meeting			
	0.00	0.00	
Total			
Balance at meeting		12579.80	
Less Expenditure at meeting			
Clerk	280.64		Oct Nov Dec. SCP 19
Councillor Exps	68.42		Highway Resources Salt/Bollards
Four Seasons	247.50		Lengthsman
Total	596.56	596.56	
Balance at close of meeting 5 Jan		11983.24	

08/17 Budget and Precept Financial Year 2017/2016

A draft budget previously circulated was discussed.

Matters discussed:

- Clerk administrative hours for 16/17 less than budget therefore a smaller increase to previous year proposed.
- Overall the budget indicates an under spend of £370.00.

Proposed that the Parish Council seek a precept of £4500 for 2017/8 (as per previous 2 years) seconded and with a majority vote RESOLVED.

9/17 County Councillor report

*All were pleased to welcome Cllr Tom Wells to this meeting his first since his accident.

WCC Matters included:

- Concerns re Adult Care and budget reduction. Likely to see an increase in Council Tax with a percentage ring fenced for adult purposes as per government guidelines.
- Proposed speed limit along B4208 presently undergoing consultation process. It is likely discussion will continue reference concerns on the present 60mph limit along the common between Welland and Feathers Pitch in looking at ways in which this too can be reduced.

10/17 Parish Hall Trust

Chairman reported that the Trust have plans and orders of cost to assist in future deliberations.

11/17 Meeting Reports

- Update on matters discussed at the last 4C's meeting in November including recent stock incidents, drone flying and highway maintenance on Hancocks Lane.
- Update on AONB matters in the promotion of the area of AONB with seeking support from anyone interested in joining or assisting the group and reinforce quality to promote well being.

12 /17 New Initiative

- Cllr. Watts to source oak for the purposes of making notice boards for parish use.
- Information packs sent out to new residents.

13/17 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- **Reminder of Western Power:** launch of new number **105** to use in the event of a power loss.
- Highway verge maintenance reference AONB
- Forthcoming road closures in Hollybush and 2 motorway bridges in neighbouring parishes.

14/17 District Councillor Report

MHDC matters included: (Report in absence)

- Worcestershire Housing Partnership Plan
- Business Plan will involve reduced spending/increased income
- Waste Collection
- Single site for The Council House presently under refurbishment.
- Ward Profiles information accessible on website.
- Planning Systems with new IT resources.
- Planning Enforcement

15/17. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 2 March 2017

Further dates proposed – Thursdays: **11 May 2017 (Annual Meetings)**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

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