

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council
Thursday 14 November 2019 at 8.00pm at Castlemorton Parish Hall.

(A day of torrential rain and flash flooding)

Present: Chair: Michael Barnes
Councillors: Vance Withers David Williams, Mary Dowding, and Julie Moore

In attendance: Clerk and one member of the public

Public Comments: None

39/2019. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs R Foord and A Faulkner. DCllr. Mick Davies received

40/2019 Declarations of Interest

1. *Register of Interests.*
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature.*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)* None

41/2019. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 3 September 2019 were confirmed and signed as true record.

42/2019. Matters Arising

34/2019 Matters pertaining to absence of stile and willow trees still to be pursued

36/2019 Three Shires Rally – Despite the comments of concerns received prior to the event those who had attended enjoyed the day. Improved communication and consultation would be beneficial on another occasion.

43/2019. Finance Report

Current financial situation:

	£	£	
Balance as at 3 September 2019		5,403.15	
Income			
HMRC	136.00		
MHDC ½ Precept	1056.00		
		1192.00	
Expenditure			
ICO	40.00		
C Leake	174.61		Clerk July, Aug & Sept
Lengthsman	63.75		
		278.36	
Balance at end of meeting 14 November 2019		6316.79	

Budget and Precept for 2020/21

The draft budget was presented to the Parish Council for its consideration and agreement.

A number of matters were raised in discussion and included:

- ❖ The required items of administration which cover a large part of precept.
- ❖ The amount to maintain in reserves – twice level of precept.
- ❖ Contingency.
- ❖ Reminder about restricted funding of £470 for computer equipment.
- ❖ Possible consideration for supporting drainage work at Watery Lane. This to be investigated further to establish potential costs.

It was **RESOLVED** that the total Annual Precept for 2020/21 would remain at **£2112**.

44/2019 Coombegreen Common

Cllr Moore updated members on recent clearing that had been carried out with Mrs Windle. Clerk to check with Mrs Windle as to what was being planned for autumn/winter vegetation clearance and therefore potential invoices.

45/2019 Parish Drainage/Lengthsman

- 08/2019 – WCC highways have completed flood alleviation work on Watery Lane. This has been tested twice in recent weeks with heavy rainfalls and the benefits of work acknowledged. Although not a complete answer but it has helped the situation. However tonight’s particular flash flooding extended from Nutshell land to junction with Rye Street. Hopefully this can be monitored to establish how quickly it drains in line with other vulnerable flash flooding areas in Birtsmorton at Brook Cottage (Rye Cross), Parish Boundary with Castlemorton on B4208 and junction to Birtsmorton Court.
- Lengthsman to be used for drain clearances and establishment of grips. Areas to be identified. Suggest vegetation clearance at Rye Street culvert.

46/2019 Planning

19/01128/CU	Birtsmorton Court Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6JS	Change of use of land for the stationing of a Grande Roulotte caravan for wedding guest accommodation	MHDC Approve
19/00308/OUT	Mission Room Coombe Green Malvern WR13 6AN	Demolition of existing mission chapel and erection of 1 no dwelling (All matters reserved except for access).	MHDC Refuse

47/2019. Correspondence

Any information presently sent to Cllrs via email and particular reference to:

- *WCC and MHDC forums - 17 October and 21 October respectively. Vance attended the former and was interested in the Smart Water security marking facility. It was agreed to include a piece in the parish magazine seeking interest before finding out more. The scheme is promoted by the Police Crime Commissioner, John Campion who provides support funding. The only proviso is that 80% of the village properties must commitment to the scheme. Clerk attended second meeting based upon carbon reduction in the Malvern Hills. Availability of trees.*
- *Updates from CALC*
- *MHDC - Seeking pollinator sites. Parish Councillor expressed interest.*
- *South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Preferred Options Paper public consultation from Monday 4th November to Monday 16th December 2019*
- *Protect Your Business, Protect Your Staff Event – Sixways 28 November.*

- *AGM of the Worcestershire CALC will be held on Wednesday November 20th 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Worcester*

48/2019. Meetings

4 C's meeting on 27 November.

49/2019. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting date **TBC** at 7.30 pm at Castlemorton Parish Hall.

(Dates to be considered Tuesday 10 March 2020 and Tuesday 17 March 2020)

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed..... Date.....