

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council
Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.30pm at Castlemorton Parish Hall.

Present: Chair: Michael Barnes
Councillors: David Williams, Mary Dowding, Alison Faulkner and Julie Moore

In attendance: Clerk

(Acknowledgment to change of meeting venue so providing access to internet facility).

Public Comments: None

28/2019. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs V Withers and R Foord. DCllr. Mick Davies received

29/2019 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. Cllr. Dowding – Agenda item Planning. Cllr Moore - Agenda item Finance.*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)* None

30/2019. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 13 May 2019 were confirmed and signed as true record.

31/2019. Matters Arising

21/19 Printer yet to be purchased.

23/19 Fly tipping removed by MHDC following report.

32/2019. Finance Report

Current financial situation:

	£	£	
Balance as at 13 May 2019		5,788.13	
Expenditure			
MHDC	36.00		Election Expenses
C Leake	285.05		Clerk April, May & June
Rural Rate Relief	63.93		Farmers Arms Section 137
		384.98	
Balance at end of meeting		5,403.15	
3 September 2019			

A request to support the application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief for the Farmers Arms public house was discussed. This request has been supported in previous years and it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should support this with a Section 137 Grant to the value of £63.93

33/2019 Coombegreen Common

Cllr Moore updated members on present situation with report from Mrs Windle.

- Successful summer fund raising raising over £700 for Common Fund. Acknowledgment to Mrs Windle and supporters.
- Thistle topping completed in June and contractor paid.

- Manual clearance planned with the support of the fund raising.
- Mechanical clearance due to take place in autumn and to be supported by Parish Council funds of £300. It was **agreed** that this present annual sum would be clarified as an agenda item at annual meeting.

34/2019 Parish Drainage/Lengthsman

- 08/2019 – WCC highways have started on the flood alleviation work on Watery Lane. Frustrating that signage did not indicate business’ along Birt Street open as usual. Farmers Arms have actioned this matter.
- Lengthsman to be asked to tidy up signs at telephone exchange clean and adjust.
- Willow Tree near Old Forge to be checked and advise sought from WCC highways as branches are falling into highway.
- Absence of stile (Footpath 558) to be investigated following the installation of gates into field along Millers Court road.

35/2019 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
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Birtsmorton Parish Council support this application with an additional suggestion for an earth bank and hedge screen to reduce visibility from the road.

36/2019. Correspondence

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

- Forthcoming WCC and MHDC forums - 17 October and 21 October respectively.
- Worcestershire transport survey.
- Publication of Malvern Hills Consultation document.
- Three Shires Rally –Saturday 7 September – It was noted that it is increasingly likely with the anticipated number of competitors and spectators involved, accessibility across the parishes of Castlemorton and Birtsmorton on B4208 may be delayed at certain times throughout the day.

37/2019. Meetings

Cllr Moore updated members updated on some of the matters raised in the recent 4C’s Particular mention of livestock casualties in the parish and the importance of reporting overgrown bramble bushes, presently reducing visibility on the highway edge, to Malvern Hills Trust. The next meeting of the 4C’s is due to take place on Wednesday 27 November 2019.

38/2019. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting date **Thursday 14 November 2019** at 7.30 pm at Castlemorton Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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