

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council
Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 7.30pm at Castlemorton Parish Hall.

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

In attendance: Clerk and D Cllr Mick Davies. One member of the public for first part of meeting.

Public Comments: Mrs Windle provided an update on Coombe Green Common maintenance.

- Recent manual clearance of Foxhills and areas tidied with further work anticipated next autumn.
- Acknowledgment to recent ward funding which will be used to purchase more robust warning signs re ewes and lambs.
- Participation on recent walk and talk on CL9. Looking to include Coombe Green in potential Countryside Stewardship agreement but logistically not possible for reasons of official registration of ownership. Maybe consider joining in on scheme at a later date if appropriate.
- Continue with fundraising to support the Parish Council match funding.
- Still looking to encourage grazing with a limited number of animals within secure fencing.
- In conclusion those present agreed the fundraising raised awareness in addition to any voluntary support in the maintenance programme.
- Encouraging report from recent meeting with Natural England

01/2020. Apologies for Absence.

A Faulkner - apologies received and accepted. R Foord – post meeting

02/2020 Declarations of Interest

1. *Register of Interests 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

03/2020. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 14 November 2019 were confirmed and signed as true record.

04/2020. Matters Arising

47/2019 No response from article in parish magazine re Smart Water. No further action proposed

05/2020. Finance Report

Current financial situation:

	£	£	
Balance as at 3 September 2019		6316.79	
Income			
WCC Lengthsman Scheme	63.75		
MHDC Ward Funds	166.00		Coombe Green
		229.75	
Expenditure			
Lengthsman Cancel Cheque	(63.75)		

Lengthsman	378.75		
Clerk	172.61		Oct, Nov, Dec
Clerk	324.80		Jan Feb March and printer
Berrow Hall	24.00		
Castlemorton Parish Hall	34.00		
		870.41	
Balance at end of meeting		5676.13	
10 March 2020			

Clerk confirmed purchase of Canon Printer which has been shared equally with Castlemorton Parish Council using restricted funds from each council's Transparency Funding of £100. Total net cost £178.06 (Vat 35.61)

06/2020 Parish Drainage/Lengthsman

- Lengthsman has been exceptionally busy after recent storms clearing ditches, culverts, debris and grips. Work was necessary in Watery Lane once it was established a drain pipe still had new cover on following previous WCC work. Once cleared and main ditch cleaned out water receded quickly a great relief to local residents who had expressed concerns. Clerk to follow this up. Day later bank damaged by large agricultural vehicle so further remedial work necessary and mud removed from road. Accepted that the exceptional flash flooding along Watery Lane cannot be eradicated but hopefully the drainage work ensures it does not remain flooded for many hours.
- Concerns re STWA drains outside Brays Farm and Farmers Arms. Contact STWA.
- WCC Highways have acknowledged potential repairs to highway along Millers Court as recently reported and by STWA drain covers as described above.
- Brook House culvert to be inspected by lengthsman to see what remedial action can be taken to avoid unnecessary flooding.

07/2020 Planning

<u>19/01590/CU</u>	Red Brick Barn Birts Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AW	Change of Use to 2No 1 Bedroom Holiday Lodges, Parking and Ancillary Works	Parish Council support application
<u>19/01816/GPDE</u>	Farley House Berrow Malvern WR13 6JQ	Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Larger Home Extension	No consultation

- **Track an application** to keep up to date with documents uploaded to any particular planning application on the MHDC website.
- Meeting planned for 19 March at Castlemorton Parish Hall at 6pm with MHDC Officer Duncan Rudge in attendance. The aim being to assist parish councillors in viewing planning applications and return a meaningful representation to MHDC.

08/2020 Nutshell Agreement

Clerk reported that she had been unable to deliver annual agreement as the licensee was not at previously notified abode. A previous home address would be used.

09/2020 Code of Conduct

Agreed to adopt the recently updated Code Of Conduct for local authorities.

10/2020. Correspondence

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

- *Forthcoming Spring WCC and MHDC forums -.*

- *Updates from CALC*
- *Revised dates for MHDC councillors planning training sessions*

11/2020. Meetings

- Cllr Moore reported back on her recent visit to the recycling Centre ‘Envirosort’ at Naunton. It was an informative visit but at times gave mixed messages as to how and what was recyclable. However agreed every little helps and as much information as possible was to be encouraged to maintain recycling and also less littering.
- 4 C's meeting on Wednesday 25 March.

12/2020 DCllr Report

DCllr report included:

- The District Council has been very preoccupied with recent flooding, the implementation of emergency procedures and the aftermath clearance and administration. Resources have been engaged from all areas in this need.
- SWDP – The review process continues. Sites forwarded in Birtsmorton have not been considered suitable for inclusion in the plan. Effort is concentrating on the identified strategic sites at Parkway, Rushwick and Throckmorton which relieves the pressure on rural site.
- Adoption of the 5 year plan for the District Council and available on website.
- Approved budget for next financial year. Central government funding is reduced but offset by increased business rates.
- The new administration has settled and works collectively together.
- Announced that £2 million has been budgeted for a major overhaul of the Malvern Splash

3/2020. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting date **Thursday 21 May** at 7.00 pm at Castlemorton Parish Hall. **Annual Meetings.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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