

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council held remotely via online conferencing facility on **Tuesday 10 November 2020** at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair: Michael Barnes
Councillors: Vance Withers, David Williams, Mary Dowding, Alison Faulkner and Mark Henderson

In attendance: DCllr. Mick Davies and Clerk. End of meeting CCllr Tom Wells

Public Comments: None

30/20. Apologies for Absence.

Julie Moore.

31/20 Declarations of Interest

1. **Register of Interests.** Cllr Henderson completed and returned to MHDC
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

32/20. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 7 September 2020 were confirmed and signed as true record.

33/20. Matters Arising

- Cllr Henderson returned signed councillor declaration of office.

34/20 DCllr Report

DCllr: Mick Davis report included matters pertaining to:

- Malvern Splash Refurbishment presently underway
- Boundary Commission Review
- SWDP
- Coronavirus – presently supporting residents and business during latest lockdown and then recovery.
- Good Neighbour Networks
- Ward Budget available

CCllr Report previously sent to cllrs. included:

- Lockdown regulations.
- Highways work - Carrington Bridge/St John's congestion scheme/Sabrina Bridge/severe weather measures and fleet vehicles
- Schools - attendance/provision of meals
- Care home residents and adults in need of social care.

35/20. Finance Report

Current financial situation:

	£	£	
Balance		5892.76	
Income pre meeting			
WCC Lengthsman	41.25		

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MHDC ½ Yr Precept	1056.00		
Expenditure at meeting		1157.25	
Clerk	226.03		July Aug Sept SCP 10
ICO	40.00		
		266.03	
Balance at end of meeting		6783.98	

Budget and Precept for 2021/22

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 amount to maintain in reserves – twice level of precept.
- Contingency. Consideration to any Section 137 applications, maybe post Covid-19.
- Reminder about restricted funding for computer equipment and Coombe Green maintenance.

It was RESOLVED that the total Annual Precept for 2021/22 would remain at £2112.

36/20 Coombegreen Common

Mrs Windle confirmed bramble clearance and a tree cut was yet to commence this year and local volunteers have enjoyed periods of manual clearance.

37/20 Parish Drainage/Lengthsman

- Watery Lane once again experienced minor flash flooding recently which soon cleared. Maybe a nearby neighbour could help monitor periods of flooding.

38/20 Planning

20/00922/HP	3 Old Rye Farm Rye Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AS	Conversion of garage to annexe accommodation (Retrospective)	MHDC Approved
20/00997/LB	Home Farm Rye Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AS	External Repairs and Minor Alterations.	PC No Objection
20/01350/FUL	Chase Farm Rye Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AS	Construction of agricultural building	PC No Objection

- Acknowledgment to the recent excellent planning meeting with MHDC Principal Officer.

39/20. Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- Responses from South Worcestershire Councils on the Planning Reforms Consultations
- Upton_SNT_Newsletters
- CALC Updates
- MHDC Covid-19 Updates

40/20. Meetings

- Cllr Withers had attended the recent SWDP briefing meeting.
- Cllr Withers and Williams to attend the Boundary Commission Briefing on 19 November at 6pm

- Clerk attended Malvern Hills area meeting, guest speaker new chief executive of MHDC, Vic Allison.

CCllr Tom Wells joined meeting

VAS. Tom had just attended Eldersfield Parish Council meeting who were pleased to receive the support of a vehicle activated sign (VAS) for use in the parish from his ward funding. The proviso was that the equipment was to be shared with another parish on a rota basis and Birtsmorton was suggested as a possible candidate. There are concerns of speeding traffic especially at Coombe Green and the opportunity for the use of the equipment would be appreciated. **AGREED** to pursue this offer of a shared VAS.

- Clerk to seek support of lengthsman
- Meet WCC to discuss possible sites

41/20. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting date **Monday 8 or Tuesday 9 March 2021** at 7.30 pm either in Castlemorton Parish Hall or via on line Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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