

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 4 November 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton, (Chairman) Barbara Wilkes, Hilary Flanders, Jeremy Hubbard, Jerry Fryman and David Smallwood.

In Attendance: Mrs C Leake (Clerk) DCllr Mick Davies

Members of the Public: 1

Public Comments: Welcome to prospective candidate Dr Dawn Fisher seeking co-option.

73/21 Apologies: Cllr Wilkinson, CCllr. T Wells and Mr N Baker (prospective pccr candidate)

74/21 Declarations of interests

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. Cllr. Flanders - Planning*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011. None*

75/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 2 September 2021 were a true record of the meeting and were signed.

76/21 Matters Arising

62/21 Clerk confirmed that BT were underway with landline transfers to fibre broadband line and those without suitable hub equipment were advised to order before transfer date.

64/21 Boundary Commission Review- PC comments acknowledged.

67/21 ii) MHDC Acknowledged.

77/21 County & District Councillor's Report

DCllr M Davies reported on the following:

- Grant Support for training and skills all part of government Covid recovery plan, this in addition to the presently available business support grant and community redevelopment. Raise awareness for those who could benefit.
- 2 Senior appointments have now been filled for Housing and Environmental Services in conjunction with Wychavon.
- Following planning peer review, the planning validation process has been speeded up and a one week target is now being achieved although the officers are still under pressure. It is intended to combine the Wychavon and Malvern Hills planning officers into a single team to allow resources to be better directed to meet demand and planning officers with special skills to apply those skills across both Districts.

78/21. Finance Report

a) Finance Report to date

	£	£	
Balance: Sept 21		19,580.79	
Add Income	255.00		WCC Lengthsman
	270.19		WCC Lengthsman
	2250.00		MHDC ½ yr Precept

	2000.00 9683.29		PHT Grant Lottery Grant
Total		14,458.48	
Less Expenditure pre meeting			
	23820.30 2124.00 83.70		Cale builder Cale Builder Gemma Lighting
Total		26028.00	
Less Expenditure at meeting	558.55 120.00 500.00		Clerk July/Aug/Sept Lengthsman Churchyard Section 137 Grant
		1178.55	
Balance at close of meeting 4 Nov 2021		£6,832.72	

- a) **Government Act 1972 Section 137 sub section (1) Application.** Upon receipt of completed application, it was **RESOLVED** after discussion on mowing costs to award a grant of £500 to Castlemorton Parochial Church Council (PCC) towards churchyard upkeep, the same as the previous year.
- b) Consideration was also given to a potential request re the possible return of goal post on common. The section 137 PC budget of £800 would allow this and if not sought by Castlemorton Common Association (CCA) in this financial year would then allow the church to seek further funding as originally requested if the PCC so wished to apply.

79/21 Highway/Footpath Reports

Highways – Cllr Smallwood presented highway report on recent activity in conjunction with lengthsman work. Noted that Birtsmorton PC have kindly arranged for the **VAS** recently purchased with thanks to CCllr Wells to be in situ in **Hollybush** under a shared rota system with Birtsmorton.

Footpaths –

- Cllr Flanders reported that Green Lane has been highlighted for winter clearance.
- New footpath swing gates have been installed on footpath 502(C)&526(C) but the path ends at a poor stile and bridge onto road at Micklefield. Is this in line for improvement too?

80/21 Planning

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

Decision

21/00170/FUL	Hollyhead Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BN		MHDC Approved
21/00400/CLE	Workshop At (Os 7845 3772) Castlemorton	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of replacement caravan/office.	Pending Decision
21/00287/CU	Workshop At (Os 7845 3772) Castlemorton	Change of use of workshop to holiday accommodation.	MHDC Refused
21/00887/FUL	Bowling Green House Castlemorton Common Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6LH		Pending Decision
21/01102/FUL	Walnut Tree Cottage Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BS	Retention of building as built (Previously approved and part implemented under planning permission 07/01038/FUL).	MHDC Refused
21/01403/FUL	Land At (Os 7806 3702) Castlemorton	Construction of track to serve existing stables	PC additional comment. Pending

21/01467/LB	Church Farm Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ		Pending
21/01583/FUL	Mouchers Corner New Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BT	Conversion of a small-scale detached barn to provide ancillary accommodation.	PC Support
21/01264/LB	Church Farm Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ	Conversion of existing store and garage, to extend the living area.	PC Support
21/01263/HP	Church Farm Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ	Conversion of existing store and garage, to extend the living area.	PC Support
21/01804/FUL	Strawbyn Hancocks Lane Welland WR13 6LG	Proposed conversion of outbuilding with extension to replace existing timber frame structure to provide holiday let accommodation	PC Support
21/01764/FUL	Church Farm Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ	Installation of field access with culvert and gate.	PC Support
21/01769/CU	Workshop At (Os 7845 3772) Castlemorton	Change of Use of workshop to holiday accommodation	PC Oppose & Comment

21/01403/FUL Extra information has been submitted for this application and members **agreed by a majority** decision to respond with additional comments to those previously sent.

In light of further information for this application re a visibility splay the parish council would like to make an additional comment. The Parish Council seeks reassurance that the stile and footpath access be preserved and that the splay conforms to width and access as it exists. The present dimensions are provided in a supporting document.

21/01769/CU **Agreed by a majority** decision to respond as:

Castlemorton Parish Council objects to this application with the following comments.

1. The marketing done on the property is no longer valid because it is out of date. The Parish Council would like to see recent comparative information for similar properties.

2. The proposed changes to the building do not meet the requirements to comply with 07/01038/FUL in detail, and particularly with respect to the size of the building.

3. Use of wooden doors to conceal glazed openings is not adequate because the doors can be left open.

81/21 Parish Hall and Parish Hall Trust

The chairman reported a number of matters

- National Lottery planned visit for November to view the hall extension.
- Looking to repaint the inside of the original hall and reinstate afternoon talks as a fund raiser.
- Weekly coffee mornings have been successful as a new initiative with an increasing number of other bookings too.
- Thanks to hall manager for her enthusiastic support.

82/21 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- CALC/NALC Updates Log in details.
- SNT – Upton updates New Neighbourhood alert scheme. Register.
- Carbon Footprinting Tool – Min 83/21
- Regulation 14 Consultation on the Draft Welland Neighbourhood Plan
- CALC AGM Hybrid Meeting 16 November at 6.30pm
- Here 2 Help Community Services Directory - Information for Parish and Town Councils

- Malvern Hills. District P & T C's Forum tackling climate emergency. Monday 15 November 5pm. (Zoom Meeting) *Don Lupton and Jeremy Hubbard to attend*
- Agenda for Malvern Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee, Friday, 5th November, 2021, 10.00 am. *Jerry Fryman to attend*
- The Queens Green Canopy
- Christmas Domestic Refuse Collections 2021 NORMAL Arrangements
- First Notice of Order - Road Closure - Castlemorton - Malvern Hills District - 1108995
- 4 C's Meeting – Proposed Wed 24 Nov 8pm. Agenda items by 11 Nov. *Confirm with PC attendees Keith Stevens and Cllr Wilkinson.*
- MHDC Town Centre Transformation Plans Survey

83/21 New Initiatives

Defibrillator equipment quote for ipad SP1 is £1200 plus vat and installation with training provided including CPR. In seeking funding, it was considered looking at the idea as a larger project (maybe 3 defibs for the immediate area rather than just 1 and including Birtsmorton) and see if there is any potential funding available from National Lottery. This will be discussed in forthcoming meeting with Lottery reps.

Other ideas:

1. **Global warming** and what can be done to encourage residents to address this issue and this is enthusiastically supported by potential new councillor. Agreed to hear the ideas presently under way with Hanley Swan inviting them to a meeting.
2. **Carbon Footprint Tools:** A tool called Impact had been developed by <https://www.cse.org.uk> (Centre for Sustainable Energy.) Look at these websites for comparisons with other communities and also work out own footprint. <https://impact-tool.org.uk> <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk> . **A proposal to organise discussion meetings in which residents could talk to existing users about heat pumps and electric cars was adopted.**
3. **Twinning with France?** Something to be considered maybe?
4. **Welcome Pack** – To be updated and sent out to new residents. Cllr Flanders to action.

84/21 Meeting Reports

Chairman attended recent MHDC Peer Planning review:

As previously reported certain areas of the planning process administration have improved with MHDC and Wychavon.

In response to a question District Councillor explained that one recent application (Rushwick) had been approved on appeal on the basis that the 5 year land supply was not in place. MHDC strongly believe this is not the case and that the inspector was mistaken. Larger developers regularly ask for conditions on developments to be changed on the basis that the project is not viable as it stands, presenting detailed viability studies and in rare cases the required % affordable housing may be decreased.

85/20 Co Option of Council Members

Minute 63/21 Ref Councillor vacancies - Two interested candidates, Mr Nigel Baker and Dr Dawn Fisher. Councillors **RESOLVED** to co-opt **Dr Fisher** and looked forward to meeting Mr Baker at the next meeting. Declaration of office completed for Ms Fisher.

86/21. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be **Thursday 6 January 2022**

Thursday 10 March 2022, Thursday 12 May 2022 (Annual Meetings)

Meeting concluded at 10pm

Signed Date.....