

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 3 November 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Armitage Room (Parish Hall)

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton (Chair), Jeremy Hubbard, Mike Wilkinson, David Smallwood, Hilary Flanders, Barbara Wilkes, Nigel Baker and Rosemary Powell.

In Attendance: Mrs C Leake (Clerk) and County Cllr Tom Wells from 8.30pm*

Members of the Public: 2 (1 leaving at 7.45pm)

Public Comments: None

72/22 Apologies: Accepted from Cllrs: Fisher and also from District Cllr Mick Davies.

73/22 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.*** None
3. ***To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).*** None

74/22 Future of Parish Events communications

Mr Tim Cotterell had been invited to the meeting to explain his management of the Castlemorton Hub website a service which he is providing voluntarily.

<https://castlemorton.org.uk/> An important resource especially with the demise of the parish magazine ceasing publication at the end of the year. Discussion ensued as to how best to maintain the link with parishioners informing them of village activity. It was agreed:

- As much information as possible was posted on the website with each organisation keeping respective websites updated. Mr Cotterell was keen to learn of any improvements which would improve the effectiveness of the site display and content, bearing in mind the layout has to suit various devices when viewed.
- A leaflet would be prepared through the Parish Council by Cllr Smallwood and delivered to all households 6 times a year outlining activity taking place within the immediate parish and local area. Potential contributors would be advised of deadline dates. The publication would be posted on the Hub website and provide hyperlinks.
- Hopefully via the leaflet further email addresses could be requested and/or updated to reduce the number of leaflets in time printed and delivered and subsequently printing costs.

Thanks to Mr Cotterell and Cllr Smallwood for their work with this matter.

75/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of **8 September 2022** were a true record of the meeting and were signed.

76/22 County & District Councillor's Report

In his absence DCllr Mick Davies provided a report with the following points noted:

- The **Boundary Commission** has published the findings of its review of Malvern Hills District Council's (MHDC) electoral arrangements and has determined that Castlemorton will be included in a ward with Welland, Malvern Wells and Little Malvern. There will be two members representing the CASTLEMORTON, WELLAND & WELLS ward. The change will take effect from the elections on 5th May 2023.
- The **draft SWDPR** has been published for a six week consultation that started on 1st November. Consultation responses go directly to the Inspector who will be examining the plan next spring and summer. This is a huge piece of work designed not only to allocate

sites for an extra 13,000 new homes but to help shape the economic, cultural and environmental development of South Worcestershire over the next 20 years. Link to the consultation site: www.swdevelopmentplan.org/review

- As part of the heightened response to rising energy costs the MHDC is looking to support households with a **Sustainable Warmth Fund**. More information to be posted on Castlemorton Hub <https://castlemorton.org.uk/>. Consideration as to how to identify those in need. Agreed to also send notification in parish email.
- **Sustainable Tourism grants** on offer to help local businesses to adopt greener business practices.
- MHDC is financially helping leisure services provider, Freedom Leisure for the next 2 years who are being seriously affected by the rise in energy costs, especially for facilities with swimming pools.
- MHDC looking to provide support to communities in the district, support that can come in many forms, from advice and signposting through to grant funding. Mick is happy to talk about community initiatives in the parish and to help explore opportunities for MHDC assistance.

77/22. Finance Report

a) Finance Report: updated since last meeting.

	£	£	
Balance: 7 July 2022		3779.96	
Add Income	2362.50 330.00 167.00 1000.00 105.00 527.00		MHDC ½ Year Precept Talks X 3 Defibrillator Fund raising MHDC Ward Funding – Defibrillator Shindig Dination – Defibrillator WCC Lengthsman WCC Lengthsman
Total	4491.50	4491.50	
Less Expenditure pre meeting	527.00 1500.00 616.80 629.76 153.00		Lengthsman - Sept Defibrillator Purchase Excel Of Malvern. New Internal door Clerk – 2 nd Quarter SCP 12 Lengthsman – Oct
	3426.56	3426.56	
Less Expenditure at meeting	600	600.00	Castlemorton PCC Section 137 Grant
Balance at close of meeting 3 November 2022		4244.90	

a) **Defibrillator:** The very successful fundraising in addition to generous donations from the Shindig organisers and District Councillor ward funds has ensured the sum raised of nearly £1500.00 to purchase and fit one defibrillator at the Parish Hall. Thanks to all those involved with this. The equipment has been purchased with chairman and electrician to install the equipment.

b) **Government Act 1972 Section 137 sub section (1) Application.** Upon receipt of completed application, it was **RESOLVED** after discussion on mowing costs and consideration of conditions as regards biodiversity, to award a grant of £600 to Castlemorton Parochial Church Council (PCC) towards churchyard upkeep with condition. Condition: The Parish Council request advise be sought and a biodiverse plan drawn up. The plan should consider the whole churchyard and identify what changes can be made. Members of the PC prepared to offer assistance with this.

78/22 Highway

In addition to Cllr Smallwood's report, particular mention of additional information:

- Cherry Orchard – It was hoped the Parish Council's own survey work in this area would accelerate remedial action as regards drainage. No positive response as yet from WCC. The affected landowner has now put-up own flood defences.

Arrival of County Councillor to meeting who advises direct contact with WCC Liaison Officer to endeavour to resolve this issue.

79/22 County Councillor Report

CCllr Tom Wells reported on:

- Acknowledgment to new extension on hall.
- Awareness of Castlemorton being a proactive Parish
- Follow up to new footway installed by WCC Highways (following local parishioner concerns) around church and the use of 'conservation' kerbing not ideal for cars to roll over.
- Recent historical events have diverted many councils' resources with areas of responsibilities and needs changing and subsequently raising challenging concerns with the management of financial budgets. There is an anticipated council tax increase but hopefully there will be government support.
- In response to questions. 1. The revenue from a potential sale of surplus property cannot support general finances. 2. Half of County Hall is presently let out to other public sector bodies with some WCC employees working from home. 3. In the event of farm/land tenancies within the parish not being renewed there may be changes in land ownership/tenancy as decided at the time by WCC.
- **Confirmation of MHDC's 5 Year Housing Land Supply** after a thorough re check of the figures initially presented.

80/22 Footpaths

- Bannut Tree Track PRoW project. Yet to arrange distribution of footpath forms.

81/22 Planning Report of planning applications **received/decided** since last meeting was noted

M/22/00608/OUT	Land at (OS 7944 3958) Gloucester Road Welland	MHDC Refused	
M/22/00607/HP	Old School House Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BG	MHDC Approved	
M/22/00583/FUL	The Old Dairy Church Road Castlemorton Worcestershire WR13 6BQ	MHDC Approved	
M/22/00826/FUL	Walnut Tree Cottage Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BS	MHDC Refused at Southern Area Planning Meeting.	
M/22/00793/HP	The Barn Little Welland Farm Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BN	MHDC Refused	
M/22/00957/HP	Feathers Pitch Cottage Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6JB	MHDC Approved	
M/22/00600/FUL	Rickyard Cottage Eight Oaks Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BU	MHDC Approved	
M/22/01244/CU	Ebenezer Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BY	Proposed conversion of redundant stables to holiday accommodation as approved under planning reference 19/01149/CU - variation of condition 2	PC Comments. Pending Decision

M/22/01260/CAN	Badger Cottage U61401 Castlemorton Castlemorton Worcestershire WR13 6BG	Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and in any accompanying information.	MHDC No Objection
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M/22/00826/FUL: Delegated councillors acknowledged for their work and subsequent report presented at the recent Southern Area Planning Meeting.

New MHDC Head of Planning New Appointment is Anne Brereton.

82/22 Parish Hall and Parish Hall Trust

- Forthcoming installation of defibrillator on outside wall.
- Update to lighting in public toilets installing movement sensors.
- Renewal of Internal door between main hall and Armitage Room. To decrease noise transfer and improve appearance. 20% deposit paid.

83/22 Castlemorton Environmental Action Group

The group progresses well with enthusiasm and will shortly show a film presentation in association with Morton Majestic Cinema club. Other ideas for further one off/regular events still being mooted.

84/22 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- CALC/NALC Updates Log in details. New website.
- Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams – Neighbourhood Matters Notifications.
- Community Action – New Shuttle Bus Services into Upton on a Friday
- Workers Educational Association Charity - Adult Education Charity
- Statement from Chief Constable Pippa Mills on support for victims of burglary
- Winter Provision Mapping. MHDC Financial Wellbeing partnership
- SWDPR consultation and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople - both documents now out for 6 week public consultation period.
- School Uniform Recycle/Reuse schemes in Malvern Hills District

85/22 Meetings

To take place – CALC AGM 28 November 7pm Hawford
4 C's meeting. Date to be confirmed.

86/22. Next Parish Council Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 5 January 2023

9 March 2023, 11 May 2023 (Annuals & Election Year)

Meeting concluded at 9.20pm

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