

# Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council held on **Thursday 14 March 2024** at 7.00pm in Castlemorton Parish Hall. (Armitage Room)

**Present:** Chair: Michael Barnes

**Councillors:** Michael Licqurish-Coleman, Karen Hood, Simon Yates, Julie Moore and Mark Henderson

**In attendance:** Clerk

**Public Comments:** None

**01/24. Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Withers & DCllr Watkins

**02/24 Declarations of Interest**

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*

**03/24. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting of 15 November 2023 confirmed and signed as true record

**04/24. Matters Arising**

Ref minute 46/23 - Positive comments from the those known to have used the Worcestershire on Demand bus service.

**05/24 District Councillor Reports**

The clerk reported on some MHDC matters which included:

- Adoption of MHDC budget and precept for 2024/25
- Upgrade programme presently underway of public toilets in the district
- Volunteering Options in the district
- Planned consultation on car parking charges. Last review in 2012

**06/24 Finance Report.**

**Current financial situation and approve following payments:**

	£	£	
<b>Balance at last meeting</b>		<b>6784.03</b>	
<b>Income pre meeting</b>	99.00	<b>99.00</b>	WCC Lengthsman
<b>Expenditure pre meeting</b>		<b>0.00</b>	
Expenditure at meeting	148.50 289.90 322.88 40.00		Lengthsman Clerk 3rd Quarter SCP 12 Clerk 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter SCP12 Hall Hire
		<b>801.28</b>	
<b>Balance at end of meeting</b>		<b>6081.75</b>	

**07/24 Update of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment.**

Councillors **agreed** to adopt the updated and reviewed as necessary Parish Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment

## 08/24 Coombe Green

- It was noted in the financial records that there had been no contractor payment to date on Coombe Green due to the recent wet weather.
- Consider what work will be necessary once ground conditions permit in discussion with Mrs Windle.

## 09/24 Highways/Parish Drainage/Lengthsman

- **49/23 & 37/23** Agreed to discuss the possibility of purchasing a flood sign and seek the support of a resident at east end of Marsh Road in Longdon Ward to put out sign when required. The putting out of the signs requires the goodwill of immediate local residents in advising drivers of the flooded road.
- Coombe Green: Increase of water on road bends leading to Rye Cross. Likely to be water off the fields and after a recent cold night was icy the following morning with 2 cars sliding off onto the common. Concern from parishioner about potential hedge damage. Agreed to investigate further with lengthsman and supporting photographic evidence to submit to WCC highways in seeking a remedial drainage solution.

## 10/24 Nutshell

Agreed to continue the agreement with present enthusiastic tenant.

## 11/24 Planning

M/23/00675/CLE	The Lodge Birts Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AW		Approved
M/23/01056/HP & M/23/01057/LB	Home Farm Rye Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AS		Approved
M/23/01376/CLE	Elmley Rye Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AS		Certified
M/23/01506/HP	Red Brick Barn Birts Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AW		Approved
M/24/00105/AGR	Poultry Farm Newlands Farm Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6JT	Steel framed building for the storage of fodder and equipment	Pending Decision

**M/24/00105/AGR** MHDC have requested more detailed information about the proposed agricultural building before any development commences to determine this application.

## 12/24. Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- CALC/NALC Updates
- Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams – Neighbourhood Matters Notifications.
- Hills Ford 3 Stage Rally 14/15 September.
- Review of Malvern Hills National Landscape Management Plan
- Forthcoming digitalisation of the Lengthsman Scheme.
- Abba Tribute Band at Malvern Theatre 24 March proceeds supporting AGE UK
- Worcestershire County Council Budget Consultation with Parish and Town Councils 2024
- **Home & Property Security Roadshow.** An invitation from the Malvern Hills Community Safety team for an offer to receive our upcoming Property and Home Security Roadshow. Maybe liaise with the former Morton Ward and host with the larger parish, Welland. TBC
- **Worcestershire County Council Town and Parish Councils Conference** - Wednesday 12th June 6 - 9pm at Wyre Forest Office, Kidderminster.

## 13/24 Meetings

4Cs meeting on 20 March 2024 at 8pm Castlemorton Hall. Cllr Yates, parish council rep, to attend.

**14/24 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 13 May at 7pm in Castlemorton Parish Hall, Armitage Room. Annual Meetings

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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