

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 7 November 2024 at 7.00 pm in Castlemorton Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs: Mike Wilkinson (Chairman), Dawn Fisher, Nigel Baker, Hilary Flanders and Dan Bowker

In Attendance: Mrs C Leake (Clerk), and CCllr Wells at 8.45pm

Members of the Public: 0

Public Comments

79/24 Apologies: Cllrs: Hubbard, Rollinson and DCllr Wild

80/24 Declarations of interests

1. *Register of Interests*
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature.*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011. None*

81/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of **5 September 2024** were a true record of the meeting and were signed.

82/24 Matters Arising

Ref Minute 48/24 & 67/24 Improving Mobile Signal Connectivity in the Parish. Response from Birtsmorton indicates landowner has been notified and they wish to explore further directly with Atlas, telecoms company.

83/24 Parish Council Vacancies.

Chairman willing to talk to any potentially interested persons.

84/24 County/District Councillor Reports

None available at meeting

85/24 Finance Report

a) Finance Report:

	£	£	
Balance: 5 September 2024		5691.33	
Add Income	34.44		Morton Majestic Insurance
	1895.00		War Memorial Donations
	752.20		CPHT Insurance
	2629.50		MHDC ½ year precept
	225.50		WCC Lengthsman
	1236.38		MHDC CIL
Total		6773.02	

Less Expenditure pre meeting	225.50 85.46 250.00 835.84 50.00		Lengthsman PHT Car Park Repairs PHT Hall Hire by CPC Clerk 2 nd Quarter Section 137 to NL
		1446.80	
Less Expenditure at meeting	412.50 1830.00		Lengthsman Allard re War Memorial
		2242.5	
Balance at close of meeting 5 Sept 2024		8775.05	

Restricted Funding: a number of accounts including to Environmental Group, War Memorial and CIL. Total at meeting **£1248.41**

War Memorial: Ref Minute 70/24. Under Dr Smith's lead this project has progressed well with the receipt of generous donations from parishioners and the initial work of cleaning and repointing completed. First invoice for this work (with sufficient funds) to be paid £1525.00 plus Vat. A Coffee Morning was planned for 9 November offering an opportunity to share memories some directly and others from relatives. Thanks to Dr Smith for his passionate work with this project and visible results of work to date by local stonemason Steve Allard.

Bank Charges: Lloyds Bank now introducing bank charges essentially £4.25 per month.

Community Infrastructure Levy – Following recent new development in the parish the parish council is in receipt of £1236.38.

....'A sum of money to be used in line with the regulations, to support development by funding:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or
 - Anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.'
- Ideas would be sought from the parish with a notification in the What's On.

86/24 Highways/Lengthsman

Thanks to Cllr Rollinson for her very comprehensive report following site meeting with lengthsman and Cllrs Wilkinson and Fisher in addition to photographic evidence.

In response to her questions (in her absence) the following action was agreed

1. Feathers Pitch. With advice from WCC highways she contact the immediate landowner in seeking drainage solutions at Feathers Pitch.
2. Parish Boundary with Birtsmorton. Contact WCC highways via CCllr and Officer in seeking the removal of the arisings and debris. Activity on the main road is not permitted by the lengthsman and Parish Councillors. If unsuccessful discuss with immediate landowner for support.
3. Church Road. Informal discussion to take place with landowners as regards ditch clearance following WCC survey.
4. Lengthsman to be issued with a confirmatory letter of work covering the regular hotspots particularly in those periods of heavy rainfall.

Additional Note re Ditches near Cherry Orchard:

WCC highways completed extensive works to the verge in September. Unaware of any further issues in this location. Hopefully this has solved the flooding here.

Project: Investigate the possibility of repairing the traditional livestock warning sign in New Road. Discuss with the lengthsman or another parishioner.

Verge Management. Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Highways looking to 'consult with Parish Councils for their opinion, level of interest and potential level of capacity for

taking on the management of some or all of the C and U roads within their parish boundary to manage them in line with best practice for promoting wildflowers, pollinators and other wildlife'.
Agreed to respond positively.

87/24 Footpaths

Cllr Flanders reported that WCC Countryside have engaged a contractor to replace 3 new ditch crossings on footpaths in the parish.

Discussion on ways to improve the first few metres of the north end of footpath 532 (C). Following wet weather the initial entry becomes water logged making accessibility difficult. Discussion to take place with landowner to explore remedial ideas.

88/24 Planning

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

M/24/01473/HP	Ebenezer Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BY	Single storey rear extension, alterations to finishing materials and roof design.	Pending Decision
M/24/01340/FUL	Land At (Os 8172 3904) Lockeridge Lane Upton Upon Severn	Use of land as a caravan site for the stationing of 10 log cabins for holiday let use and associated works	Pending Decision
M/24/01243/HP & M/24/01244/LB	Church Farm Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ	Erection of replacement workshop within the planning unit and installation of wood burner flue to northern gable of dwelling	Approved
M/24/01247/CLPU	Cutlers Farm Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6LT	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conversion of garage to residential for accommodation of elderly dependent	Certified
M/24/01003/FUL	Taylors Farm Castlemorton MALVERN WR13 6DA	Erection of two storey building for storage of equipment in association with existing mixed equestrian and agricultural use following demolition of existing building	Approved
M/24/00613/FUL & M/24/01141/LB	Barn At (Os 7908 3752) Church Road Castlemorton	Conversion of a barn to a Class C3 dwelling house.	Pending Decision
M/24/00599/CLE	Caravan At Upper Orchard Cottage Hollybed Street Castlemorton		Pending Decision
M/23/00437/FUL	Land At (Os 7865 3821) Castlemorton	Change of use of land to 3 No. Traveller pitches and associated works including, 3 No. day rooms, 3 No. mobile homes, 3 No. touring caravans, and hardstanding. Additional information	Refused. Appeal APP/J1860/W/24/3339751 21 Nov 10am Malvern
M/23/00957/FUL	Land at (OS 7853 3776) Castlemorton	Proposed holiday cabin and orchard tree planting.	Pending

M/23/00437/FUL: Chairman will attend the appeal on behalf of the Parish Council on 21 November at 10am in Malvern.

Enforcement: PC notified of a potential change of use of a field. MHDC Enforcement advised for investigation purposes.

89/24 Environmental Group

Active report included:

- Forthcoming Wilding Talk and film and future talks
- Update on churchyard project and plan for meeting with all those involved to discuss future.
- Looking to involve school in projects.
- Explore possibility of a diversity area at back of Parish Hall.
- Plastic Free stall at Colwall Eco Greener Festival on Saturday

90/24 Parish Hall Trust

A new Hall Manager has been appointed following recent advertising.

91/24 Potential Plans for Village Survey

On hold

92/24 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- CALC/NALC Updates including courses & training for councillors.
- Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams – Neighbourhood Matters Notifications
- Parish Feed back re 3 Shires Rally. The Parish Council was in receipt of several complaints and some support. This information will be paper filed to ensure it was available if such permission were sought again for a road closure. To conclude the recent event the Parish Council agreed to write to the organisers particularly identifying those areas which had created most concern for local residents.
- MHT, upon request, invited to attend next meeting to provide a Trust update on the consultation following feedback and the next steps to lodge the Parliamentary Bill and how to engage in the next part of the process once the Bill is published.
- Agenda for forthcoming Malvern Hills National Landscape Joint Advisory Group (MHN LJAG) meeting. Noted that NL have appointed a planning officer to assist in responses to application within the NL area. Also noted Mike Wilkinson in his capacity as representative for Worcestershire Parish Councils has resigned as a member of JAG.
- Town & Parish Councils Health and Wellbeing. Worcestershire CALC, developing a programme to help improve the health and wellbeing of residents across the county by providing support to Town and Parish Councils. Appointment of new Health and Wellbeing Officer, Lucy Bird.
- Public Engagement Exercise: Worcestershire County Council Draft Streetscape Design Guide. 4 November to 27 January.
- New Upton SNT Police Team Member PCSO Steve Freeman

93/24 Next Parish Council Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 9 January 2025

Subsequent Meetings:

6 March, 22 May (Annuals)

Signed Date.....

Meeting closed 8.55pm