

Birtsmorton Parish

Draft Minutes of the meeting of **Annual Parish Meeting** on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7.30pm – Berrow Village Hall

Present:

Chair: Michael Barnes
Councillors: Roger Gillard, Alison Faulkner, Mary Dowding, Richard Bolton

In attendance: Two parishioners and Clerk

1/15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Vance Withers and DCllr Mick Davies and C.Cllr. Tom Wells .

2/15. Local Police

PC Alan Naulls provided his annual crime report and stated that the crime rate over the past year continues to be generally very low in this district. Within the Safer Neighbourhood Team is a new inspector and PSO Claire Doughty. Fast response reverted back to Malvern and looking to relaunch Rural Watch. All support appreciated. Communication has taken place with organisers of forthcoming Longdon Festival as regards traffic management. Hopefully A438 will be reopened re recent M50 bridge repair.

3/15. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 12th May 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

4/15. Matters Arising/ Progress Items

There were none.

5/15. Chairman's Report

- a. The precept had increased by £75.
- b. The Chairman highlighted Parish Council work as detailed in the full year's minutes particularly acknowledging change of councillors, 2 planning applications, receipt of ward monies to aid drainage maintenance, the success of the work being carried out on The Nutshell and plans for bramble clearance on the Coombe Green Common.

6/15. Finance Report

A full report was provided by the RFO for Financial Year 2014/15:

As detailed in supporting financial summary with particular acknowledgment to Ward donation of £150 from D Cllr for drainage work, reduction in staff costs due to no clerk for 6 months and section 137 grant awarded to Farmers Arms

The year ended with a surplus of £1001.57

Monies in the bank as at 31.3.15 were £4,086.73 and with one unrepresented cheques for £180.42 the closing balance for the year was £3,906.31

7/15. District Councillors Report

Newly elected DCllr. Mike Davies having sent his apologies in a letter thanked parishioners for their support in recent elections and looked forward to working with and meeting Parish Councillors as he endeavoured to find his way around the new responsibilities before him.

8/15. Any other Business

- Parishioner asked about the quotation process for potential scrub clearance of the Coombe Green Common, particularly keen to see hourly work rate quotation and ensure work schedule is clear and site identified. Sought assurance this would commence in August and also 2 thistle cuts. Councillor Gillard reported that he had engaged in conversation with both Malvern Hills Conservators (MHC) and Coombe Green owner as regards future management and this would be discussed further at next parish council meeting.

- The recent 4C's Meeting was noted and recent loss of young livestock awaiting autopsy results. Cattle grids up for discussion again and the change in grants available to MHC.
- Clerk reported that after 29 years Mr D Wood had retired as roadside verge cutting contractor.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm

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

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