

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 5 November 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton (Chair), Barbara Wilkes, Hilary Flanders, Jeremy Hubbard, Simon Watts and Jerry Fryman, Ben Wiggins, Anne Cotterell and David Smallwood

In Attendance: C.Cllr Tom Wells*, D.Cllr.Mick Davies, & Mrs C Leake (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 1

75/15. Apologies: Footpath Warden - Angus Golightly.

76/15. Declarations of interest

1. **Register of Interests.** All Cllrs updated Registers following recent elections.
2. **To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature.** Cllrs.Lupton re Planning Application 15/04128/HOU (withdrew from discussion) and Smallwood re Castlemorton United Charities.
3. **To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)** None

77/15. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2015 were a true record of the meeting and signed.

78/15 Progress Reports

72/15 ii) iii) Acknowledging the section 137 application on agenda, no further viable requests received to date for consideration for support funding.

73/15 – Report from County Assoc. Of Local Councils area meeting included SWDP. Positive comments relating to proposed changes within plan can be sent to inspector.

Annual Parish Meeting 10/15 – Parish Representative attended first meeting of Castlemorton United Charities and gave a brief outline of the combined charities and the funds available to those in need and fulfilling the charity criteria. Notify CAB through local contact.

79/15. Broadband (BB)

Ref: 62/15. Following on from the representative meeting with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) and BT an updated notification had been sent to all those parishioners who had provided email addresses. The BB team reported on the amount of work that was presently underway in the Parish on the Superfast Broadband rollout programme. One or two questions remain unanswered especially the vulnerability of damage to cables by falling trees and responsibility for preventative action. It would seem a repair process could be lengthy as new fibre is “blown down” the cabling from a distance, not just a wire repair.

80/15 District Councillor Report included:

- Reiterated previous meeting comments re SWDP, Waste management consultation and management rationalisation.
- Examination of shared legal services and potentially shared planning resources.
- Latest newsletter in new format from MHDC including ‘Meeting your Council’ programme. An opportunity to invite councillors and senior officers to your area.
- Business Rates pooling. A landmark ruling has determined incorrect valuation of GP surgeries and the requirement, as MHDC is part of a pool, to make backdated (to 2005)

payments to these surgeries and to further reduce business rates. Backdated figure in the region of 1.2m for MHDC which will impact on allocated reserves.

- Questions – Loss of conservation officer, interim arrangement in action with Wychavon which is anticipated will continue for foreseeable future and Smart Water, residents encouraged to take part in the offer of a marking scheme for personal property.

81/15 Financial Regulations

RESOLVED to accept minor changes to values within Financial Regulations.

82/15 Footpath/Highway/Lengthsman Reports

Footpath- Cllr Flanders offered to assist Parish Footpath Officer in the process of conducting an up to date parish footpath survey. In his absence clerk provided a verbal report. The appointment of a WCC officer for the SW Worcestershire area not yet confirmed. 2 areas identified for stile replacement and 1 footpath to be inspected by WCC off Heron Lane. Any concerns re footpath issues, identify exact site and problem and advise footpath warden.

Highways – as per report and:

- Ref 67/15 Parish Council clarified its decision at previous meeting not to pursue the improvement to passing place up Hollybed Street.
- Culverts presently being digitally recorded, inspected and if so required cleared by WCC highways.
- Bus Shelter- remaining hardstanding will be covered and re seeded by MHC.

Lengthsman – Many tasks completed including a drainage channel from the top of Hollybed Street, a pre-determined length to ensure surface water does not flow down the road.

*CCllr T Wells arrived.

- Reported on night closures of the M50 and part of B4211 during repairs to motorway bridge.
- Relocation of some WCC personnel from County Hall following contract re-organisation with private companies. New hirers of building facilities.

Clerk reported on a letter from MP to WCC highways and subsequent reply in response to a Parishioner's concerns re speeding up/down Feathers Pitch on B4208. In view of WCC decision (not to reduce speed limit) following PC comprehensive presentation to WCC in November 2013 discussion ensued on:

- The use of 'village gates' as presently being installed in Welland.
- Speeding data in addition to previous presentation information would be sent to Safer Roads Partnership (SRP) as suggested by WCC. with a further copy to Director of Environmental Services (ES) seeking a follow up meeting in conjunction with WCC and PC representation. The PC is aware the involvement of SRP will not necessarily achieve a positive result when the speed limit along this road is not below the national maximum ie 60mph, hence the decision to continue the matter with ES to review the whole situation.

83/15. Finance Report

Income and Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the following income be noted & payments agreed:

	£	£	Description
Balance: 10 September 2015		9530.92	
Add Income			
Morton Majestic	29.01		Insurance
HMRC	276.93		VAT
MHDC	2250.00		½ year Precept
Total		2555.94	

Less Expenditure pre-meeting			
Talbot Transport	90.00		Plainings
Clerk	686.47		
Lengthsman	288.75		
MHDC	22.00		Newsletter printing
Total		1087.22	
Balance at meeting		10999.64	
Less Expenditure at meeting			
Section 137 Grant	400.00	400.00	Churchyard.
Total			
Balance at close of meeting		10599.64	

Clerk reminded cllrs supporting funding available for equipment to ensure PC complies with the requirements of Transparency Code. Computer or scanner or internet connection all considered.

84/15 Section 137 Application

Upon receipt of completed **Section 137 Application Form**, it was **RESOLVED** with consideration to information supplied; award a grant of £400 to Castlemorton Parochial Church Council.

85/15.Planning

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

15/01095/HOU	The Stores New Road Castlemorton WR13 6BT (Mr & Mrs M Smithson)	Side extension to form ancillary living accommodation	MHDC Approve
15/01092/HOU	Mulberry House, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BL	Construction of first floor extension to rear and two storey extension to side (resubmission after refusal of 15/00409/HOU)	MHDC Approve
15/01081/FUL	Midsummer Farm Castlemorton WR13 6DA	Provision of four stable building with loft storage and change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use	PC Recommend Approve
15/01165/FUL	Fairoaks Farm, Hollybush, Worcestershire, HR8 1EU	Demolition of part agricultural building; Conversion and extension to provide recreation space; Agricultural storage; Biomass Boiler; Assembly and offices; Amendments to access track/parking. Amendment to 14/01203/FUL	MHDC Approve
15/01263/HOU	Swifts Corner, Hollybed Street, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6DB	New conservatory type extension at the rear.	MHDC Approve
15/01412/HOU	The Old Cider House, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6DA	Erection of detached garage with home office and domestic storage above	PC Approve
15/01415/HOU	The Old Cider House, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6DA	Single storey rear extension, roof alteration and replacement of conservatory side extension	PC Refuse
15/04128/HOU	Eight Oaks Farm, Eight Oaks, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BU	Carport and erection of stables building	PC Approve
15/00515/FUL	Bell Acre, Druggers End Lane, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, (Mr & Mrs G Browning & T Humphreys)	Erection of independent dwelling with benefit of existing vehicular and pedestrian access and change of use of existing stables for domestic use	Applicant Appeal

Cllr Hubbard left the meeting

Responses to Applications:

15/01415/HOU Old Cider House Majority decision expressed concern with the appearance of the flat roof and recommended refusal.

15/01415/HOU Bell Acre Majority decision to recommend that the appeal be dismissed by the inspector supporting the PC's original response to application to recommend refusal. A draft update to this refusal document by planning committee was available for cllrs discussion. This would be further updated and considered for submission by 25 November.

86/15. Parish Hall Trust

Reported on the establishment of shrubs along front of Hall.

87/15. Meetings

CALC AGM 25 November- PC Representative to attend.

4 C's 2 December – Any agenda items? Advised that present director leaves post on 4 December and appropriate for PC to send a letter of acknowledgment.

88/15. Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- MHDC First Aid Course run by St John Ambulance – Excellent informative evening
- Malvern Hills Conservators - Representation on behalf of Parish Council via WCC – Cllr. Smallwood expressed concern that this matter had been concluded, as directed by WCC, only a few days before this meeting. Felt the process of selection should have been delayed and discussed at the meeting.

89/15 New Initiatives

Cllrs. considered the following proposals.

- i) The idea of discount contracts for logs and coal under investigation. (D.S.)
- ii) Parish Notice boards – Ideas would be priced for installation in Golden Valley and New Road to fit 4 X A4. (JF)
- iii) Digital Map – Look again subscribing to Parish On line – Get Mapping. This allows for addition of own detail. (D.S.)

Other initiatives touched on would be revisited at the next meeting.

90/15. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 7 January 2016 with the following meetings provisionally

3rd March 2016, 12th May 2016

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed

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