

# Birtsmorton Parish

Draft Minutes of the meeting of **Annual Parish Meeting** on Monday 16 May 2016 at 7.00pm – Berrow Village Hall

## **Present:**

Chair: Michael Barnes  
Councillors: Roger Gillard, Alison Faulkner, Vance Withers, Mary Dowding,

In attendance: 10 parishioners and Clerk

## **1A/16. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John McCormick and D.Cllr Mick Davies and C.Cllr. Tom Wells .

## **2A/15. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting of 18th May 2015 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

## **3A/15. Matters Arising/ Progress Items**

There were none.

## **4A/16 Coombegreen Common**

Parishioners were keen to learn more following the public meeting for parishioners which had been held recently reference the future of Coombegreen Common. (Parish Council minute 5/2016) Mr David Armitage responded as representative of Malvern Hills AONB (the body supporting the investigation into ways of maintaining Coombegreen Common in a manageable state for the future) He explained after the information gathering meeting all the questions had been collated and answered in document form to be available for parishioners. To assist publicity it was hoped that the Parish Council would agree to the information being available on its website (paper copies would also be available) in addition to the recently commissioned management plan. Ideas to increase awareness of the proposals within the management plan include summer walks with local parishioners, possibly the trial of some electric fencing on the west side of the B4208 and working in conjunction with MHC as regards Hollybush area.

Questions that followed indicated that the ideas of the walks were well received. Statistically out of the 31 comments recorded at the informative meeting 24 were from Birtsmorton parishioners. Question as to whether the Parish Council support this whole vision aside from the present financial support for scrub clearance and thistle cutting which was confirmed by the chairman although financial contributions would be assessed annually. The establishment of a management committee similar to Castlemorton Common Association would be an asset for the future. The proposed fencing created some concern including health and safety issues which a present grazier assured those present would be addressed. Clarification was also sought on endorsing the parish council's involvement in this whole process.

## **5A/16. Chairman's Report**

The chairman apologised for lack of report this year due to his present work commitments.

## **6A/15. Finance Report**

A full report was provided by the RFO for Financial Year 2015/16:

**Opening balance of £3,906.31**, receipts of £2,230.00 and expenditure of £2,468.34. Leaving a **closing balance of £3,667.97**

## **7A/16. District Councillors Report**

DCllr. Mike Davies having sent his apologies reported in a letter the following:

- Adoption by MHDC of a full 5year plan to be reviewed annually and available on the MHDC website.
- A meeting to be arranged on the policy of allocation of affordable housing
- Meet a senior MHDC executive event and visit the parishes in the Morton ward.

Suggested that Mick be updated on recent matters with Coombegreen Common.

## **8A/16 County Councillors Report**

Following Tom Wells recent accident all wished him well in his recovery.

**9A/15. Report from Local Police**

In addition to PCSO Claire Doughty there are two new members to the Upton based team, a PCSO transferred from Malvern, Lisa Freeman and PC Paul Lambon. The team receives fast response support (2) from Malvern if required.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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

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