

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 7 July 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton (Chair), Jeremy Fryman, Barbara Wilkes, Hilary Flanders and Anne Cotterell,

In Attendance: D.Cllr. Mick Davies* and Mrs C Leake (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

42/16. Apologies: C.Cllr Tom Wells, Jeremy Hubbard, Simon Watts, Ben Wiggins and David Smallwood

43/16. 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

44/16. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2016 were a true record of the meeting and signed.

45/16 Matters Arising

*DCllr arrived.

Broadband – Communication link continues with BT/WCC as regards ongoing infrastructure implementation. Correspondence received from Gigaclear a company planning to deliver its ultrafast fibre-to-the-home broadband service to home and businesses in the local area. With a large part of Castlemorton benefitting from the above infrastructure it is possible this competitive company may be looking to ‘piggy back’ on the BT network. So for those on the fringes it was agreed to accept the invitation to meet this company with other local councils at a venue and date yet to be determined.

The use of a 4G dongle was highlighted as an alternative internet access source.

Minute 33/16 Meetings continue with local Parish Councils and WCC to determine a bus service facility post September 16.

46/16 District Councillor Report

Included:

Cllr John Raine, Chairman of MHDC will be walking the District in September. John’s Hike for Health and Happiness will take him 112 miles from Bayton to Bushley raising money for local mental health charities. He is in Morton Ward on 8 – 9 – 10 September and we’ll be looking to arrange some pauses to meet interesting people in interesting places. Impromptu organ recitals are offered.

Interesting **Meet Your Council** day on June 24th. It was a good opportunity to get some of our rural issues onto the radar. I thought we had a particularly good chat with Jonathan Bills from the Conservators. Thanks for your positive participation.

The temporary **bus service** operating through Upton and Malvern will cease in September. Meanwhile, the Community Transport Officer is working with us all to try and establish something

sustainable for the future. This is likely to be a community run service, not timetabled and bookable. Parishes have been actively involved in planning the service.

Both Councils will adopt the same **customer service standards** so that residents, partners, businesses and members know what they can expect from us. The plan includes a one-day response time for emails and a five day response to letters. We intend to restrict the use of voicemail to exceptional circumstances only and to make sure everyone uses their out of office message on email saying when they will be back and who to contact while away.

The South Worcestershire Rural Communities Programme - aimed at reducing rural social isolation is being trialled in three MHDC wards including Morton. It is hoped the “Door Knock” contacts will include Birtsmorton and Castlemorton if required.

47/16. Finance Report
Income and Payments

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

	£	£	Description
Balance: 12 May 2016		11638.40	
Add Income			
Morton Majestic		30.28	Insurance Premium
Total		11668.68	
Less Expenditure pre-meeting			
Lengthsman	108.75		Transparency Code (Incl. VAT)
Computer	517.99		
Total		626.74	
Balance at meeting		11041.94	
Less Expenditure at meeting			
Clerk	359.48		April, May June (SNP19) Agreed recent salary increase.
Total		359.48	
Balance at close of meeting 7 July		10,682.46	

48/16 Highway/Lengthsman Reports

Highways – as per report. No major outstanding items.

Further comment related to:

- Figures returned from the speed collecting data along Church Road indicate that 15% of the recorded vehicles were travelling in excess of 35mph. This information to be brought to the attention of the Safer Roads Partnership and school.
- Vehicle Activated Sign VAS. Rota has been revised for September/October. Discussion ensued on VAS functioning and potential cost involved. In order for the VAS to function efficiently throughout the month in situ the battery needs changing and it is understood that this should ideally be every week. This would incur a substantial cost if carried out by the donating Parish lengthsman. Clerk to establish if a Castlemorton councillor could take responsibility for the battery changes.
- New livestock signs indicating cattle and sheep on the common.

49/16 Footpaths

Acknowledgment to those presently engaged on footpath clearance as directed by Cllr Flanders and Path warden. Clerk to contact landowners in the vicinity of the Robin Hood to seek

cooperation in ensuring footpath accessibility. Encouraging to see greater use of paths especially at this time of year. Action - An update of 'orphan' footpaths to be provided with a further reminder to be placed in Parish magazine seeking support in path maintenance.

50/16.Planning

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

16/00723/HOU	Convert the existing garage into a study and construct a double garage	Ty New-ydd Church Road Castlemorton WR13 6BE
16/00685/CPU	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey side extension and detached ancillary outbuilding	Mulberry House, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BL
16/00727/HOU	Proposed single storey side extension to provide utility and pantry. Removal and replacement of existing boiler room roof and canopy.	The Old Vicarage , Church Road, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BQ
16/00861/FUL	Installation of sewage treatment plant to serve property known as Dees Cottage. (Retrospective)	Dees Cottage Castlemorton WR13 6BN

16/00723/HOU 16/00727/HOU and 16/00861/FUL- Parish Council Recommend Approval.
16/00723/HOU MHDC Approved.

Affordable Housing At a recent meeting with MHDC and Morton Ward Parish Councils it was confirmed that **qualifying** residents of the Morton ward have priority access to some of the affordable houses currently being built in Welland likely to be managed by Fortis Living. The first requirement being that an applicant must be registered with a housing need. Further details from Parish Council websites and MHDC. Thanks to D.Cllr. for his support in this matter.

51/16 Parish Hall Trust

Chairman reported that the Trust had installed Freeview facility in the hall and Morton Majestic cinema club have responsibility for television licence. First live showing to be Wimbledon 2016 Mens Singles Final.

52/16 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

MHDC Parish and town council conference on Monday 17 October, 6-8.30 pm.

Malvern Hills Food Bank – contact details especially for those who may be in need.

All other correspondence discussed within the agenda.

53/16 New Initiatives

This to be reviewed, any new ideas for consideration and enquires made re availability of local oak for the making of the notice boards.

54/16. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 1 September 2016

Further dates proposed - Thursdays; **September, 3 November, 5 January 2017, 2 March 2017, 11 May 2017 (Annual Meetings)**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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