

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 1 September 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

Members of the Public: 1

55/16. Apologies: Simon Watts. (Post meeting Jeremy Hubbard delayed at a previous meeting)

56/16. 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.*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)* Cllr. Smallwood requested dispensation to discuss and vote re matters pertaining to the lengthsman scheme. He records his interest in private employment of the lengthsman. Members unanimously supported the application to discuss and vote.

57/16. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2016 were a true record of the meeting and signed.

58/16 Matters Arising

Broadband – Disappointment was expressed that after the initial plans of the superfast broadband project in the parish and anticipated dates, the ongoing development and communication procedures have become increasingly poor with no definite detail when the system will be live for any parishioner. A letter has been sent from the Parish Council to the WCC project manager seeking positive support in these areas of concern.

Minute 33/16 – Bus Service. A representative will attend the next meeting at Welland to learn more about the proposed service after the termination of the present service in October presently supported by local authority funding.

59/16 District Councillor Report

Included:

- Progress continues with plans for a community run bus service following the termination of the present service supported by local authority funding. Next meeting in Welland village hall 7 September and parish council representative will attend.
- Planning team update at MHDC.
- Customer Service standards- the same customer service standards to be adopted by MHDC and WCC.
- Rationalized accommodation as regards MHDC office buildings presently being evaluated.
- Waste Collection – update on present evaluation process.
- Litter Squad volunteers and a reminder of
- Cllr John Raine, Chairman of MHDC who will be walking the District in September.

60/16. Finance Report
Income and Payments

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

	£	£	Description
Balance: 7 July 2016		10682.46	
Add Income HMRC	205.67		VAT Repayment
Total		205.67	
Less Expenditure pre-meeting			
	0.00	0.00	
Total			
Balance at meeting		10,888.13	
Less Expenditure at meeting			
		0.00	
Total			
Balance at close of meeting 1 Sept		10,888.13	

External Auditor Comment: A box on the internal auditor's return had been incorrectly recorded and in the external auditor's report the following was noted:
"the council should ensure that the internal auditor's report is reviewed before sending the document to the external auditors".

61/16 Highway/Lengthsman Reports

Highways – as per report.

Further comment related to:

- **Culvert at Golden Valley.** Worcestershire County Council (WCC) investigated the possibility of a mesh grid across the stream to stop debris entering the pipes under Gloucester Road, (parish boundary with Birtsmorton). WCC advised PC write to WCC seeking the installation of mesh and guarantee future clearance/maintenance by the lengthsman.
- **Update on B4208 50mph Speed limit** – Response from WCC indicates that the formal TRO consultation procedure will commence shortly.

62/16 Footpaths

- Contact yet to be made with land/shelter owner re blocked path behind Robin Hood. Footpath number 543(c).
- Discussion ensued on blocked gateway across path along Hancocks Lane. PC to establish from land owner if gate could be cleared to allow access along path 515(B).

63/16.Planning

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

16/00928/HOU	Erection of a garden room	Midsummer House Golden Valley Castlemorton WR13 6AA PC Recommend Approval
16/01031/PDU	Proposed conversion of agricultural building to residential	Pewtrice Farm Castlemorton WR13 6LT

64/16 Parish Hall Trust

Chairman reported that the Trust had been looking at long term development of the building with any amendments which may be desirable to ensure the building continues to provide a facility fit for purpose.

65/16 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- **Western Power:** launch of new number to use in the event of a power loss. To be launched 6 September – **105.**
 - **CCllr Tom Wells** has published a letter of acknowledgement in the parish magazine in response to all the good wishes he has received following his accident.
 - **CALC MH area meeting – 14 September – County Hall**
 - **MHDC Parish and town council conference** on Monday 17 October, 6-8.30 pm.
- All other correspondence discussed within the agenda.

66/16 Meeting Reports

Cllr. Smallwood reported that he was a representative on the Upton Surgery Patient Participation Group. Please advise him if a parishioner had any general matters of interest pertaining to the surgery that they wish him to raise at forthcoming meetings.

67/16 New Initiatives

- The consideration of notice boards and availability of suitable wood ongoing.
 - Welcome Packs have been prepared for distribution to new residents in the parish.
- New initiatives continue to be welcomed.

68/16. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 3 November 2016

Further dates proposed – Thursdays: **5 January 2017, 2 March 2017, 11 May 2017 (Annual Meetings)**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed Date.....