

CASTLEMORTON PARISH

**Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 10 May 2018 at the Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 p.m.**

Present: Parish Councillors: Don Lupton (Chairman), Barbara Wilkes, Anne Cotterell, Jerry Fryman, Jeremy Hubbard, Hilary Flanders and Simon & Mariana Watts.

In Attendance: Christina Leake (PC Clerk)

Members of the Public: 33 Residents from Birtsmorton and Castlemorton & representatives from Malvern Hills Trust*

1/18. Apologies: DCllr Mick Davies, CCllr Tom Wells and Mr & Mrs B Smith (Hillend)

2/18. Malvern Hills Trust Presentation

This was an introductory presentation by Malvern Hills Trust with proposals for a scheme under section 73 Charities Act 2011 including updating its governance with the preparation of a draft plan for eventual public consultation.

There were a number of questions following the presentation and these were recorded by the note taker engaged by the Trust for the evening.

*7.55pm 11 Parishioners remained in the room – Annual Parish Meeting continued.....

3/18. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2017 be signed by the Chairman as being a true record of that meeting.

4/18 Matters Arising

Ref:8/17 - The clerk reported that the AONB verge project currently under way in a number of local areas would this year include the area opposite west end of Druggers End.

5/18. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented his report of proceedings and activity over the last 12 months and an acknowledgment to contributions from fellow councillors. This included thanks to David Smallwood who had recently resigned especially with his highways work and link with lengthsman and clerk.

6/18. Finance Report by the Responsible Finance Officer

Details as attached and explained:

Opening balance of £11,655.82, receipts of £7,494.90 and expenditure of £5,935.36 a **closing balance of £13,215.36**

- The RFO reported on an average accounting year similar to the previous year.
- Use of full WCC Lengthsman budget. £2281.00
- A closing balance available to financially support the Parish Council's responsibility as sole trustee of the Parish Hall if required.

7/18. Report by District Councillor – Mike Davies

In his absence this was reported by the clerk on the following recent MHDC matters:

- Business Survey.
- Letterboxing
- Homelessness
- Warmer Worcestershire – Grants towards oil boilers
- Housing Condition Survey
- New Waste Collection Service
- Council Buildings
- Meet Your Council Day

He concludes with his willingness to assist any resident requiring further assistance or advice on District Council matters.

8/18. Parish Hall Trust Report

Cllr. Anne Cotterell, Chairman of the Parish Hall Trust Committee presented her report. Busy year with an encouraging number of regular bookings and new occasional hirers. This of great benefit for financial planning and the regular income from the PV's is also a great asset. Ideas being considered to ensure the building is fit for purpose and the impending installation of broadband ensures this is so. The retirement of Mrs Bedford as hall manger after nearly 20 years was acknowledged and the amount of work she has covered over this time is much appreciated. The committee welcome Mrs Jane Lithgow as her replacement.

9/18. Reports from Village Organisations

- **AONB** Cllr. Fryman reported on recent AONB activity and the forthcoming production of an updated management plan with draft plan for consultation first.
- **Footpaths** - Cllr Flanders updated residents on the footpath repair work which had taken place over the last 12 months and was always seeking support in monitoring the condition of footpaths.

10/18. Public Comments

- Excessive wet areas at the top of Heron Lane to be investigated may involve next door pumping station.
- Absence of Stile to Footpath 558(C) by Old Almshouse to be investigated by contacting landowner.
- **Q.** re Government legislation regarding planning and potential builds. Identified developments must be achieved or the government may intervene.
A. SWDP presently under review. Neighbourhood plans are encouraged and a village partnership for such a project would be encouraged. Castlemorton is a category 4 village and also in an AONB with other larger local villages recently experiencing major developments. Redundant buildings may certainly attract applications.
- **Q.** re legal position of cars regularly being advertised for sale in one area in the village.
A. Clerk to seek advice.

11/18. Acknowledgment

The chairman thanked residents for their support in attending this meeting and

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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