

Birtsmorton Parish

Draft Minutes of the meeting of **Annual Parish Meeting** on Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 7.00pm –
Berrow Village Hall

Present:

Chair: Michael Barnes

Councillors: Roger Gillard, Mary Dowding, Alison Faulkner, Richard Foord, Vance Withers and David Williams

In attendance: 5 parishioners, D.Cllr Mick Davies and Clerk

1A/18. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from CCllr. Tom Wells and Mrs Windle,

2A/18. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 8th May 2017 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3A/18. Chairman's Report

The chairman provided a comprehensive report on all meetings. He included activity on Coombe Green acknowledging the work of Mrs Windle and supporters, highways, planning, new councillor, finance and Nutshell agreement.

4A/18. Finance Report

A full report was provided by the RFO for Financial Year 2017/18:

Opening balance of £4,069.01, receipts of £2,899.13 and expenditure of £2,472.48. Leaving a **closing balance of £4,495.66**. A very similar financial year to last with an increase in income from precept and donations re Coombe Green.

5A/18 Coombegreen Common

Mrs Windle had provided a brief update on Coombegreen Common activity. This included future ideas with hopefully the financial support of the Parish Council, course of action in the pit clearance, ideally cattle grazing soon within temporary fencing. If funds allow some stone in the area of the bridge and minor potholes. Further discussion:

- There have been significant improvements by local effort and the benefit of cattle grazing will be welcomed.
- Concern still on speeding vehicles and stock injured or killed. Suggested by DCllr that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) presently in Welland be borrowed if a potential pole site could be identified by highways. This to be investigated.
- Request to pursue changing the position of de restriction signs so beyond the dangerous bends before Rye Cross heading south.

6A/18. District Councillors Report

DCllr. Mike Davies reported 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 concluded with his willingness to assist any resident requiring further assistance or advice on District Council matters.

7A/18. Other Matters Raised.

- 1) The clerk advised those present of a meeting the following evening at Castlemorton Hall for both residents of Castlemorton and Birtsmorton.

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.

7.45pm DCllr left the meeting

- 2) Parishioner expressed his concern in a document (available with these minutes) about the safety of residents on foot or in own vehicles and deterioration of Birts Street as a result of planning permission 13/01486/FUL approved for cattle building and integrated milking facilities at Millers Court.

As a consequence of this now operational business there was a substantial increase in vehicular movement of varying speed, size and domination of the small country highway to and from the business at various hours throughout the day.

Discussion took place on these hazards, and potential remedial action, seek support from police, talk to farmer, vary route used by vehicles which would be discussed further at the following Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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