

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council
Monday 11 March 2019 at 7.30 at Berrow Village Hall

Present: Chair: Michael Barnes
Councillors: Vance Withers, David Williams, Mary Dowding, Julie Moore and Richard Foord.

In attendance: DCllr. Mick Davies and Clerk
Public: 2

Public Comments: Neil Baldwin introduced himself as the prospective Morton ward Conservative candidate for the forthcoming District Council elections.

01/2019. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Faulkner received post meeting.

02/2019 Declarations of Interest

1. *Register of Interests.*
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Faulkner - Planning*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None*

03/2019. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 12 November 2018 were confirmed and signed as true record.

04/2019. Matters Arising

None

05/2019 District Councillor Report

The following was reported:

- **SWDP Review Monitoring Report**
- **Council House Extension update.** Hopefully open in April
- **Tourism** - Appointment of Visitor Economy Officer to promote 'Visit The Malverns' brand.
- **Priory Park** – Plans for new play area.
- **Council Tax**
- **Waste and Recycling Consultations** – particularly with regard food and garden waste collections. Consultation will run until 13 May on DEFRA website.
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMHDC/bulletins/2339084>
- **Enterprising Worcestershire Grant Fund**
- **D.Cllr. weekly surgery** presently Thursday 9.30 – 10.30 am at The Bake House Café.

06/2019. Finance Report

Current financial situation:

	£	£	
Balance as at 12 Nov 2018		5806.95	
Income pre meeting			
MHDC	125.00		Ward Funds- Coombe Green
WCC Lengthsman	105.00		£90 & £15
Donation	306.00		Coombe Green
		536.00	
Expenditure at meeting			

Clerk	278.72		Salary SCP 20 and Exps
Lengthsman	15.00		
Contractor	666.00		Shrub & Bramble Clearance
Total		959.72	
Balance at end of meeting		5383.23	
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Year End Accounts to be first checked by Cllr Withers before being passed to internal auditor.

07/2019 Coombegreen Common

Coombe Green – Recent donations to support the maintenance of Coombe Green were acknowledged. One from the District Councillor’s ward funding. The second, a parishioner’s contribution in appreciation of the work currently being carried out on the common led by Mrs Windle and her fundraising group. It was agreed with this increasing enthusiasm to appoint a councillor with responsibility to liaise with Mrs Windle on developments as they took place on the Common. **Cllr. Moore agreed to take on this role** and was able to provide a comprehensive report of work provided by Mrs Windle, a comparison to historic picture which was available to view and she offered support with the fund raising.

08/2019 Parish Drainage/Lengthsman

- Damaged highway near Birtsmorton Court. This has been well repaired by WCC highways and the hedge opposite cut to improve visibility.
- Inappropriate vehicle parking ref minute (33&49) Police have visited site and at present the vehicles parking arrangement are not of concern.
- Site meeting took place at Watery Lane with WCC. The main proposal is for the creation of a culvert under the northern edge of the highway to drain the flooding area into the east flowing ditch and including two or more recessed gulleys in the roadside bank. This work will be planned for the next financial year 2019/20 subject to other areas not taking priority.

09/2019 Planning

18/01737/HP	Red Brick Barn Birts Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AW	Extension to existing Red Brick Barn.
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Application Withdrawn.

10/2019 Nutshell Agreement

Clerk awaiting return of signed document for 2019.

11/2019 Meeting Venue

The clerk reported that she had been asked if the Parish Council would wish to consider an alternative meeting venue for the benefit of internet access. Cllrs agreed to discuss this with hall committee.

12/2019 Meeting Reports and Representation on the 4Cs

DCllr reported on the working party presently looking at ways to improve the 4C’s meetings particularly a more workable constitution. Draft prepared and presently waiting for feedback. The recent common walks highlighted the work carried out by MHT and was enlightening for those who attended.

13/2019. Correspondence

Any information presently sent to Cllrs via email and particular reference to:

- M50 Propping Works - Updates.

- Consultation by Historic England re the proposed listing of Birtsmorton War memorial – **AGREED** to support this proposal.
- Election nomination papers
- Warning signs on the common reference ewes and lambs requested. Contact MHT.
- Advance notification of cycle event in June.
- Castlemorton PC – Idea for ‘Membership of Malvern Hills Trust’

14/2019. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting date, post elections, is Monday **13 May 2019 (Annual Meetings)** at **7.00** pm at Berrow Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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