

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 4 July 2019 at the Parish Hall at 8.15pm

Present: Cllrs: Barbara Wilkes, D Lupton (Chairman), J Fryman, Simon Watts & Mariana Watts.

In Attendance: Mrs C Leake (Clerk) DCllr. Mick Davies*

Members of the Public: 2

Outstanding declarations of office were signed.

Public Comments:

Acknowledgment to the recent excellent presentation by Rural & Business Crime Officer at the annual parish meeting who had more information to share if time had allowed. Could this provide the opportunity for the parish council to consider more informative talks of a similar nature? The task would be how to establish what subjects would attract interest. To be considered in meeting.

47/19. Apologies: CCllr. Tom Wells, Parish Cllrs Jeremy Hubbard, Tim Cotterell, Hilary Flanders and Rachel Sargeant

48/19. Declarations of interests

1. *Register of Interests. All received and sent to MHDC*
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllrs Lipton and Cotterell planning.*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011. Cllrs Lupton and Cotterell re planning. Received & Agreed in email communication to allow discuss and vote.*

49/19. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2019 were a true record of the meeting and were signed.

50/19. Finance Report

Finance Report to date

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

	£	£	Description
Amend Balance: less 48p		14,281.30	Came & Company 977.75 not 977.27
Add Income	646.55		WCC Lengthsman Scheme
Total		646.55	
Less Expenditure at meeting	455.00 632.08		Lengthsman Clerk April May June SCP20
Total		1087.08	
Balance at close of meeting 10 May		13,840.77	

- i) Clerk advised of present salary scale as advised by National Joint Council for Local Government Services and agreed as LC1 Spinal Column Point 9 as revised. (Hourly paid)

51/19 Highway

Minute 5/19 Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk reported that highways officer with support from C.Cllr Tom Wells had addressed residents' concerns and sought the removal of cars parked on the **highway verge opposite The Robin Hood**. To date one removed. In the discussion which ensued it was **agreed** to contact WCC should the cars remain after the duration of the month. The discussion had also included those cars periodically parked at the bottom end of Hollybed Street. A comment considered this to be more of a safety issue than New Road. **Agreed** to also ask WCC highways to seek the removal of these vehicles.

Resident concerns re the persistent **speeding along B4208** especially early morning and late night. Discussion highlighted those who will always ignore speed limits and it was **not agreed** to pursue enforcement with safer roads partnership which would likely frustrate locals penalised for speeding just in excess of limit. However in the light of recent fatalities on the B4208 and A438 it was agreed to request that WCC Highways kept the PC informed of their analysis on the causes of the accidents and proposed actions. Wheelie bin stickers not considered suitable medium for advising speed limit with insufficient bins put out adjacent to B4208.

Acknowledgment to the recent **litter picking** along B4208.

Reminder about the forthcoming complete and partial road closures to renew the old water pipe along New Road and B4208 respectively by **Severn Trent** in addition to the various water leaks which persist around the parish requiring emergency road closures.

52/19 Footpaths & Lengthsman

Full report provided for Councillors including much activity. Highlighted:

- Bollards at Hancocks Lane repaired by lengthsman and following day damaged. So reinstated.
- Bridge and gates being replaced behind Frisby House. CM 563
- 2 Kissing gates on CM 558 (Church Road) and CM 567 (School Lane)
- Bridge and path to be realigned CM 522 bordering Welland SSSI.
- WCC visited Meadow Barn – no further action proposed by PC for now.
- Lengthsman repairs on going to footpath signs and stile near Sansome Farm CM 539.
- **Consideration** to repairs to stile CM 513 Marlbrook Farm and bridge repairs to site adjacent to Boulters Farm CM 515 hopefully by lengthsman. Parish Council **agreed** to fund these repairs if not supported on lengthsman scheme.

DCllr Arrived

Question about liability in event of injury when using stile repaired by lengthsman. Clerk to investigate

53/19 Planning

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

19/00119/FUL	The Paddock Morton Green Welland Malvern WR13 6LR	Change of use of existing stable block to commercial Dog Boarding Kennels (retrospective).	MHDC Refuse
19/00342/CLE	5 The Reddings Golden Valley Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6AA	Certificate of lawfulness for the continued use of an existing building as an independent dwellinghouse.	No decision as yet from MHDC

19/00580/OUT	Land At (Os 8023 3785) Druggers End Castlemorton,	Erection of 2 dwellings (Live/Work) with all matters reserved except Access and Appearance.	MHDC Refuse
19/00547/HP	Old School House Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BG	Extension to existing garage for workshop.	PC Recommend Approve
19/00647/FUL	The Old Dairy Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ	Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn to holiday let and ancillary accommodation.	Following site visit PC recommend approve.
19/00640/GPDQ	The Old Dairy Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BQ	Notification for Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. residential dwelling and building works reasonably necessary (including demolition) to facilitate and convert the building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses)	Not Consultee

19/00647/FUL The Old Dairy MHDC refused.

54/19 D.Councillor Report

- New partnership administration within MHDC of Liberal Democrats, Greens and Independents settling well. Set about review of 5 year plan
- Council Chamber work ongoing hoping to complete in August and new reception open adjoining main building. Access now to Malvern Hills District Council either by direct telephone or online. Support for WCC services available at local libraries. Information to be published in parish magazine.
- Question re the task of tackling homelessness. Response included all that is currently being done to improve the situation and an awareness of those recorded on the register.

55/19 Parish Hall Trust

Encouraging start to fundraising events, £2246 to date and grant applications progressing. Future events planned and 'sponsor' a brick ongoing. Hollybush Hall also successful in seeking funding to support local efforts to improve the facilities and provide a venue fit for purpose and for use in a different way to Castlemorton Parish Hall.

56/19 Correspondence

Particular mention of

- County Association of Local Councils CALC Updates
- Road Closures – Severn Trent re New Road and lights on B4208.
- MHDC Public consultation on proposals for Public Space Protection Order for The Gullet Quarry.
- Music Festivals at Eastnor July and August.
- MHAONB – Planned proposals for verge work in the parish.
- Receipt of Historical map of Castlemorton 1906 agreed to be handed over to local History Group.

57/19 Meeting Reports

- Brief report on the recent planning network meeting arranged by MHDC for the benefit of Councillors and clerks. Opportunity to learn more about the process of determining planning applications

58/19 New Initiatives

- The proposer seeking any interest in an independent website was absent this evening and may be added to next agenda. The clerk reminded councillors the present WCC managed website although possibly limited in its presentation was a free service and like all sites must be kept up to date to maintain interest.
- Update welcome pack
- Trial online calendar
- With reference parishioner's earlier comment consideration given as to how to improve parishioner data base to determine interest in public talks. If professional speakers were to be considered or ideas sought it was important there was an audience which could be achieved through email and include a questionnaire on topics for talks. Suggested respective links from website to community face-book in addition to a form for completion to join the email list. Publicity to be arranged outside the hall and in the parish magazine to direct parishioners to these links.
- Consider pursuing improvements to mobile phone signal. It was reported that there is insufficient use of the networks to encourage a provider to improve the present infrastructure. This to be investigated.
- Defibrillator- Information previously circulated and it was **AGREED** that this equipment should be publicly available and the parish council would action this project. The equipment costs in the region of £1600 plus the electrical work to install. Before deciding where to site the machine it was agreed to establish if there was access to financial support for the machine.

59/19. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 5 September 2019

Further provisional dates:

7 November 2019, 9 January 2020, 12 March 2020 and 14 May 2020 (Annual Meetings)

The meeting concluded at 10.15pm

Signed

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