

## CASTLEMORTON PARISH

**Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on  
Thursday 11 May 2017 at the Parish Hall, commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Don Lupton (Chairman), Barbara Wilkes, Anne Cotterell, Jerry Fryman, David Smallwood, Jeremy Hubbard and Simon Watts.

**In Attendance:** Christina Leake (PC Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 3 and \*a late arrival.

**1/17. Apologies:** Cllr Hilary Flanders, DCllr M Davies and Mrs Bedford

### **2/17. Police Report**

It was reported that the police are unable to attend meetings unless for a specific purpose but are sending monthly newsletters for parish use and can be contacted by telephone or email for inquiries.

### **3/17. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2016 be signed by the Chairman as being a true record of that meeting.

### **4/17. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman presented his report.

Brief discussion on broadband. Encouraging more residents to sign up if available. Further funds are being released to some areas, for further project work, not in the present scheme.

### **5/17. Finance Report by the Responsible Finance Officer**

Details as attached and explained:

**Opening balance of £9,241.69**, receipts of £8343.48 and expenditure of £5929.35. Leaving a **closing balance of £11,655.82**

- The RFO reported on an average accounting year similar to the previous year.
- Use of full WCC Lengthsman budget. £2281.00

### **6/17. Report by District Councillor – Mike Davies**

In his absence this was reported by the clerk.

- Arrival of resident

### **7/17. Parish Hall Trust Report**

Cllr. Anne Cotterell, Chairman of the Parish Hall Trust Committee presented her report.

Particular reference to considerations for hall improvements.

Question: Any thought on revamping the kitchen? Present facilities not considered adequate for the more extensive catering requirements necessary for some hirers. Answer: This would be investigated by the Parish Hall Trust.

### **8/17. Reports from Village Organisations**

- **AONB** Cllr. Fryman reported on recent AONB activity as regards the proposals for future verge maintenance. This project is being considered to allow some verges to continue to grow naturally to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape. The project was in its initial stages of investigation and to date it had been agreed that WCC would continue to ensure a metre width cut takes place this year across all county verges, an action presently underway.  
Question re safety especially in light of livestock casualties. Answer: This was being considered as the project only covered those verges of flora interest which were often those wider ones presently mown by local residents.
- **4C's** – Continue to be constructive meetings. Particular concern presently with the number of livestock casualties which will be addressed at meeting next week.

**9/17. Public Comments**

- Broadband – The poor installation of the fibre optic cable was highlighted following a recent ground investigation and damage noted to conduit. Fortunately, it had been possible for the cable to be repaired. Overall it was felt the Worcestershire superfast broadband project had been poorly managed by BT Openreach.

**10/17. Acknowledgment**

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

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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