

Birtsmorton Parish

Draft Minutes of the meeting of **Annual Parish Meeting** on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 7.00pm in Castlemorton Parish Hall.

Present:

Chair: Michael Barnes

Councillors: Mary Dowding, Vance Withers, Julie Moore, Mark Henderson, Simon Yates and Michael Licqurish-Coleman

In attendance: Clerk and 1 parishioner.

1A/22. Apologies for Absence.

DCllr Mick Davies and CCllr T Wells.

2A/22. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 17 May 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3A/22. Chairman's Report

The chairman read a report outlining activity during the year and coming out of covid restrictions. Particular mention of 2 former councillors with thanks for their respective contributions and a welcome to 2 new members. Routine work with planning and finances and some work on Coombe Green. Pleased to report on new tenant of The Nutshell hoping he will enjoy a productive tenancy. Acknowledgement to District Councillor and his regular reports on MHDC activity.

4A/22. Finance Report

A full report provided by the RFO for Financial Year 2021/22 was available to review.

Opening balance of £6,254.85, receipts of £2807.46 and expenditure of £2,806.55. Leaving a **closing balance of £6,255.76**. A very similar financial year to last.

5A/22 Coombe Green Common

Mrs Windle provided a report on Common activity. It is all in good shape with reduced maintenance. Ewes and lambs contained at top during lambing which may have reduced potential thistles with the young vegetation growth grazed. Time will tell. Farmers Arms have supported the idea for a raffle to raise funds for the annual common mechanical clearance. Any support is very welcome especially with the bramble bashing always an ongoing project and with some liaison to help in clearing particular areas and avoiding those to be preserved. Looking to identify a site for the planting of a Platinum Jubilee Tree. Thank you to all those who support in any way including the recent financial donation from District Councillor. *(Extra comment re possible funding support for neighbouring Castlemorton Common. The Foundation for Common Land (FCL) are working with DEFRA in investigating various ways of delivering future schemes. FLC are testing these theories and have been commissioned by DEFRA to undertake an ELM (Environmental Land Management) Test & Trial in the New Forest and the Malvern Commons including Castlemorton Common. A Workshop / Drop in Session is planned and Mrs Windle will attend to see what information is available.)*

6A/22 District Councillor Reports

DCllr Mick Davies's emailed report included:

- The new appointments following the recent annual meeting of Malvern Hills District Council with Tom Wells as new leader.
- MHDC Revised Code of Conduct
- Delay to the SWDPR timetable
- Homes for Ukraine scheme in Malvern
- Opening of revamped Priory Park.
- Other work presently ongoing in the area of the theatre.

7A/22. Other Matters Raised.

No other matters were discussed.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed

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