

Birtsmorton Parish

Draft Minutes of the meeting of **Annual Parish Meeting** on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Armitage Room in Castlemorton Parish Hall.

Present:

Chair: Michael Barnes

Councillors: Vance Withers, Mark Henderson and Michael Licqurish-Coleman

In attendance: Clerk and 2 parishioners.

1A/23. Apologies for Absence.

PCllrs Moore, Yates & CCllr T Wells.

2A/23. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 24 May 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3A/22. Chairman's Report

The chairman read a report outlining activity during the year. Particular mention of the retirement of Cllr Mary Dowding and District Councillor, Mick Davies both of whom were not seek re-election in the recent local elections. They were thanked for their valued contributions to council life and especially Mary after 17 years. Also mention of routine work with planning and finances and some work on Coombe Green. The Nutshell tenant is enjoying his time on the land and his productive work is noted by those passing by. Continued thanks to Cllrs Withers and Henderson for keeping an eye on the VAS and a special mention of the local litter picker. His services are acknowledged in keeping the parish tidy.

4A/23. Finance Report

A full report provided by the RFO for Financial Year 2022/23 was available to review.

Opening balance of £6,255.76, receipts of £2555.97 and expenditure of £2,582.52 Leaving a **closing balance of £6,229.51**. Again a similar financial year to previous years.

5A/23 Coombe Green Common

Mrs Windle provided a report on Common activity. Continues to keep in good shape especially with the contractor's autumn brash cutting and the support of local grazier and temporary fencing. This hopefully will reduce potential thistle growth. With this sheep number decreasing there is concern for future grazing. 2 further graziers have approached Mrs Windle with interest in grazing a small number of cattle and sheep. Oak tree to be planted in the autumn an acknowledgement to the coronation. Hopefully the Farmers Arms at its summer BASH will permit a raffle to raise further funds for The Friends to include support for the mechanical clearance operation. All very encouraging and chairman expressed his thanks to Mrs Windle.

6A/23 District Councillor Report

As advised in chairman's report following recent local elections the former District Councillor Mick Davies did not stand for re-election and the new District Councillor is Jennie Watkins for the Longdon Ward now with the addition of Birtsmorton parish

7A/23. Other Matters Raised.

No other matters were discussed.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

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