

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Birtsmorton Parish Council
Monday 13 September 2017 at 7.30pm in Berrow Village Hall

Present: Chair: Michael Barnes
Councillors: Roger Gillard, Vance Withers, Mary Dowding and David Williams.

In attendance: DCllr. Mick Davies* and Clerk

Public Comments; None

27/2017. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs: John McCormick and Alison Faulkner

28/2017 Declarations of Interest

1. *Register of Interests.* No updates
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature.* None
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)* None

29/2017. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 8 May 2017 were confirmed and signed as true record.

30/2017. Matters Arising

None

31/2017. Finance Report

	£	£	
Balance as at 8 May 2017		4,756.10	
Income pre meeting			
HMRC	116.38		VAT Refund
		116.38	
Expenditure at meeting			
BCH Archive	100.00		History Group - Section 137 Grant
Clerk	271.93		April – June SCP 19
		371.93	
Balance at end of meeting		4,500.55	
8 May 2017			

External audit has been completed satisfactorily by Grant Thornton

Aon Insurance is ceasing its involvement in the Local Councils market and will therefore not be renewing policy. BHIB insurance brokers with endorsement from NALC have approached the parish council for consideration. Agreed to seek their quote in addition to other brokers for comparison purposes at the time of renewal.

Transparency Code – Upon information received agreed to seek further grant funding for internet cost purposes and upgrade present facility to superfast.

32/2017 Coombegreen Common

It was agreed to contact contractor to maintain yearly work on bramble clearance. Thistle cutting would also be checked.

*DCllr arrived.

33/2017 Highways

Ref:20/17 AONB Verge Project – With other local areas presently underway with this new initiative it was agreed to wait and assess the progress with them first before embarking on discussions with further landowners in the Parish who presently mow verges.

BT Pole along Marsh Road. Details with photograph logged with BT re Parish Council concerns on highway safety as regards the bracing pole on edge of highway.

Reference was made to a matter raised previously of improved road markings at Rye Cross to discourage motorists using the B4208 from overtaking. It is a staggered crossroads and often vehicles using A438 are crossing and unseen by overtaking vehicles approaching from the opposite direction. Clerk to contact highways for advice.

34/2017. Parish Drainage/Lengthsman.

- Ref **Minute 8/2017** – Concerns continue to be expressed on potential flooding in Watery Lane. It was understood a pipe would be installed under gateway to Pink Cottage which has not been carried out. Clerk asked to contact residents and seek lengthsman’s advice.
- Lengthsman has completed work around Rye Street culvert. Agreed that highways be asked if this could be jetted in addition to the culvert in Watery Lane and at Brook House.
- Further investigations to take place along ditch in Birts Street west side to ensure it was free flowing.

35/2017 Planning

17/00774/HP	2 Leys Cottage Birts Street Birtsmorton Malvern WR13 6AW	Proposed single storey rear extension	PC Recommend Approve
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36/17 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported on:

- MHDC’s five-year plan presently under annual review.
- MHDC now had a six-year land supply with more houses being built now than in the last decade
- Planning Services had eliminated delays in validating applications and were improving period of time in determinations.
- Problems highlighted in the recent delivery of the Proud of Our Place district council magazine. Further copies to be distributed as details were included of the new fortnightly waste collection due to commence in the new year.
- Parish Council forum was to take place on Monday 23rd October.

37/2017. Correspondence

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

- Police monthly newsletters.
- St Richards Hospice seek the opportunity to attend a parish council meeting to give a short talk and raise awareness locally. Agreed to share a date with Castlemorton PC.
- Reminder of the new 50mph along the B4208 in Castlemorton.

38/2017. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting date **Wednesday 15 November 2017** at 7.30 pm at Berrow Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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