

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 7 November 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Barbara Wilkes, Don Lupton (Chairman), Jerry Fryman, Simon Watts & Mariana Watts, Hilary Flanders Rachel Sargeant, and Jeremy Hubbard.

In Attendance:

Mrs C Leake (Clerk) and DCllr Mick Davies.

Members of the Public:

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Public Comments:

None

77/19. Apologies: CCllr. Tom Wells

78/19. Declarations of interests

1. *Register of Interests.*
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).*

79/19 Parish Councillor resignation and Vacancy

The clerk reported that she had received notification from Cllr. Tim Cotterell of his decision to resign from the parish council and the process of advertising the vacancy would proceed. The chairman reported that Tim will continue to support the parish council in any way he can and this was acknowledged by fellow councillors.

80/19. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meetings of 5 September 2019 and extraordinary meeting of 9 October 2019 were true records of the meetings and were signed.

81/19. Matters Arising

Update on provision of broadband along Hancocks Lane. Potential provider Airband, a company which “brings superfast broadband to homes, business and industry in rural and hard-to-reach areas, and specialises in community broadband projects” seeks commitment from residents in signing up to the project. Internet form completion looks daunting so interested residents, not yet signed up, to be encouraged to use written forms. Looking for commitment from 12 -15 residents. A community meeting in Welland is being planned to provide further detail.

82/19. District Councillor’s Report

Officially local authorities presently in purdah with general election planned for December. So DCllr highlighted the present ongoing 6 week consultation on the South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options. For the purposes of categorisation Castlemorton is deemed to be in open countryside. Councillors encouraged to take opportunity to look at Local Transport and address any issues to MHDC via DCllr.

83/19. Finance Report

Finance Report to date

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

	£	£	Description
Balance:		14306.21	
Add Income	77.68 2250.00		HMRC ½ year Precept
Total		2327.68	
Less Expenditure	117.00 528.53 543.75 500.00		MHDC Planning NMA Parish Hall Clerk July/Aug/Sept Lengthsman Castlemorton PCC
Total		1689.28	
Balance at close of meeting 7 November		14944.61	

- a) **Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 sub section (1) Application** Upon receipt of completed application, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority with consideration to part financial information supplied, to award an increased grant of £500 to Castlemorton Parochial Church Council towards churchyard upkeep. Clerk to provide council with outstanding accounts information.

84/19 Highway

- **Minute 64/19 Verge Parking** – Having monitored the situation, at present it raises no further causes for concern, with the presently parked cars not creating a visibility hazard.
- **56/19 Malvern Hills AONB** has commenced verge work opposite the west end of Druggers End adjacent to B4208.
- **Three Shires Rally** – There were contrasting comments of concerns particularly prior to the event with some proving to be unfounded especially as a number of residents had enjoyed the occasion with the organisation absolutely to the time table. However should such an event be considered again it is likely that a wider inclusion for consultation may provide a different response. PC in receipt of one resident's communication re the noise of the rally in addition to recent bike races taking place at Mill Farm. PC to establish from land owner whether these events will become regular gatherings in the new year.
- Letter received from local resident regarding the potential hazard of cattle on the common at night and at risk of causing accidents as had happened to the writer in question. The writer seeks a reduced speed limit. In response the clerk had highlighted that indeed this matter had been pursued at length some years ago and there was no support at all from WCC to reduce the speed limit along the common only a reduction to 50mph from Feathers Pitch heading south which was implemented.
- **Pot holes** in Church Road repaired in addition to major carriageway repairs recently completed. Ringway to be contacted re the damage to heavy vehicles parking on the frontage of the hall.
- **STWA** to be contacted re the persistent water leak at the end of New Road.
- **The floral tributes at Hollybush** would be left for the ensuing 6 months.
- **Overhanging trees along Feathers Pitch** reported to PC and to be removed by the lengthsman as had been previously arranged, with the debris to be deposited in householder's garden. DCllr reminded councillors that it was landowners responsibility to ensure vegetation was not impeding the public highway/footpath.

85/19 Footpaths & Lengthsman

- Lengthsman particularly busy recently with clearance work of culverts, drains and grips following recent heavy rainfalls

86/19 Planning

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

19/01065/HP 19/01066/LB	Hollyhead Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BN		MHDC Approve
19/01089/FUL	Land At (Os 8172 3904) Lockeridge Lane Upton Upon Severn		MHDC Refused
19/01150/FUL	Meadow Barn U61413 Castlemorton Castlemorton WR13 6LT		MHDC Approve
19/01292/GPDQ	Thoulds Church Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BH	Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling house (Use Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development	MHDC Refuse
19/01149/CU	Ebenezer Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BY	Proposed conversion of redundant stables to holiday accommodation	MHDC Approve
19/01312/FUL	Land At (OS 7845 3772), Castlemorton	Retention of building as constructed and change of use of commercial workshop to residential dwelling.	MHDC Refuse
19/01478/FUL	Clarks Farm Druggers End Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6JD	Erection of Children's Play Equipment and subsequent amendment to location of equipment	PC No objection
19/01482/NMA	Castlemorton Village Hall Church Road Castlemorton	Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission 18/00283/FUL - Change existing disabled toilet to a new accessible toilet and new windows to front elevation re-located accordingly.	MHDC decision
19/01422/HP	Bricklands Farm Eight Oaks Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BU	First Floor Extension	PC No objection
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.	MHDC Approve
19/01576/HP	Dees Cottage Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BN	Retrospective planning application for re- siting of an oil tank.	PC No objection

Enforcement investigations still ongoing re hedge removal at Little Welland Farm. Water connection completed to new property at this site.

Reference minute E75/19 after discussion it was **AGREED** that the voting balance of deliberations over a planning application would in future be included in the response to MHDC.

The PC note the increasing number of caravans/mobile homes about the parish. Advice to be sought on regulations for siting of such caravans.

87/19 Parish Hall Trust

Ongoing Fund Raising efforts continue to be very encouraging with thanks to the generosity of private donations and particular mention to the Snookes family following the success of the recent Shed Sale in addition to successful grant applications.

Hollybush Hall – Update provided by Cllr Fryman on recent activity to carry out essential modest repairs when sufficient money and labour allows.

88/19 Correspondence **Particular mention of**

- *CALC Updates*
- *MHDC Seek pollinator sites*

- *Protect Your Business, Protect Your Staff Event – Sixways 28 November.*
- *District Town and Parish Councillor Planning Training 2019/20*
- *AGM of the Worcestershire CALC will be held on Wednesday November 20th 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at County Hall.*
- *4 C's meeting on 27 November*
- *South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Preferred Options Paper public consultation from Monday 4th November to Monday 16th December 2019 and a revised version of the Local Development Framework*

89/19 Meeting Reports

- Reports available from recent forums arranged by WCC and MHDC.

90/19 New Initiatives

- Clerk to update welcome pack ASAP
- Trial online calendar
- Defibrillator- Seek access to financial support for the machine. Ward funds? Ongoing project.

91/19. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 9 January 2020

Further provisional dates:

12 March 2020 and 14 May 2020 (Annual Meetings)

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm

Signed Date.....