

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 3 September 2020 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting taking place under Covid-19 guidelines and adherence to the risk assessment relevant to hall hirers.

<u>Present:</u>	Cllrs: Don Lupton, (Chairman) Barbara Wilkes, Hilary Flanders, Jerry Fryman, Louise Minderman and Mike Wilkinson.
<u>In Attendance:</u>	Mrs C Leake (Clerk) CCllr Tom Wells and DCllr Mick Davies
<u>Members of the Public:</u>	1 (Mrs Lupton)

Public Comments: None

57/20. Apologies

Jeremy Hubbard post meeting.

58/20. Declarations of interests

1. ***Register of Interests.*** Cllr Minderman completed and returned to MHDC.
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

59/20. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 9 July 2020 were a true record of the meeting and were signed.

60/20 County & District Councillor's Report

CCllr: Tom Wells welcomed and report included matters pertaining to:

- Re opening of schools for Autumn Term and use of bus transport under guidelines
- Re opening of waste tips under guidelines
- Site meeting with landlord of Plume of Feathers to consider any possible highway accessibility improvements as regards safety especially exiting premises. Consideration to be given to signage in consultation with highways.
- Questions about re opening of public libraries and availability of limited community bus service and skeleton timetable for 363 service to support those travelling to work.

DCllr: Mick Davis report included matters pertaining to

- Ticket To Ride Fund – Community transport initiative project working with crowdfunding platform
- Planning Reforms within 2 tranches presently out for consultation. First concerns the Standard Methodology for calculating local housing need. Potentially present proposals would substantially increase number of houses prescribed for South Worcestershire and so would be viewing at a very different looking local plan and the present plan review has already been delayed by up to a year. Second tranche is the government white paper, Planning for the Future proposing radical changes to the planning system.
- Getting Building Fund – Worcestershire in receipt of £12m to support shovel ready projects that will support economic growth and recovery.

- Coronavirus. The council has processed about £18.5m of business support grants.
- Boundary Commission Review and Devolution. The review is under way, 2 year process looking at number of councillors and warding arrangements. Government looking to publish a white paper on local government organisation looking at creation of unitary authorities in place of current county/district structure and devolution of some additional powers to parish councils.

61/20 Councillor Resignations and Vacancies.

Resignations received recently from both Simon and Mariana Watts. Acknowledged by the clerk and subsequently in an email from chairman thanking them both for contributions to parish council activity which was appreciated. 2 vacancies will be advised to MHDC and advertised.

62/20. Coronavirus Report

- As an update where there any other particular issues which should be considered? The benefits of the broadband facility across the parish were undoubtedly an appreciated asset during lockdown.
- Volunteers had enjoyed the responsibilities and keen to further assist if so required.
- AGE UK through Welland contact were looking forward to continue the good networks recently established.
- Local history group also looking to record any particular memories of this 'strange' time.
- Request from a freelance oral history/ audio producer in conjunction with Worcester Art Gallery to create audio recordings, illustrated by a colleague and turned into short films, on the theme of 'Isolation'. Various contacts suggested for the enquirer to pursue.

63/20. Finance Report

	£	£	Description
Balance:		14,511.96	
Add Income	37.82 83.26		Morton Majestic HMRC
Total		121.08	
Less Expenditure pre meeting			
Total		0.00	
Less Expenditure at meeting			
Lengthsman MHDC	247.50 58.00		June/July/August duties Application for approval of details reserved by condition. Ref planning
Total		305.50	
Balance at close of meeting 3 Sept		14327.54	

- Cheque to ICO for £40 still not cleared.
- Clerk pay rise with adjustment from April 2020 (SCP20)

64/20 Highway/Footpath Reports

Highways – CCllr acknowledged recent highway work by WCC contractor Ringway in local area.
Lengthsman - WCC are to repair the mesh across the Druggers End culvert adjacent to the west side of the B4208 hopefully in October. Looking for CCllr support to ensure whole repair job completed. Clerk to send supporting information.

Footpaths – Fallen trees again looking for CCIr support in using lengthsman for some of the clearance work required. Plank bridges inspected across 3 paths and repairs will be requested of landowners. Heron Lane and Green Lane qualify for limited clearance. Local history group have audited a number of parish walks and looking to give guided walks discussing and also receiving local historical information hopefully to be collated in book form in the future.

65/20 Planning

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

20/00446/HP	Willow Tree House U61410 Castlemorton Castlemorton WR13 6DA	Erection of stable block	MHDC Approve
20/00351/HP	Bannut Tree House Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BS	Construction of inground swimming pool. Erection of sauna and plant room building. Installation of hot tub adjacent to sauna building.	MHDC Approve
20/00750/HP	Midsummer House Golden Valley Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6AA	Erection of Garden Office and Garden Shed	MHDC Approve
20/00779/CU	Annexe At 5 The Reddings Golden Valley Castlemorton	Change of Use of Land from Agriculture to Residential Garden	MHDC Approve
20/00837/CLPU	Bowling Green House Castlemorton Common Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6LH	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for erection of outbuildings to form a Garage and Mower Shed, Training Pool / Gym with Sauna and Changing Facilities, and Greenhouses, together with the installation of hard surfacing for use incidental to the dwelling. The proposed development will utilise the existing site access points and existing private drainage systems.	MHDC Certify
20/00818/AGR	Beelsoni Lodge Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BL	Prior notification for agricultural storage building.	MHDC Approve
20/00975/FUL	St Gregorys Church Church Road Castlemorton	Erection of brick boundary wall	PC Support
20/01080/AGR	Mount Pleasant New Road Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BZ	Steel framed agricultural building	
20/00944/OUT	Land At (Os 8023 3785) Druggers End Castlemorton	Erection of 2 dwellings (Live/Work) with all matters reserved except access and appearance	PC Objection with comment

20/00944/OUT – Parish Council agreed voting 6:0 to object to this application and comments for response were considered and agreed for return to MHDC.

66/20 Parish Hall Trust

- Hall continues to be open under guidelines for gatherings of presently up to 25. Plans continue in preparation for the extension work to commence:
- Information to satisfy the planning conditions has been prepared and presented to MHDC.
- Western Power have visited site and agreed the work to change the electrical supply will be carried out week commencing 5/10/20.
- The re-location of the gas tank is also to take place week commencing 5/10/20.
- The order has been placed for the ecologist to provide necessary services during installation.

67/20 Correspondence

Particular mention of

- WCC Crowdfund Worcestershire- Important News on Funding Opportunities for Local
- Rural Housing Awareness
- Briefing Note on the Planning Reforms Consultations
- Upton_SNT_Newsletter August 2020
- CALC Updates

68/20 New Initiatives

- **Welcome Pack** – Nearly there!.
- **Carbon Reduction Campaign** – Cllr Wilkinson has registered with the Centre for Sustainable Energy about the pilot project they are working on to develop a carbon footprinting tool for Parish Councils. At this stage they are looking for volunteer councils to take part in a workshop later in the year to test/pilot the tool. This process has now been delayed whilst it is established how this work might align with potential central government work yet to be advised.

69/20 Meeting Reports

Follow up to recent 4C's meeting which was held on site across different venues with different representatives so as not to be oversubscribed under guidelines.

The overall summary of comments made were:

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- Review of charging policies at Quarry Car Park
- Concerns over recent activity at The Quarry and forcing access into water area. As a consequence, the Trust will revisit the ROSPA report.
- New gate to be erected on north side of Quarry.
- Large numbers of people/vehicles gathering, leaving litter and will this recent surge in visit decrease?
- Limited policing particularly at night
- Consider installation of speed humps on track to Mill Pond.
- More visual signage which can be referred to when addressing some problems eg noise, BBQ, loose dogs....
- Review current signs on the common and use of large boulders marking parking area.

70/20. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 5 November 2020

Further provisional dates:

7 January 2021, 11 March 2021 and 13 May 2021 (Annual Meetings)

Signed

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