

**CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30p.m.**

**Present:** Mary Watts, Barbara Wilkes, Ben Wiggins, Anne Cotterell, Don Lupton, David Smallwood & Beverley Bradshaw

**In Attendance:** \*D.Cllr R Cousins, \*\*C.Cllr Tom Wells & Mrs C Leake (Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 0

**43/2013. Apologies**

D.Cllr. Roger Cousins apologies received and accepted

**44/2013. Declarations of interest**

All Cllrs declared an interest in planning application 13/00543/FUL.

Cllr. Watts requested dispensation to discuss and vote on matters relating to Morton Majestic Cinema Club. **RESOLVED** to grant dispensation.

**45/2013. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were a true record of that meeting.

**46/2013. Highways**

With reference to the supporting highway report members were updated on the Hollybush water leak and recent site meetings. The latest proposal to stop the water leak is cutting present supply to private dwelling and installing a new T off point further up the Ledbury Road (Westerly). If a continuing water flow, this would indicate a spring and further drainage ideas to then be considered. The matter of the parked caravan at the bottom of Hollybed Street would be managed by CC Highways dept. Outstanding items relate to drainage at field entrance gate to charity ground at the top end of Hollybed Street and a couple of potential autumn/winter tasks of overgrowing hedges left hand side of B4208 heading north: just beyond Golden Valley junction and passed Robin Hood.

MHDC seeking support for digitally recording and sharing drainage information across the county. The chairman reported that this in depth task had been previously carried out within the parish post July 2007 flooding in consultation with a company (BMW) engaged at the time by MHDC. It appears within the contract with MHDC, the information gathered was retained by BWB and is now only available under financial negotiations. Assistance will be provided if possible.

**47/2013 County Councillor Report**

\*CCllr Tom Wells arrived and reported on the following:

WCC will fund the forthcoming remedial repairs to the highway and adjacent area, down beyond school entrance right hand side to provide a safer area to drop off and collect children. Financial support for the venture will be provided by the school and it was suggested beneficial for a contribution to be considered from the Parish Council.

**Ref Annual Parish Meeting 7/13** speeding in Hollybush. Opportunity to take a share of the Pendock VAS (Vehicle Activate Speed) sign. Discussion ensued about funding as regards the Lengthsman duties in weekly battery change.

**48/2013. Finance Report**

**Income and Payments**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that the following income & expenditure be noted & payments be made:

	£	£	Description
Balance 11 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>10279.19</b>	
<b>Add Income</b>			
WCC	118.00		Lengthsman
		<b>10397.19</b>	
<b>Less Expenditure</b>			
	0		
		<b>10397.19</b>	
<b>Cheques at meeting</b>			
<b>Chq No 740 Clerk Salary</b>	258.65		April/May/June 13
<b>Balance at close of meeting</b>		<b>10138.54</b>	

- b) With reference financial support to the school highway matter, as discussed earlier, it was **RESOLVED** to contribute a section 137 grant of £100 towards the project.

#### **49/2013. Planning**

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

Number	Description	Address	Status
13/00360/HOU	Chandlers Farm Castlemorton. WR13 6BY	Construction of timber store and carport adjoining existing garage.	MHDC Approved
13/00423/FUL	Hollybed Farm Hollybed Street Castlemorton WR13 6DB.	Conversion of barn to single dwelling	Applicant withdrawal
13/00449/S73	Bradford's Farm Castlemorton WR13 6DA	Variation of Condition 2 on Planning Permission 12/01200/FUL to allow for provision of PV cells to be roof mounted.	MHDC Approved
13/00543/FUL	The Chase Castlemorton Worcs. WR13 6LU.	Change of use of land to erect a 43kWP ground mounted solar photovoltaic array.	PC Approved MHDC Approved

Disappointment was expressed regarding the contradiction of principles from MH AONB on application 13/00449/S73. The AONB Design Guide allows roof mounted PVs as directed by government policy. However the proposed PVs will undoubtedly have a visual impact within the immediate area (AONB) and an alternative ground level siting could have been considered. Agreed to write to AONB seeking its comments on this contradictory support of the application.

Cllr. Fryman declared an interest in the following item and withdrew from discussion.

The chairman reported that he had been approached by a parishioner wishing to share his potential ideas of a small development for a granny annexe. The site had been visited by 2 councillors who reported on various ideas being considered within the constraints of the present

property, including advice from MHDC and it was agreed any further discussion could only take place once an application was submitted.

The clerk reported on the future of MHDC electronic consultation on planning applications from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. This provides an opportunity to enter into negotiations with Morton Majestic Cinema club as regards the hire of the hall projection equipment for Parish Council use. The Clerk will write to the club seeking terms and conditions for such a contract.

Short discussion on the hard standing recently created outside the property of Ambleside on common land. The site has been investigated by MH Conservators and remedial work advised.

**50/2013 Correspondence**

A list of the Correspondence received, was advised by the clerk to councillors and hardcopies were available for Councillors to view.

**Particular attention to letters from:**

- **MH AONB Draft Management Plan 2014-2019**
- **SWDP Submitted to Secretary of State**

**51/2013. Parish Hall Trust**

It was reported that HMRC have now registered the Parish Hall as a charity for tax purposes and it may now seek gift aid following donations if appropriate.

Acknowledgement to Cllr and Mrs Fryman for the provision and installation of the attractive wall display of old Castlemorton photos, enjoyed by many. Further photos are sought for future displays.

**Car Park**

Following on from previous meeting, discussions have taken place between appointed cllrs., transferor, and Parish Council solicitor.

- A new TP1 will be drawn up to cover the land being transferred and ancillary to the hall for use as a car park.
- The proposed covenants relating to the outdoor area will be a further personal document made between the property owner (Transferor) and parish hall owner (Parish Council).

Once new documents available further instruction can then be given to Parish Council solicitor.

**52/2013. Lengthsman**

Areas of work for the Lengthsman include road signs obscured by hedging.

**53/2013. Any Other Business/Items for the next Meeting:**

Any further agenda items should be advised to the Clerk prior to the next meeting including:  
The proposal for the purchase of a Parish Council laptop for Clerk use.

**54/2013. Next Meetings**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the Parish Hall.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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

**Future provisional dates for Parish Council meetings and TBC as follows:**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013      Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014          Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Annual Meetings)**