

CASTLEMORTON PARISH

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at the Parish Hall, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting was preceded at 6.30pm informally by a police surgery led by local PCS officers in addition to other parish information available on display.

Present: Parish Councillors: Angus Golightly (Chairman),
Barbara Wilkes, Anne Cotterell, Jerry Fryman, David
Smallwood, Ben Wiggins & Don Lupton

In Attendance: District Councillor: Mick Davies
Christina Leake (PC Clerk)

Members of the Public: 11

1/15. Apologies: Beverley Bradshaw

2/15. Police Report

Local Police team (Safer Neighbourhood Team) new inspector and PCSO Claire Doughty.
Response officers now from Malvern not Ledbury.

Report included

Statistics (Last year) covering all the types of incidents within the village over the year including Thefts (5), Burglary(3), Criminal Damage(4), Vehicle damage(4), Sex Crime(1), Trespass(2) and ASB(1). For some Golden Valley residents such statistics are covered by Birtsmorton. Question re effect of continuing financial cut backs. This was acknowledged and nearest operating police stations are Ledbury and Worcester. Crime not always reported, encouraged to use crime stoppers. Regarding speeding cars along the common the attainment of vehicle reg. assists in future communication/warning purposes with these drivers. The chairman expressed his thanks to the officers who left the meeting.

3/15. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2014 be signed by the Chairman as being a true record of that meeting.

4/15. Matters arising from Minutes

Ref 4/14 & 7/13: Chairman reported that after extensive negotiations the pipes had been cleared with support from highway contractors and parish Lengthsman. This was acknowledged by parishioners.

5/15. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented his final report covering matters of the past year, highways, the excellent working relationship with the new Lengthsman and the results of his work, the generosity of the parish & local organisations supporting the community space project including parish Council fund raising, all initiated by the vision of one parishioner, planning and the loyal support of fellow councillors throughout. His period of office from footpath officer to chairman covered 15 years. Parishioner thanked the chairman for his contribution and leadership over this time.

6/15. Finance Report by the Responsible Finance Officer

Details as attached **Appendix 1**

Opening balance of £10,408.15, receipts of £42,377.24 and expenditure of £43,247.75.
Leaving a **closing balance of £9,537.64**

- The RFO reported on an accounting year largely influenced by the project work of community space.
- Another change in Lengthsman shows increased expenditure with most recent repayment from WCC outstanding as at the end of the financial year.
- One section 137 Grant this year and increased.

7/15. Report by District Councillor – Mike Davies

Welcome to new D.Cllr who thanked parishioners for their support in recent election and looked forward to working with the Parish Council. Appointed to licensing, executive and southern area planning committees with MHDC. Ward case work already onto broadband issues, planning matters and contact with local utility providers.

8/15. Report by County Councillor – Tom Wells

Not present this evening

9/15. Parish Hall Trust Report

Cllr. Anne Cotterell, Chairman of the Parish Hall Trust Committee presented her report particular mention of the progress with community space project with an ‘opening’ afternoon planned for Saturday 20th June, details of regular users and further planned improvements.

10/15. Reports from Village Organisations

- Mrs Bedford had resigned from United Castlemorton Charities and Cllr Smallwood appointed as new representative (Poors Land and Almshouses).
- Mr Golightly parish representative on the Board of Malvern Hills Conservators
- Clerk reported that after 29 years Mr D Wood had retired as roadside verge cutting contractor.

11/15. Public Comments

No public comment.

12/15. Acknowledgment

Vice-Chair on behalf of new council and those present expressed his thanks to all retiring parish councillors, Angus Golightly, Mary Watts and Beverley Bradshaw.

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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