

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 7 January 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton (Chair), Barbara Wilkes, Hilary Flanders, Jeremy Hubbard, Jerry Fryman, Anne Cotterell and David Smallwood

In Attendance: C.Cllr Tom Wells*, D.Cllr.Mick Davies, & Mrs C Leake (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

01/16. Apologies: Cllrs Watts and Wiggins. Footpath Warden - Angus Golightly.

02/16. 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.* Cllrs.Wilkes re Planning Application 15/01687PDU (withdrew from discussion)
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) All cllrs to discuss and vote re precept determination and Cllr. Smallwood to discuss and vote on matters relating to Castlemorton United Charities as parish representative. RESOLVED to grant each dispensation until May 19.*

03/16. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 5 November 2015 were a true record of the meeting and signed.

04/16 District Councillor Report included

- Adoption of SWDP- 2 February 2016- if approved by inspector.
- Further officer changes in MHDC with new Monitoring Officer and staff reduction in planning enforcement.
- Aim to arrange visit by Chief Executive to the Morton ward hopefully May/June. Cllrs to consider any particular areas in the parish to visit as part of the itinerary
- Revenue Support Grant is less than expected and this will impact on budget deliberations although there is commitment to front line services.

This raised question re expectation of Parishes with reduced funding and in response there will be a likely impact on planning and refuse resources. MHDC as rural authority is able to increase council tax above the rate of inflation (not restricted by 2% capping) up to £5 per property which could result in a 3.6% increase for Band D property.

05/16 Footpath/Highway/Lengthsman Reports

Lengthsman –Acknowledgment to the work of the Lengthsman and supporting councillor especially in the recent wet weather with maintenance of culverts and grips and updating all records.

Highways – as per report and:

Visual display of recent flash flooding and further drainage work required.

Footpath- Cllr Flanders in possession of parish map. Agreed to publish a notice in parish magazine requesting support in walking and surveying parish paths. Still no appointment of a WCC officer for the SW Worcestershire area. **AGREED** Cllr Flanders has delegated responsibility to pursue footpath matters with footpath warden, liaise with Welland officer and thereby raise awareness of parish footpaths.

06/16. Broadband (BB)

Worcestershire Superfast Broadband Phase 1 & 2 in the parish well under way although hampered in places with physical issues. £3.25m extra to spend beyond phase 2. Questionnaire now available for householders to complete seeking comments on broadband service presently available. The results will be sorted as per those within the planned phases and the remainder hopefully will be considered for improved service using this extra funding. This questionnaire will be promoted in the parish magazine.

07/16.Planning

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

15/01081/FUL	Midsummer Farm Castlemorton WR13 6DA	Provision of four stable building with loft storage and change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use	Application withdrawn
15/04128/HOU	Eight Oaks Farm, Eight Oaks, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6BU	Carport and erection of stables building	MHDC Approve 30.11.15
15/01309/FUL	Springbank Cottage Castlemorton Common WR13 6LE	Erection of a polytunnel.	MHDC Approve 23.12.15
15/01668/AGR	Beesoni Farm Castlemorton WR13 6BL	Proposed extension to agricultural machinery store	Agr.Prior App. not required. 24.12.15
15/00547/HOU	Midsummer House Golden Valley Castlemorton	2 storey side extension to provide a larger study and bedroom.	PC Recommend Approve
15/01687/PDU	Barn at The Farthings Castlemorton WR13 6JB	Proposed conversion of barn to single dwelling	
15/01754/PDU	Barns at Pewtrice Farm, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6LT	Proposed conversion of agricultural building to residential	
15/01650/FUL	Midsummer Farm, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6DA	Provision of new four stable building with loft storage and change of use of 6 ha of agricultural land to equestrian use, for personal use	PC Recommend Approve

Permitted Development applications and return to MHDC if deemed necessary: It was agreed to maintain a response within the remit of the legality of the facts of the application and not to make any further comments.

15/01687/PDU and 15/01754/ PDU: Draft responses would be prepared for councillors consideration.

*CCllr Wells arrived.

08/16 County Councillor Report

Ref minute 82/15 Parishioner concerns re B4208 with speed of traffic, seeking a reduction in speed limit - conversation with WCC Director Mr Hobbs has resulted in a directive to highways officer Mr Jew to review the situation and firstly repeat the monitoring of traffic speed. Parish Council to identify suitable sites for the speed measuring strips and reply directly to Mr Hobbs.

09/16 Finance Report

Income and Payments

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

	£	£	Description
Balance: 5 November 2015		10599.64	
Add Income			
Total			
Less Expenditure pre-meeting			
Lengthsman	30.00		Pendock VAS
Lengthsman	397.50		
Total		427.50	
Balance at meeting		10172.14	
Less Expenditure at meeting			
Lengthsman	491.25		Oct/Nov/Dec
Clerk	466.79		Lengthsman Materials
Cllr Exps	43.27		
Total		1001.31	
Balance at close of meeting		9170.83	

10/16 Budget and Precept Financial Year 2016/2017

A draft budget previously circulated was discussed.

Matters discussed:

- Clerk increased hours noted with increased budget allowance
- Overall the budget indicates an under spend of £19.

Proposed that the Parish Council seek a precept of £4500 for 2016/17 (as per previous year) seconded and with a majority vote RESOLVED.

11/16. Meetings

CALC AGM 25 November- PC Representatives attended.

4 C's 2 December –

Regarding livestock on the common it was clarified that

- Occupiers of land abutting a common are under a binding obligation to maintain their boundaries or fences so that animals lawfully agisted on the common do not stray into their adjoining property.
- Occupiers of enclosed land so near to the common that commonable animals may reasonably be expected to trespass upon it must fence the exposed part of this land adequately against them.

New committee appointments were clarified and the appointment of new MHC director Mr Duncan Bridges.

12/16 New Initiatives

Cllrs. considered the following actions.

- i) Report prepared of local sources of logs and coal .
- ii) Parish Notice boards – Ideally to be sited in Golden Valley, Hancocks Lane and New Road each to be open boards and fit 4 X A4. Cllr Watts has offered to make at cost of materials. Source of wood to be investigated and installation materials to be considered.

iii) Emergency Plan – Clerk to pursue this plan further with a template provided by WCC.

13/16. Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- Welland Neighbourhood Plan – Draft comments to be prepared for Cllrs. consideration
- MHC Land management Plan Consultation on part 3 – Draft comments to be prepared for Cllrs. consideration.

14/16. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be **Thursday 3 March 2016** with the following meeting provisionally

12th May 2016

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

Signed

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