

CASTLEMORTON PARISH

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at the Parish Hall, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting was preceded at 6.30pm with informal conversation with local Police Constable Support Officers in addition to footpath information available on display.

Present: Parish Councillors: Don Lupton (Chairman), Barbara Wilkes, Anne Cotterell, Jerry Fryman, David Smallwood, Ben Wiggins, Hilary Flanders, Jeremy Hubbard and Simon Watts.

In Attendance: Christina Leake (PC Clerk)

Members of the Public: 19 and 2 PCSO

1/16. Apologies: C.Cllr Tom Wells

2/16. Police Report

PCSO Claire Doughty introduced newly transferred colleague from Malvern, Lisa Freeman. With a base in Upton the team including PC Paul Lambon receives fast response support (2) from Malvern if required.

Report included:

Statistics (14/15) covering all the types of incidents within the village over the year including: Thefts from vehicle (4), Theft Other(2), Burglary(3), Criminal Damage(1), Attempted Burglary (1), Dangerous Dog in relation to sheep worry (1). Question: Comparison of figures to previous year. These figures would be forwarded to Parish Council. As last year, residents are reminded to report licence numbers of those cars being driving dangerously along the common roads.

Question: re drugs. It is not considered a massive problem in this area with spasmodic trouble in cocooned areas resulting in a number of recent house evictions.

The chairman expressed his thanks to the officers who left the meeting.

3/16 Reports from village organisations

The chairman introduced Mrs Pipe, a community liaison volunteer with Citizens Advice Bureau. She took the opportunity to explain about the Rural Communities Programme currently underway across CAB partner, Wychavon's area. The project is a way of engaging with rural communities to ensure that they are aware of local services. Particular concern for those residents who may have difficulty accessing this service for whatever reason. Looking for sites to display information and identification of those who may need assistance the latter may be actioned in the delivery of a door knocking scheme. More information

<http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/rural-communities-programme>

The chairman expressed his thanks to Mrs Pipe who left the meeting.

4/16. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2015 be signed by the Chairman as being a true record of that meeting.

5/16. Matters arising from Minutes

None.

6/16. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented his report. As attached.

Question: Why proposed 50mph speed limit not starting at the border with Welland and so incorporating the common. Explained under present legislation, repeater 50 limit signs would need to be sited on common land and would not receive the support of Malvern Hills Conservators (MHC).

7/16. Finance Report by the Responsible Finance Officer

Details as attached and explained:

Opening balance of £9,537.64, receipts of £6,592.42 and expenditure of £6,888.37. Leaving a **closing balance of £9,241.69**

- The RFO reported on an average accounting year after the previous one influenced by the project work of community space.
- Use of full WCC Lengthsman budget. £2281.00

8/16. Report by District Councillor – Mike Davies

Due to previous meeting commitments this was provided at next Parish Council (PC) meeting.

9/16. Report by County Councillor – Tom Wells

Not present this evening following recent accident and Mr Wells currently undergoing recovery. All send best wishes to him.

10/16. Parish Hall Trust Report

Cllr. Anne Cotterell, Chairman of the Parish Hall Trust Committee presented her report. Details as attached.

11/16. Reports from Village Organisations

- AONB Cllr. Fryman reported that in support on the Building Advice Guide a further supplement has been issued providing advice on colour to mitigate development with camouflage
- Cllr. Flanders explained more about maintaining parish footpaths with local support and limited resources from WCC. Question re responsibility in the event of an injury on a broken stile. This would be investigated further for clarity in answer.

12/16. Public Comments

- Broadband – Brief discussion on the proposed roll out across parish and the inevitable limitations in some parts with uncertainty of timings on the final result of the present project going live. Alternatives will be available for those left out but as to what and when remains unknown. In conclusion a comment from a resident acknowledging the extensive work of those providing this broadband infrastructure across the country.

13/16. Acknowledgment

The chairman thanked residents for their support in attending this meeting and

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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