

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 6 July 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: Don Lupton (Chair), Barbara Wilkes, David Smallwood, Hilary Flanders and Simon Watts.

In Attendance: Mrs C Leake (Clerk) & Mrs Mariana Watts

Members of the Public: 1

36/17. Apologies: Cllrs.Fryman & Cotterell. Cllr Hubbard (immediately post meeting)

37/17. Declarations of interests

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. Cllr Simon Watts – Agenda item 4 (husband of the applicant)*
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).*

38/17. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2017 were a true record of the meeting and signed.

39/17. Co-option of Council Members

One qualifying candidate had registered an interest in joining the Parish Council and introduced herself to all the councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that **Mrs Mariana Watts be co-opted onto the Parish Council**. Upon completion of declaration of office she was invited to join councillors for the remainder of the meeting.

40/17 Matters Arising

Brief update on broadband indicated that there was a capacity issue for a couple of residents which was presently under investigation and awaiting resolution, involving both Worcestershire County Council (WCC) and Openreach. The present take up of Superfast Broadband across the two local FTTP networks is 26%.

41/17. Finance Report

Income and Payments

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

	£	£	Description
Opening Balance		12,437.49	
Add Income			
Total		0	
Less Expenditure pre-meeting			
Total		0	
Balance at meeting		12,437.49	
Less Expenditure at meeting			

Lengthsman	346.25		April/May 17
Clerk	440.28		April/May/June SP19
Councillor Exps	58.29		2 Notice board materials
Total		844.82	
Closing Balance		11,592.67	

An acknowledgment was proposed and supported by councillors to Cllr Watts for his skills in the production of the two excellent notice boards to aid in the publicity of parish events.

42/17 Highway/Lengthsman Reports

Highways – as per report with particular mention of:

- The infrastructure for the new 50mph speed limit presently being sited along the B4208.
- Lengthsman up to date on immediate issues.
- Water Leak(s) along B4208 north of Parish Hall – reported.

43/17Footpaths

Update provided from Cllr Flanders. A good relationship developing with WCC including representatives partaking in a recent local footpath walk and enjoying accessibility along some of the parish paths. Presently concerns across the parish re field gates being left open. Areas are being identified for clearance work including a date advised in forthcoming newsletter (22 July), seeking support, to start on Green Lane. Other sites may require materials which hopefully can be installed with the support of the respective landowners and parish council/lengthsman.

44/17 Planning

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

17/00030/FUL	Change of use of agricultural land to glamping accommodation with the siting of five safari tents and ancillary storage building.	Clarks Farm, Druggers End, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6JD	Recommend Approve MHDC Approved 15.5.17
16/01312/PDU	Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development	Barn at The Farthings, Castlemorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6JB	Refusal of agricultural prior approval. Nov 16 APPEAL 28.12.16 APP/J1860/X/16/3158682 Date of Inquiry 18 July 17
17/00491/GPDQ	Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (C3).	The Barn Little Welland Farm Castlemorton WR13 6BN	Not standard consultee <i>MHDC Refused 18/5/17</i>
17/00926/CAN	Undertake works to twelve trees, as detailed in the report accompanying the application form	St Gregory's Church Castlemorton	Not associated consultee
17/00640/HP	First Floor Extension	Homestead New Road Castlemorton WR13 6BT	

- **Draft Parish Council Planning Policy Document**

Ref: 37/17 - With a couple of amendments to the draft it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the new planning policy.

45/17 Parish Hall Trust

The one item noted was that a new stronger chain had been purchased for the east side of the tarmac parking area as the previous one had been broken on a number of occasions.

46/17 Newsletter

Cllrs Cotterell and Flanders had kindly prepared the latest newsletter. It was to be circulated to the remaining councillors for their information and minor amendments if necessary. Delivery routes were also arranged for those to be hand delivered with the remainder to be sent by email.

47/17 Correspondence

Particular mention of:

- Ref previous minute 36/17 - Future of some telephone kiosks - further information had been received from the police regarding the proposals of use for the recently purchased telephone kiosks. Intended uses to benefit local communities including site for defibrillators and the police are also seeking financial support from each local community to assist in upkeep (initial funding proposed from PCC Community Fund) and voluntary wardens.

Ensuing discussion and divided opinion acknowledged the merits of the proposal particularly with respect to a defibrillator but also raised concerns and it was agreed to request further information regarding the Castlemorton kiosk with particular reference to:

- ❖ in times of austerity how are the police funding this initiative rather than supporting front line services?
- ❖ planning application for change of use?
- ❖ the box is in the AONB and Malvern Hills Trust area; included in consultation?
- ❖ the box has been subject to vandalism in the past. How is that to be avoided?
- ❖ What future financial support will be needed?
- Heartstart Malvern – Agreed to find out more about promoting the work of the charity and encouraging parishioners to support training courses.
- Acknowledgments from recent recipients of section 137 Grants.
- Monthly newsletter from local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

48/17 New Initiatives

- Following on from the Parish Council involvement in the Superfast broadband project a suggestion was made as regards possibilities of seeking improvement to the mobile phone network within the area. It was agreed to pursue this matter further.
- Small Business Initiative – as reported in the forthcoming newsletter, seeking like-minded people operating small business’ and who may benefit from sharing ideas and information.
- Welcome packs continue to be distributed.

49/17 Meeting Reports

Update from recent 4C’s meeting on 17 May including the production of a new ‘Good Neighbour’ leaflet and confirmation of new name for Malvern Hills Conservators now Malvern Hills Trust.

50/17. Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 7 September 2017

Further provisional dates:

2 November 2017, 11 January 2018, 8 March 2018 and 10 May 2018 (Annual Meetings)

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

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