

CASTLEMORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Castlemorton Parish Council held on
Thursday 16 July 2026 in Castlemorton Parish Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllrs: Hilary Flanders (**Elected chair in absence of chair and vice chair**) Yvonne Milne, Nick Andrews and Rebecca Rollinson.

In Attendance: Mrs C. Leake (Clerk) DCllr Christine Wild

Members of the Public: 1

Public Comments: None

56/26 Apologies: Received from PCllrs Wilkinson, Baker, Bowker and Fisher.

57/26 Declarations of interests

1. *Register of Interests*
2. *To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and/or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature.* None
3. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).* None

58/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of **21 May 26** were a true record of the meeting and were signed.

59/26 Matters Arising

Minute 43/26 Malvern Hills Trust. Recent response from WCC monitoring officer confirms following consultation with the Group Leaders, that the WCCouncil does not object to the parish council (PC) recommendation of nomination of a Malvern Hills Trust Board Member. WCCouncil is aware that there may be changes to the membership of the Trust following the Malverns Hill Bill and the PC will also need to review arrangements as part of Local Government Reorganisation as the County Council will not exist as of April 2028.

The FOI re Malvern Hills Trust was completed.

60/26 County& District Councillor reports

DCllr Wild reported on:

- i) Local Government Review: The Government has announced local councils in Worcestershire will be reorganised into two new unitary councils.

The decision means from 1 April 2028, the seven existing county, city, borough and district councils will be abolished and replaced by:

- **North Worcestershire Council:** covering the areas currently served by Bromsgrove District, Redditch Borough and Wyre Forest District Councils.
 - **South Worcestershire Council:** covering Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District Councils.
- ii) Her work with **Health & Wellbeing** a part of her MHDC portfolio. Recently included the scrutiny of the hospital's plan now required for both summer and winter and an awareness of local fitness activities.
 - iii) **5 Year Housing Land Supply.** The South Worcestershire Councils can currently demonstrate a 5.48 year supply of deliverable sites against the housing requirement with a 20% buffer.
 - iv) An opportunity to share her work this last week with a student on work experience.

- v) Glynchbrook update (reference Forest of Dean Plan)

61/26 Parish Council Vacancy.

No further interest to date re this vacancy.

62/26 Village Survey

Cllr Rollinson reported a positive response to the survey, offering comments for the Parish Council to consider for future action. The collated comments will be shared with councillors for consideration at the next meeting and a summarised report will be prepared for the next What's On. Prize winners will also be notified. Thanks to Cllr Rollinson for all her expertise and time in this project.

63/26 Finance Report

- a) **The Certificate of Exemption (AGAR)** submitted and acknowledged by auditor PKF Littlejohn.

b) **Up to date Finance Report:**

Community Account	£	£	
Balance: 21 May 2026		2239.38	
Add Income	110.00 200.00 1172.33 813.67		Lengthsman CEG Funds Restricted HMRC VAT PHT Hall Insurance
Sub Total		2296.00	
Less Expenditure pre and at meeting	4.25 47.00 110.00 250.00 163.00 717.00		Bank Charge June ICO Data Protection Lengthsman Parish Hall Hire HMRC PAYE Clerk 1 st Quarter
Sub Total		1291.25	
Balance at close of meeting 16 July 2026		3244.13	
Savings Account			
Balance: 21 May 2026	5018.38		
Interest	1.99		June
Balance: 16 July 2026		5020.37	

Lloyds Bank Authorisers: Confirmed as Cllrs: Wilkinson, Flanders & Rollinson

64/26 Highways & Lengthsman

Forthcoming road closures noted: (Cherry Orchard 12 Days – 20 July Severn Trent Water & New Road 1 day- 4 August OpenReach)

65/26 Footpaths

Unfortunately the Tump footbridge remains closed with no sign of planned repairs. Discussion as to how volunteers could engage in general path clearance. Mindful of risk assessments.

66/26 Speeding and Signage on the B4208

Ref Minute 48/26 & 22/26 A second meeting has taken place with local representatives in addition to WCC highways and County Councillor Tom Wells. Permitted signage has been erected by the CCA. Further signs will be considered by Malvern Hills Trust and WCC highways will improve those signs in situ with yellow surrounds. A proposal for a 40mph limit from Welland through to Coombe Green requires the formal support of the Parish Council in order for a Traffic Regulation Order to be processed.

Castlemorton Parish Council agrees to support a public consultation period for the proposals for a 40mph speed limit along the length of the B4208 in the Parish.

67/26 Planning

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

M/26/00645/FUL	Maple Grove Druggers End Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6JD	Change of use and conversion of existing workshop building to self-catering holiday-let visitor accommodation with associated access, parking, landscaping and external works.	Approved
M/26/00609/HP	Hollybed House Farm Hollybed Street Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6DB	Demolition of previous extensions and construction of new single storey and two storey extensions.	Approved
M/26/00120/FUL	Land At (Os 8172 3904) Lockeridge Lane Upton Upon Severn	Use of land as a caravan site for the stationing of 10 log cabins for holiday let use and associated works	Pending Decision
M/26/00498/LB	Dees Cottage Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BN	Increase the height of the chimney brickwork and addition of chimney pot	Approved
M/26/00434/HP	Hoo Cottage Eight Oaks Castlemorton Malvern WR13 6BU	Replacement timber clad outbuildings for home working	Approved

Forest Of Dean Local Plan: Forest of Dean District Council has withdrawn the Revised Draft Consultation Version of the Forest of Dean District Local Plan 2025-2045. This included the proposals for the new Glynchbrook settlement. Councillors are mindful that the required housing may generate further ideas. Local Government Reorganisation has also noted the creation of one Gloucestershire Authority.(7 Councils onto one unitary including the Forest Of Dean)

68/26 Parish Hall Trust

The Parish Council agrees to the appointment of Solicitors Whatley Recorden to transfer 2 small portions of land incorrectly recorded by Land Registry at the time of the original transfer of the community space land from the seller to the Parish Council. The fee is expected to be no more than £450.00 plus VAT along with a Land Registry fee of £45.00 (on the basis that it is a transfer for nil consideration).

69/26 Environmental Group

Report submitted by Cllr Fisher. Full updates on website <https://ceg.castlemorton.org.uk/> The black poplars and churchyard projects continue as usual in addition to bat monitoring with healthy numbers. Most recent event was a collaboration with the Hanleys and Welland groups to host a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing. This was attended by over 80 people and follow-up meetings have been arranged for all three areas.

A number of talks are in the pipeline for the autumn (Longdon Marsh, pine martens, the impact of the environment on public health) and on 10th October CEG and Morton Majestic are screening

the film Derek vs Derek about two conflicting neighbours (one a traditional farmer and the other the renowned rewilder, Derek Gow).

70/26 Correspondence

Particular mention of emails:

- CALC & Health & Wellbeing Updates
- Financial Request from Malvern CAB - for next meeting
- Request for Internal Review re recent FOI. (Mobile phone mast) Cllr Rollinson will commence the review.
- Digital Switchover
- Police Priorities – action: add Anti social behaviour on Common and speeding on B4208.
- Malvern Hills National Landscape Review.

71/26. Website /Email Changes

The new Parish Online (Local Authority Technology CIC) website for Castlemorton is live

Website: <https://castlemortonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Email: clerk@castlemortonparishcouncil.gov.uk

72/26 Next Parish Council Meeting(s)

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be Thursday 10 September 2026

Subsequent Meetings: Thursdays: 12 November, 7 January 2027, 11 March and 13 May (Annals/Election Year)

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Signed

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