

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE 4CS

Castlemorton Parish Hall on Tuesday, 24 July 2007 at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mr L Bartlett, Mr B Bowen, Mrs A Calvesbert, Mr R C Dawe, Mr R Gillard, Mr A J Golightly, Mr C A Rouse, Mr M Snookes, Mrs S Thetford, Mrs S Windle.

In attendance:- Ian Rowat (Director), Val Moore (Admin Officer), Rob Havard (Conservation Officer) of the Malvern Hills Conservators, Victoria Oaten (Malvern Heritage Project).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. On the proposal of Mr Snookes, seconded by Mrs Thetford, Mr Bartlett was **ELECTED** Chairman for the evening.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mrs Fay Priday.

3. REPORT OF INTERIM MEETING. Members **APPROVED** the report of the meeting held on the 23 June 2007.

Arising.

3.1 3. Formation of the 4Cs and representation. The membership of the Committee was made up as follows:-

Malvern Hills Conservators	Chris Rouse, Mrs Sue Thetford
Representative of the owner of Coombe Green Common	Mrs Sue Windle
Castlemorton Parish Council	Angus Golightly, Bill Bowen
Castlemorton Common Association	Lionel Bartlett, Med Snookes
Birtsmorton Parish Council	Roger Gillard
Welland Parish Council	Mrs Andrea Calvesbert
Active Graziers	Anthony Bunn, Richard Dawe, Fay Priday

3.2 Recreational Interests. A letter had been received from the CTC nominating Mr David Jones of Welland to represent the interests of all cyclists using the Common. A letter had also been received from Mr David Judson of Castlemorton suggesting that someone from Worcestershire Local Access Forum, or Worcestershire County Council's Countryside Service be nominated. This was **NOTED**.

On the proposal of Mr Snookes, seconded by Mr Gillard it was **AGREED** by 7 votes, with one abstention, to keep this vacancy in abeyance until all user groups had been contacted and asked if they would wish to input into the choice of representative and if so whether they would like to be represented by the CTC or the Local Access Group, or one of the user groups.

4. KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED. Victoria Oaten of the Malvern Heritage Project, which is linked to the Malvern Hills AONB, offered residents of the area comprising Common Land Unit 9 two facilities to keep them informed on local issues, i.e. the publication of a booklet and a Web Site funded by the Heritage Project. A specialist company to design the Web Site had been identified and MHC had agreed to host the Site to prevent the necessity for an annual cost of approximately £200/£300.00 and MHC staff would also manage the Site on behalf of the 4Cs. The Company, KC3 based in Herefordshire had designed the Malvern Hills AONB site and had been the cheapest tender. Dr Oaten suggested that a small working group be formed from the Committee with authority to work with herself and KC3 to produce the material within the next three to four months and bring it back to the Committee for clearance before it was published as funds were available until January 2008.

A publisher for the booklet had not yet been appointed but it was suggested that 1,000 copies should be printed initially.

It was **AGREED** that Bill Bowen, Andrea Calvesbert, Sue Thetford and Sue Windle be **APPOINTED** to produce a rough draft to be distributed to all members of the Committee as soon as possible.

5. CONSTITUTION. Members **ADOPTED** the constitution, subject to agreed amendments. MHC agreed to produce a letter heading for the Committee for the next meeting, with design help from Med Snookes.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE. Subject to one amendment the Terms of Reference were **ADOPTED** and would be included in the Constitution.

7. PROGRESSION OF HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP APPLICATION. Rob Havard advised that MHC had applied for Higher Level Stewardship on the northern and central Hills and asked members if it was their wish that he arranged a preliminary meeting with Natural England to talk about making an application for Stewardship on the Common and to make a report to the next meeting of the Committee setting out the scheme, its advantages and disadvantages and the money involved. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**. If practicable Rob Havard would arrange for a speaker with knowledge of the Scheme to speak to members.

8. NEXT MEETING. Castlemorton Parish Hall at 8 p.m. in the week commencing 13 November 2007 exact date to be confirmed.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS. None.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.