

## **MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)**

**Present:** J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, Mrs.J.Tibbetts, Mrs.R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.M.Strong (NCC), K.Ward (NNDC), and one member of the public.

#### **1a. To receive and consider apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from S.Bean. Apologies were also received from S.Fenn (NT).

#### **1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items**

RH declared an interest in 4(e).

#### **1c. To elect Vice-Chair & signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Roberta Hamond was elected Vice-Chair and duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Prop: JB, Sec: CB).

#### **2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 25/9/19.**

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record. (Prop: RH, Sec: JPT).

#### **3a. Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)**

No requests to speak on agenda items.

#### **3b. To receive reports from District & County Councillors, Police & NT.**

\*\*\* Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) consultation on NCC spending and the forthcoming budget talks; Cabinet meets on 13/1/20 (b) the motion, as mentioned in last months minutes, re cleaning up Norfolks rivers (c) Fibre Broadband may be up and running before Christmas (d) concerns re the Boundary Review (NCC Divisions).

\*\*\* K.Ward (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) the withdrawn planning application reference PF/19/1403 (b) work had started on the Sheringham Splash leisure facility (c) installation of electric charging points (d) an excellent coastal futures meeting held in Wells (e) problems associated with offshore windfarms when bringing cables onshore to connect to the national grid.

\*\*\* V.Egan (NT) reported via email that repairs to the Havokey had been delayed again because of adverse weather conditions (16/10/19) and she would keep the PC updated. The Clerk was instructed to contact the NT re-iterating the situation regarding the defibrillator (see September minutes, 4c) and asking if there was any further information required.

#### **4. Finance:**

##### **(a) To approve the following payments :-**

P.Bullimore £255.50, HMRC £64.00, PKF Littlejohn £240.00, S.Cherry £443.00  
Secret Gardens £290.00, P.Bullimore £67.00, Indigo Waste Servs £43.20,  
T.Leach £120.00, S.Meakin £5.50, Mayday Office Equipment £27.07

\*\*\* The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop JB, Sec JPT)

**(b) To further consider request for donation towards emergency servs drone.**  
It was agreed, after further discussion, to remove this item from the agenda.

**(c) To receive update re the purchase of new defibrillator on the quay.**  
In the absence of SF (NT) it was agreed to carry this matter forward (see also minute 3b)

**(d) To consider/approve new Financial Regulations.**  
After further consideration it was agreed to approve and adopt the new Financial Regulations (Prop: CW, Sec: JB). These would be posted to the parish council website.

**(e) To consider request for donation from the Local Lynx.**  
It was agreed to donate £250 (Prop: CW, Sec: JPT). RH did not vote.

**(f) To consider request for donation from Norfolk Citizens Advice.**  
It was agreed to donate £100 using S.137 (Prop: CB, Sec: CW).

## **5. Planning:**

**(a) To note decisions & information received from NNDC since last meeting.**  
PF/19/1403; Morston Barn, The Street; This application had been withdrawn.

**(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed**  
None received.

**(c) To consider NCC Minerals & Waste Local Plan; Preferred Options**  
It was agreed “no response” to this consultation.

**(d) To consider Neighbourhood Plan for Blakeney**  
Members agreed to again make no response.

## **6. Highways and Footpath Matters:**

**(a) To receive update re maintenance of the pond.**  
The contractor had acknowledged the Clerks instructions re scraping but had pointed out that this work needed to be carried out when there was lower water levels. Water levels would be monitored and the contractor informed when it appeared to be a suitable time to forward this project.

**(b) To note/consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2020/21.**  
Carried forward to the next agenda (closing date for applications to NCC is Dec.19)

## **7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)**

The Clerk had no new announcements. CW attended the coastal futures meeting in Wells on 24<sup>th</sup> October (see also NNDC report) and stated that it had been very informative.

## **8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:**

**(a) To receive update re purchasing new chairs for the village hall**  
JPT had arranged for members to look at some chairs similar to those the PC were looking for (see minute Sept.19) at Letheringsett Village Hall.

**(b) To receive update re the replacement of west hedge/ & boundary fence**  
The work on the western boundary was still scheduled to start in early November.

**(c) To further consider dimensions of caravans allowed on the site.**  
The Chair had measured all vans on the site and recommended that the maximum size should be 36' x 12' (the largest van currently on site) subject to its placement in relation to the boundary and other vans. This was agreed. (Prop: JB, Sec: JPT)

**9. To receive report re the Morston Regatta. (2020) (CW).**

CW had nothing to report.

**10. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village**

The Chair reported that the ducting work was complete and he was hopeful that fibre broadband would be available by Christmas. An invoice for the work would follow shortly.

**11. To consider NCC Boundary Divisions Review.**

The consultation closes on 2/12/19 and it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the December meeting.

**12. To receive correspondence (not included in agenda items above)**

The Clerk reported the following :-

Thank you letter from a tenant on the caravan site re the tree surgery work.

Email from Dr.V.Holliday re ambulance response times. – noted.

HMRC letter re late payment of employees tax – agreed to monitor situation.

Satisfactory electrical report for the village hall and caravan site.

The Clerk also reported that a parishioner had expressed concerns re drains being blocked in The Street which had been dealt with by Anglian Water. Members discussed this and thought that officers of AWA would visit premises in the area to discuss preventing this in the future.

**13. Public Participation (comments/other matters)**

No comments or other matters.

**14. To confirm date of next council meeting and future agenda items.**

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. JPT requested that the purchase of a larger urn for the village hall kitchen be considered.