

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018 at the Village Hall, Morston (7pm)

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, S.Bean, Mrs.R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present was Victoria Egan from the National Trust.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from J.Tibbetts. Apologies were also received from Dr.M.Strong (NCC) and K.Ward (NNDC).

1b. To review the update from the National Trust re the visitor facilities etc. at the Morston Quay Car Park.

V.Egan presented the revised plans/information for the car park and hoped members would see that their comments had been taken “on-board” from the last meeting. The window on the north side of the visitor centre for better ventilation was as before. Toilets: A new and improved cabin was planned containing male, female, and disabled toilets with only one door to the car park. This unit, measuring 10m x 3.5m would sit flush to the current brick building. After discussion members were happy with the new plans.

Trade Waste: New proposals have the new waste compound further east from the centre. This will be screened and locked and not for use by the public. Staff will monitor and watch out for non-trade waste being dumped. It will measure approx 4m x 4m. JT stated that it needed to be sufficiently higher enough so that the public did not think it was for general use. Contracts are in place for emptying the bins and for pest control.

Staff Welfare Hut and Visitor welcome Hut: After comments from members about the need for two buildings it had been decided to create one building (5m x 3m) which would be positioned adjacent to the toilets. This was in the spirit of not overdeveloping the site. The side facing the entrance would be for visitor welcome and membership. Members were happy with this compromise and with the positioning of this new building.

Catering Storage Unit/Ice-cream point: The preferred option is at the side of the visitor centre and the unit would measure 5m x 3m. Stock can be kept on site instead of transporting it from Blakeney. A small summerhouse at the back of the unit will be used for ice-cream sales to alleviate queueing at busy times.

Other improvements: Decorative shingle in front of the café to prevent flooding; reinstatement of the steps near the bank; Trip hazard (bump erosion) to be rectified by the Environment Agency; Fenced area enabling people to picnic. VE agreed to revisit the boat parking space following the concerns of CW.

RH stated that the revised plans were more appropriate for the quay which must be preserved. Members agreed that the beauty of the quay was important. VE said that this was a three year plan that would be reviewed. Members thought that a wood-effect vinyl wrap was appropriate for covering these new units.

The Chair stated that the PC would monitor the changes and provide feedback to the NT.

VE thought the consultation had gone well and thanked members for attending.