MINUTES of the MORSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, 26th May, 2021 – 6.30pm Village Hall, Morston.

Covid19 – Having carried out a risk assessment the meeting was held in line with the public health advice in place at the time.

PRESENT: Cllrs. J.Burdell (Chair), J.Tibbetts, R.Hamond, C.Ward, and the Clerk. Also present were nine members of the public.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and received apologies from Cllrs. J.Temple, C.Bean, and S.Bean. Apologies were also received from M.Dalby (NCC), V.Holliday (NNDC), and V.Egan (NT).

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16th MAY, 2019.

The minutes were accepted as a true record (Prop: RH, Sec: JPT)

3. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman's report unusually covered two years with no annual meeting in 2020 due the Covid19 pandemic. Normal meetings were impossible with the council giving delegated powers to the Chair and Vice-Chair with assistance from the Clerk. The statutory obligations to have a minimum of four meetings in the year were met by the use of Zoom meetings. The Chair reported on the following:- (a) the PC is currently investigating superfast broadband/fibre to properties in Morston (b) councillors are currently looking at ways to maximise the value and usefulness to parishioners of the village hall, given that it is the principal parish asset and caravan agreements would be ending soon. (c) finances continue to be well managed with significant reserves held; the PC should look to make use of our ability to engage in projects that will benefit all of our parishioners. (d) people have found new ways to work together because of covid and we should applaud those who have helped neighbours in all sorts of ways and ensure that the community spirit continues. (e) the PC had responded well to the challenges of the past year and he was confident that this will continue.

4. PARISH MATTERS (members of the public questions & comments)

The following matters were raised:-

- (a) Morston Regatta: CW confirmed there would be a regatta in 2021
- (b) Thank-you party: A party to say thank you for what had been done during the pandemic would be referred to the parish council to organise.
- (c) Superfast Broadband: A parishioner supported this project

- (d) Quay Car Park Charges: Much concern expressed re the increased charges and the parish council was asked to write to the National Trust regarding this
- (e) Overnight parking near Church: Concerns were expressed re camper vans etc staying overnight on land east of the church. The parish council would consider signage etc...to try and alleviate the problems.
- (f) Surface of land at (e): The Parish Council will monitor the situation which was much improved in recent times.
- (g) Hedge on village hall western boundary: The PC would consider speaking to the contractor with a view to planting more hedging.
- (h) Possible footpath from South Close: This matter would be placed on the next agenda.

5. OTHER REPORTS

No other reports submitted.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business and the Chair thanked people for attending and closed the meeting.