

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, 28th February, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance J Tibbetts, J Temple, C Ward, M Harrison, C Bean, R Hamond, R Metcalfe ,V Holliday, PC Gower-Smith and 5 members of the public

1a. To receive and consider apologies. *P Bullimore, V Egan.*

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items. *J Temple item 8a*

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 31.1.24. *Need to add who had proposed and seconded items where possible, then Approved CB, CW.*

3a. Public Participation, requests to speak on agenda items. *none*

3b. To receive reports from the Police

The Police:- All relatively quiet at present, but some marine thefts at Wells and coming into spring which is often busier. Asked for our input for upcoming SNAP meeting. Problems with speeding in village was suggested and discussed. . There is a new camera safety partnership team spending a lot of time on our roads. Discussed our SAM machine and the possibility of updating it to a SAM 2 which is able to save and collate data. Contact Westec for more info. Asked about road signs for events were advised to contact Highways.

District/County Councillors *VH referred us to recent emailed report from CC. New bank Hub coming to Holt, timing unknown.*

3% rise in council tax coming.

Meeting re closure of Blakeney Surgery on 7/03/24 as part of Blakeney P C meeting anyone may attend. It is possible to have medications routinely delivered to one's home, can get help to set this up. VH will forward consultation docs on both a crab and lobster fishing and changing permitted development rights.

3c. To receive report from NT. *V E sent us this: in relation to the new build.*

- We still haven't received the landscape comments back from NNDC that were due by November 30th and therefore the design team are holding off further work until we receive these.*
- We have had meetings with Anglian Water who have come back with some further requirements which we are just reviewing as these have the potential to add cost to the project and extend our timescales. We will be asking to meet with them again shortly to unpick their requirements.*
- We received some initial positive feedback from Natural England regarding the accessible path project and we continue to work on this.*

In other areas of our work, the ranger team will be pricing up pothole repairs to the main driving route within the car park and we will be replacing the rotten parts of the handrails of the bridges as well as organising a survey of the bridges.

I plan to see you next month in person.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-All Approved. RH & CW

Amount £	Pd to	Reason
377.90	P Bullimore	Clerks net salary
26.50	P Bullimore	Clerks expenses
94.60	HMRC	Tax on salary
20.00	T.Leach	V hall cleaning
40.00	ICO	Information Commissioner
557.84	J Tibbetts	Hampers and expenses
354.21	R.C Longley. RCL handyman	Maintenance work various and materials
122.05	Robert Peacock Compass project management	Supply and fixing picture rail
2,840.00	Simon Strong Glaven landscapes	Part 2 of fencing bill @ caravan site

(b) To further consider ways of supporting the First Responders. Following discussions, it was unanimously decided to give a one-off donation to the local first responders of £2,000. Asking them to report back on how they have used the donation. RH to make contact and notify them and get any details we need.

(c) To receive further update re the Investment Plan. No further progress as we still have not got the ability to do internet banking despite further hours on the phone to Barclays Bank. We have been advised that we may be able to do this in the next 2 weeks. If so, we will be able to progress. The Barclays telephone representative informed us we need to change the account to one specifically for councils and that they will contact JPT in the next 2 weeks to explain.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions & information received from NNDC since last meeting.

Approvals given to Church Barn and Hall Farm House,

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed.

None

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To review street lighting as agreed last autumn. Newly installed lights working with the desired effect. No further action to be taken.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports). See 3b

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To review caravan rents. There has been no increase since 2017. After some debate it was decided to raise rents in line with inflation as calculated by the bank of England . They will now be £2,300 per annum.

(b) To note maintenance & record keeping for the defibrillator. JPT is now registered with The Circuit, our national defibrillator network, as the coordinator and will be notified of anything that needs attention. JT asked all councillors and members of the public to take it upon themselves to check the colour of small disc through the clear panel it should be GREEN in which case no need to take any action. If RED please contact her asap.

(c) **To further consider montage/collection of mementos for display.** *F/ wd*

(d) **Update on Maintenance Log & Work**

Recent fence work highly commended.

Update on general maintenance jobs completed and quotes for some pending actions below.

A) Repairs to grass entrance to cv site £792. CB, JT.

B) To supply tree guards and canes for hedging + wood chip mulch £356 JT, RM. JPT to contact SS

Both approved, need to be completed asap as C site opens shortly.

Quotes for painting and repair of V Hall external walls and Roof work considered. Further quotes needed.

Need for small key safe in hall so all committee members can access all areas if needed. JPT to purchase one with combination lock as seen @ meeting.

9. To receive update re proposed closure of Blakeney Surgery. *At meeting of ICB they decided further consultation needed on medicine collection so no decisions made yet.*

10. To receive further report re the defibrillator.

Electrician quote £ 270.00 including labour and materials. Accepted and the provisional date 14th March 9am has been agreed to remove it from the village hall and reinstall @ pub. This date needs to be confirmed with the Anchor JPT.

JPT will contact Circuit to take it offline at this time.

11. To further consider concerns re feral cats in the village. *Agreed by all that feral cat leaflet to be delivered to all residents . JPT and we will collate any feed back for next meeting.*

12. Governance:- To consider Action Plan (2024/25) and the Biodiversity Policy *MH to review draft plan*

13. To further consider NNDC's approach re Affordable Housing. *Unanimously decided to remove from agenda as no suitable sites in parish.*

14. To receive correspondence (not included in agenda items above) none

15. Public Participation (comments/other matters) *Notified of upcoming dates.*

Sat 22 June Morston Meander (open gardens).

5 July The Mary Athil Crab Supper.

22 march Vivienne Wilson's funeral.

Last Games night (until autumn) Monday 11th March.

16. To confirm date of next council meeting *March 27@ 7 pm*

& future agenda items.

V hall inventory + sorting Shed and removing unwanted items (impromptu proposal for an all comers working party, 21st march 10am start, as all chairs will be in the church)

Kitchen improvements

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