

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 31st January, 2018 at the Village Hall, Morston (7pm)

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, S.Bean, Mrs.J.Tibbetts, Mrs.R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.M.Strong (NCC), K.Ward (NNDC), PC.J.Pegden, and three members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

No apologies.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No declarations of interest on agenda items.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 29/11/17.

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)

D.Carnwath (MPCC), requested to speak at item 6(a).

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

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) an imminent flood alert (b) concerns re the supply of drugs and the use of other peoples properties (cuckooing) (c) bus subsidies not being cut in the NCC Budget (d) involvement with the Nfk Coast Partnership (e) encouraging people, particularly the elderly, to use the internet possibly via a local library (f) continuing work on getting faster broadband.

*** K.Ward (NNDC) spoke about the progress on the new Local Plan with NNDC Planners currently being held up because they were awaiting information from central government. KW would speak further on 5(c) when the item was discussed.

*** PC.J.Pegden reported on the following :- Five recorded crimes since the last meeting (thefts of outboards and tractor plus one possession of cannabis incident). PC.Pegden asked members to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police.

*** S.Fenn (NT) reported via email (not all members had seen the email sent that afternoon) (a) abandoned boats going thro the legal process (b) changes to the quay and car park; putting a window in to the north side of the café, improvements to the temporary toilets, introducing a small area for trade waste bins, introducing a small welcome hut to meet cars as they arrive, adding a small unit for staff welfare, and making the area in front of the visitor area more user friendly.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £248.69, HMRC £62.20, B/Regis PC £46.33, E.Farrow £75.00, Indigo Waste Servs Ltd £40.80, P.Bullimore £47.34.

The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: SB, Sec: CW)

(b) To receive update re maintenance of PC website.

RH spoke of a new website by changing to Wix and moving from Wordpress. The proposed “headings” were discussed and approved by members and RH said she would report back to the next meeting. There would be a small cost involved with using Wix.

5. Planning:

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

Nothing received.

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

None received.

(c) To receive update re the Conservation Area review

Members had been updated via email re private consultants being appointed.

K.Ward (NNDC) confirmed Purcell’s appointment and summarised the situation including their remit. She said that there would be public consultation.

CW expressed his concerns re the NNDC Planning Conservation Department.

(d) To consider the production of a Neighbourhood Plan

The Norfolk Coast Partnership were encouraging parishes to create Neighbourhood Plans and it was agreed that the Clerk attends a Workshop to be held shortly.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update re the proposed path through the Churchyard

The Chair adjourned the meeting for D.Carnwath from Morston PCC to update members. DC stated that the PCC had not been successful with their grant application but would like to proceed with the path if the parish council could contribute financially. He would prepare a brief for members to consider with a view to proceeding with the project in the summer. The PCC meet in 10 days time and he hoped more information would be available for the PC very soon. There was unanimous agreement amongst PC members to contribute to this scheme.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

NNDC – Review/Workshop on the “paperless planning system” – 13/2/18 – Noted.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To receive update re action on the Fire Risk Assessment of Village Hall

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Steve Cherry in the sum of £625 for the emergency lighting installation (item 1 on the Fire Risk Action Plan). It was further agreed that the clerk purchases the notices required as well as arrange for the required smoke alarms. The actions taken following the fire risk assessment would be finalised and summarised next month.

(b) To confirm the caravan site waiting list for January, 2018.

The Clerk went through the list of seven currently on the waiting list. This was confirmed and copies of the verified list would be sent to all concerned.

9. To receive report re the Morston Regatta. (2018) (CW)

CW reported on two new developments :- (a) the regular band would not be available and (b) the low tide for the regatta would be challenging. – Noted.

10. Governance: To note & consider the new General Data Protection Regs.

The Clerk updated members on the new GDPR which would take effect from May, 2018. He would be circulating a report to members along with a proposed policy for adoption.

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

Letter from E-on re a new smart meter being installed in the village hall.
Christmas card from N.Lamb MP.

12. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

A comment was made regarding the PCC being involved with new Data Prot Regs.

13. To confirm date of next meeting and future agenda items.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 28th February, 2018. – (7pm).