

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 30th June, 2021 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

Covid 19 – The same restrictions and public health advice/guidance were in place as in the previous meeting.

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), C.Bean, R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) and five members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs.J.Tibbetts and S.Bean.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

J.Temple declared an interest on items 5(e) and 5(f).

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 26.5.21.

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

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

Requests received from parishioners to speak on items 6c, 8a, and 15.

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

*** Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) updated members on NNDC news and referred to the shortage of brown garden waste bins and the 66 affordable flats in Fakenham. On local matters she informed members that she had written to the National Trust trying to move the defibrillator project forward, would refer the sign on Langham Road to the NNDC Planning Dept., and asked if the PC could use some traffic cones that had been offered by NCC Highways.

*** No reports had been received from NCC., NT., and the Police.

The Clerk reminded members that a reply had been received from the NT regarding car park charges (circulated to members on 27/6/21), there was still no reply regarding maintenance of the Havokey, and Dr.Holliday had updated members regarding the long overdue defibrillator. – Noted.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £323.30, HMRC £80.80, NNDC £920.60, Mayday Office £7.54,
P.Bullimore £22.83, Secret Gardens £290.00, Norfolk Connected £70.00

*** The above payments as scheduled on the agenda, plus one other payment were approved (Prop: CW, Sec: RH). The “other payment” was in the sum of £115.00 payable to J.Bean in respect of supplying a new board for the fire assembly point.

(b) To note the Internal Audit Report (31.3.21)

A satisfactory report was read to members and noted.

(c) To approve the Governance Statement (31.3.21)

This was duly approved and signed by the Chairman (Prop: CB, Sec: CW)

(d) To approve the Accounts & Accounting Statement (31.3.21)

Copies of all the Accounts and Account Statements>Returns had been supplied to members and they were duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

(Prop: RH, Sec: CB). The Clerk would send all the appropriate papers to the external auditor (PKF.Littlejohn) and also arrange for them to be displayed on the PC notice-board and posted to the website.

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) RV/21/1565; NT Information Centre, Variation of condition PF/18/0957.
All information had been seen by members who expressed concerns regarding the renewal of these planning matters. After discussion it was agreed to support the extension regarding the temporary toilet block as there appeared to be no other option, but not support an extension to the adjacent portacabin. The toilet block extension should be conditional on a satisfactory completion within 1 – 2 years. (Prop: CW, Sec: CB).

(d) Promotion of Dark Skies initiative

A copy of the proposed policy had been sent to members and after discussion it was duly adopted (Prop: RH, Sec: CB). The policy would be posted on the website.

(e) PF/21/1256; 23 – 25 The Street, Change of Use of Outbuilding

(f) LA/21/1257; “ “ “ “ , “ “ “ “ “

J.Temple declared an interest and did not vote but clarified some matters for members.. After discussion it was agreed to support the applications on the understanding that potential traffic problems are negated (Prop: CW, Sec: CB).

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update re maintenance of the pond.

The Chair and Clerk summarised the situation reminding members that over £3k had been spent on the pond and there was still no guarantee of water all the year round but particularly when it should be picturesque in the summer months. CW suggested sinking a borehole and JT said it warranted further investigation. CW agreed to supply details to the Chair of experts in this field and further enquiries could be made. RH would also give a phone contact number for an aquatic specialist who might help with this project if the water supply problem could be solved.

(b) To note annual inspection & cleaning of street lights

The Clerk reported that the annual light inspection had not revealed any problems.

(c) To further consider the parking area east of church (surface & sign)

The Chair reminded the meeting that Norfolk CC Highways would not permit extensive works on this land but had agreed to the PC improving the surface. He would get in touch with Wordinghams with a view to “topping up” the existing surface. (soft repairs). The Clerk reported that NCC Highways had agreed to the PC using its own signage to prevent the overnight parking of camper vans. The Chair would arrange to purchase some appropriate signs.

(d) To consider footpaths at northern end of Langham Road.

After discussion it was considered that such a project was not viable and the matter would be removed from the agenda.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

There were no new announcements.

** Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) left the meeting at this point.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To note termination of tenancies (caravans) and consider way forward.

The Chair reminded members that the current caravan agreements would be coming to an end soon and he would like members to consider the future plans and lay-out for the site. He felt duty bound to promote the village hall more as the land was left for this purpose and for the use of the parishioners. He hoped discussions between the PC and current caravan tenants would produce an amicable way forward for all concerned

9. To receive update re Ambulance Response Times

Minutes of the May 2021 Group Meeting had been circulated to members and Dr.Holliday (NNDC) was keeping the PC well informed.

10. To consider adoption of Health & Safety Policy and a Complaints Procedure

Copies of both documents had been sent to members and after a brief discussion it was agreed to adopt the Health & Safety Policy and the Complaints Procedure. (Prop: CW, Sec: RH). These would be posted on the website.

11. To receive update re Better Broadband (Superfast Fibre to Premises)

The Chair reported that following the recent OpenReach announcement a local project was no longer necessary as the parish would be part of the new “Rural Rollout”.

12.To consider Traffic/Civil Parking Enforcement Officer for the local area.

It was agreed to support Blakeney PC’s enquiries and investigations, although members had reservations as the village had no yellow lines or car parks that needed patrolling.

13. To consider request from Cley PC re advertising a beach portaloo

To be considered when a portaloo is in place.

14. To receive update re Morston Regatta on 14/8/21

CW reported that the sailing side was “all on track” with the prize-giving following the actual sailing. (There would be no social event in the evening).

15. To receive update re Covid19 “Thank you party”

A parishioner (GK) summarised the group’s plans for a BarBQ on 21/8/21 from 12pm to approx. 3.30pm. All parishioners were invited and it would take place on GK’s field. Invitations would go out to villagers soon. Noted. It was agreed the PC would fund the event (Prop: CW, Sec: CB).

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

A thank you letter re the donation to Nfk Accident Rescue Serv had been received.

17.Public Participation (comments/other matters) - No other comments

18. To confirm date of next meeting and/or future arrangements.

Agreed for Wed.28th July, 2021 -

