

## **MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7pm.**

**Present:** J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, Mrs.R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.M.Strong (NCC), S.Fenn (NT), and one member of the public.

#### **1a. To receive and consider apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from S.Bean and J.Tibbetts. Apologies were also received from K.Ward (NNDC) and PC.J.Pegden.

#### **1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items**

No interests declared on agenda items.

#### **2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 30/1/19.**

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

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

No requests to speak on agenda items.

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

\*\*\* Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) Disruption at the recent NCC meeting; protesters caused so much trouble that she felt genuine concerns were not heard (b) Disappointment with the cuts going ahead with Childrens Services (c) Introduction of the Cabinet System at NCC (d) Boundary changes at District level and now possibly County level.

\*\*\* K.Ward (NNDC) reported via email reminding members that consultation on the new Local Plan will commence on 7/5/19 for a period of 6 weeks.

\*\*\* PC.Pegden reported via email that there had been one call to the police and a theft from a motor vehicle since the last meeting. Suspicious vehicles were still being observed in the area and he reminded members that night patrols in the creeks would commence when the season starts.

\*\*\* S.Fenn (NT) reported that a large portakabin was being installed on the quay in the morning. She reminded members of the NT "Drop-in" event on 22/3/19 at the village hall.

#### **4. Finance:**

##### **(a) To approve the following payments :-**

P.Bullimore £255.50, HMRC £64.00, Information Commissioner £40.00,  
T.A.Leach £40.00, P.Bullimore £39.29

The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: CB, Sec: JB).

#### **5. Planning:**

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

The following were noted :-

PF/18/2238; Windows, doors, & porch at Morston Cottage, The Street – Approved.  
PF/18/2055; Outbuilding into Annexe at Low Barn, Stiffkey Rd – Approved.

**(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed**  
None received.

**6. Highways and Footpath Matters:**

**(a) To receive update re the proposed path through the Churchyard**  
Nothing further to report.

**7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)**

The Clerk announced he would be attending an information evening re PC Elections at NNDC on 4/3/19.

**8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:**

**(a) To consider purchasing new chairs for the village hall**  
The Chair stated that JPT would be looking at possible examples of new chairs and hopefully would have suggestions for members at the next meeting.

**(b) To review the caravan site tenancy agreement**  
Members agreed that “things needed tidying up” and it was agreed to review this next month.

**(c) To consider purchasing audio equipment for the village hall**  
Again it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

**9. To consider Budget & receive update re the Morston Regatta. (2019) (CW).**

Following on from discussions at the last meeting RH stated that it was important to have a good evening party to wind up the regatta, and said what a good event it had been last year. After more discussion it was agreed the budget be £1,200 for the regatta with a possible revision if band costs went up (Prop: CW, Sec: RH). A vote of confidence and thanks to Jim and Jane Temple for their work was also agreed (Prop: RH, Sec: CB). CW reported that the sailing element of the regatta was all in hand.

**10. To note & consider the parish council elections in May, 2019.**

The Clerk stated that the four yearly cycle was starting again with parish council elections being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019. He would make sure that existing members had their nomination packs before and during the next meeting, because nominations had to be returned to NNDC Electoral Services between 26/3/19 and 3/4/19. He would provide assistance at the next meeting if needed and would advertise the election so all parishioners were made aware of it. Members could also go on the NNDC website (Electoral Services) and download their papers if they so wished. The Clerk would be attending the NNDC offices on 28/3/19 to hand in nominations if required.

**11. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village**

The Chair stated that he hoped a meeting, with all concerned, would take place soon.

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

Nothing received.

**13. Public Participation (comments/other matters) – No comments/other matters**

**14. To confirm date of next council meeting and future agenda items.**

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.