

MINUTES of the MORSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, 29th May, 2024 - 6.30pm
All Saints Church, Morston.

Present: J.Tibbetts (Chair), Four councillors, the Clerk, and 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, and C.Bean. Apologies were also received from M.Dalby (NCC), V.Egan (NT) and S.Bullard.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17/5/2023.

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

3. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair gave her annual report which referred to the following :- (a) the year had started with an election with R.Reynolds being newly elected only to resign shortly afterwards and R.Metcalf then being welcomed on to the council. (b) the PC still continues to maintain good links with the Police, NNDC., NCC., and the NT (c) the redevelopment of the toilets on the quay continues to frustrate us all (d) Finance remains strong and the precept is therefore nil. Government Gilts have been purchased thereby reducing the monies held by Barclays Bank. (e) Planning matters taken very seriously and the PC welcomes input from parishioners (f) a big thank you to RM and RH who represented us very well at a planning Committee meeting regarding the extension of the use of the mobile catering facilities on Morston Quay. (g) PC is looking at ways to reduce speeding in the village (h) members have attended various training courses to extend their knowledge on PC matters (i) the PC continues to maintain and improve its assets. E.g. wi-fi now in the village hall, new fencing, new electrical connections to caravans, improved driveway, new site for defibrillator, etc...(j) trying to encourage and promote community groups. E.g. games nights, first responders, swamp, etc...(k) thank you to all councillors and numerous people for their help and input.

4. PARISH MATTERS (members of the public questions & comments) (HAVE YOUR SAY !!!!!)

- (a) Discussion re e-democracy (people can follow meetings remotely etc..)
- (b) Concerns re bus stop signage

- (c) Thanks to the PC from the Church
- (d) Concerns re holes in the quay car park
- (e) Concerns re “catering smells” from the pub (Environmental Health matter)

5 OTHER REPORTS.

The meeting received a report from SWAMP. It referred to the following :- (a) the pond is getting attention from many sources (b) water levels are good with more native species flourishing (c) attention is still needed on eradicating non-native plants (d) the willows are being pollarded on a two year rotation (e a grant has been applied for (f) nominated for a Norfolk Biodiversity Award (g) thanks to the PC for their continued support

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.