

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 26th June, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, S.Bean, R.Hamond, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were K.Ward (NNDC) and two members of the public.

1a. To elect Vice-Chair & signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was agreed to carry this appointment forward to the next agenda.

1b. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from C.Ward and J.Tibbetts. Apologies were also received from Dr.M.Strong (NCC), S.Fenn (NT), and PC.J.Pegden.

1c. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared on agenda items.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 16/5/19.

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

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

Request to speak on items 8(b) and 8(d).

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

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported via email on the following :- (a) review of wards in her NCC Division (b) opening of the Wells re-use shop (c) Wells traffic management (d) banking scams (e) no cold-calling stickers (f) reporting of pot-holes and road problems to NCC Highways (g) Post-Office banking services.

*** K.Ward (NNDC) reported on the following (a) results of NNDC election. (b) appointment re Planning & Housing Portfolio (c) conservation appraisal goes to cabinet next month.

*** PC.J.Pegden reported via email on the following :- (a) two calls to the police but no recorded crimes (b) engine control boxes stolen (c) patrols of harbour and creeks undertaken at night (d) criminal activity still going on around the quay (e) reports of drug importation in remote areas of the coast.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.50, HMRC £64.00, E-Fire £117.60,
Secret Gardens £350.00, P.Bullimore £35.72.

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

(b) To consider request for donation towards emergency services drone.

The Clerk read an email which had already been circulated requesting a donation, but it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting when hopefully more information would be available and PC.Pegden would be in attendance.

5. Planning:

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

The following were noted :-

PF/19/0598; Removal of lean-to extn, erect porch etc...Tides Reach - Approved

PF/19/0744; Boiler flue to roof of garage; Scaldbeck House – Approved.

PF/19/0614; Variation of conditions at 1, Morston Hall Barns – Approved.

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

None received.

(c) To consider response re national flood & coast erosion strategy (England)

It was agreed to carry this matter forward and K.Ward (NNDC) would report back with some advice and indications as to how NNDC responded.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

Nothing further to report.

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

Nothing further had been received from the contractor regarding a bore-hole and it was agreed the Clerk sends a reminder.

(c) To note/consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2020/21.

A further year of the scheme had been announced whereby NCC contributed 50% of approved minor highways schemes. The scheme had been in operation for 7 years and it was agreed to give this matter some thought and keep the item on future agendas.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

No new announcements.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To receive update re purchasing new chairs for the village hall

In the absence of JPT, the Chair would be looking further at this and report back to members.

(b) To further consider the replacement of west hedge/ & boundary fences

The Chair had met the contractor (D.Sadler) on site again and it was confirmed that the interwoven hazel fence was the right type for the job with very little price difference between this and other fencing. As agreed by members the western boundary work would commence in the autumn to avoid disturbing nesting birds and miss the large number of visitors using Quay Lane. The quotation, in the sum of £3482.50 was accepted and the Clerk would instruct the contractors accordingly. The Chair had also discussed the fencing on the northern and eastern boundaries and D.Sadler had quoted £4250.00 for the work. The fencing would be 4ft high closeboard panels with concrete posts and gravel boards. Members again accepted the quotation (Prop: CB, Sec: RH) and the Clerk was instructed to ask the contractor to start work as soon as possible on the north and east boundaries.

(c) To receive update re purchasing audio equipment for the village hall

The new microphone had arrived and the Clerk would arrange to reimburse JPT.

(d) To consider state of the trees on parish council boundary

The Chair gave a brief report to members and stated that some trees needed lopping and a further tree could possibly be felled. The latter was adjacent to a caravan and close to the north-east corner of the site. The Chair suggested sharing the costs with the landowner, perhaps on a 50/50 basis, and make enquiries regarding the price with M.Sadler. This was agreed and K.Ward (NNDC), before any action was taken, would

enquire with the Tree Officer at NNDC whether permission was required, as the trees were on the boundary of the new conservation area. The Clerk would contact the Sadlers to arrange a site visit with the Chairman.

(e) To receive/consider update re request for tenants insurance certificates

The Clerk informed members that he had not received copies of two tenants insurance or gas certificates as requested in his letter of 18/4/19. The Clerk was instructed to write requesting this information in the next 28 days (Prop: JB, Sec: CB).

9. To receive update re the Morston Regatta. (2019) (CW).

CW, reporting via email, had stated that all sailing matters were in hand.

10. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village

The Chair gave a brief update re the installation of the new cable etc. and referred to getting a power supply to the cabinet near the Langham Road junction. In summary he said that the project was still on course for September/October, 2019. Members were pleased that this project was progressing as this would be a valuable asset to the village with the parish council taking a leading role by financing it and getting all the appropriate agencies together.

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

The following were noted :-

Letter of thanks re the donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

E-on terms and conditions booklet.

12. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

The following comments were made :-

- (a) People coming to the Caravan Site/Village Hall that were involved with a "treasure trail app". In effect they were trespassing, spoiling tenants enjoyment of the site, whilst following on-line instructions.
- (b) Many people were now using the church path thereby getting pedestrians off the A149. It had been successful.

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

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 31st July, 2019. (time to be arranged).