

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7pm

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.M.Harrison. Apologies were also received from M.Dalby (NCC) and V.Egan (NT).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 26.10.22.

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)

No requests to speak on agenda items.

3b. To receive reports from District & County Councillors.

*** Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. It referred to :- (a) planning service performance consultation (b) coastal supplementary planning document out for consultation til Jan.23 (c) shoreline management plans being revisited (d) 2,772 households on the housing list with 55 families in temporary accomdtn. (e) 119 social prescribing referrals in Sept/October (f) NNDC should receive £1.5m via the Rural Prosperity Fund (g) forecast of £900k deficit in this years budget (h) bin collection problems taking longer than expected to solve (i) update re avian flu (j) unsuccessful bid re financing electric car charging points (k) reduction in call times by customer services (l) Stearmans Yd toilets s/be open in December. Dr.Holliday also reminded members verbally regarding free parking on 5th and 6th December in the run up to Christmas.

*** M.Dalby (NCC) had submitted a written report for circulation and it referred to (a) 47 libraries available as part of the “Warm Welcome Campaign” and (b) NCC Budget out for consultation with various reductions being proposed and various savings ideas being put forward.

3c. To receive report from NT and consider new toilet block & its funding.

V.Egan, via email, reported that (a) the toilet block pre-app response had been received later than expected although the officer was supportive subject to certain conditions and (b) the signs re “no overnight parking” for the quay would have to be made and budgeted for. C.Ward expressed concerns regarding the length of time being taken over the planning of the new toilet block and thought the NT would never meet the stipulated completion date. Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) would make enquiries and speak with all those concerned.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £570.10, HMRC £82.40, Countrystyle Recycling £21.00,
D.Sadler £355.00, T.Leach £20.00, P.Bullimore £42.14,
North & Hawkins £360.00, Secret Gardens £370.00,
East of England Ambulance Service £76.88.

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

(b) To receive update re the Insurance Review.

Following the re-valuation of the village hall by North & Hawkins the revised figure had been submitted to Gallaghers for updating the insurance records and policy documents. The Clerk read the email sent to Gallaghers on 21/11/22 which listed all the questions raised by Saffron Insurance who carried out a complete review of the PC's insurance. The Clerk would report to the next meeting when he hoped all matters would have been resolved.

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

The Chair informed members that another application had been received regarding the "Garden of Eden" (Pf/22/2741). He reminded members of the PC's response in respect of the previous application (Pf/21/3237) and stated that this would have to be dealt with under the "between meetings arrangement" thereby giving members more chance to study the information. Reminding members that the site was in the designated conservation area and was one of three green space listings recorded in the village by NNDC., he asked members to communicate their decisions to him a.s.a.p. in order that he and the Clerk could draft the response to NNDC Planning.

(c) To consider review of Dark Skies Policy re low VLT glass.

Following a brief discussion re low visible light transmission glass it was agreed, following a suggestion from CW, that Dr.Holliday's input would be useful and the matter would be carried forward to the next agenda.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

JPT was pleased to report that SWAMP had a grant application approved in the sum of £2,500. The contractor had scraped the pond on 23/11/22 with much work being done on the day and Ed Stocker (Ecologist) in attendance. JPT recorded her thanks to M.Harrison and V.Bix who along with many others had made it a successful day. This was just the start of the project and "hand-picking" would need to follow along with other work in the future. A workshop on "how to carry on" had been organised for 9/12/22 in the village hall.

(b) To receive update re street lighting.

The Clerk reported there had been an error when the contractors engineer had visited the wrong site and a further quote had been requested for a light adjacent to and west of the Havokey. The broken light on Langham Road had been repaired as requested.

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

The surface appeared ok at the moment and the Chair would approach the contractors if it became necessary.

(d) To note/consider complaint re speed humps in Quay Lane.

Copies of all correspondence to date had been provided to members and after discussion it was agreed that the first response, sent to the complainant, still stands. The Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

No announcements or reports.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To further consider way forward following completion of tenancies.

A further draft tenancy document had been produced and much discussion followed regarding (a) fixing of next years rent (b) start date of the new agreement (c) charges for utilities (d) length of the agreement (e) age of caravans to be allowed on site (f) number of cars allowed adjacent to caravans and (g) various other matters. Delegated responsibility was given to the Chair and JPT to finalise and produce the new tenancy agreement with a view to approval at the next meeting.

9. To note/consider Local Government Elections in May, 2023.

The Clerk reminded members of the need to promote next year's elections.

10. To note/consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2023/24.

Applications for the scheme closed in early December and it was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda.

11. To receive initial report re the Morston Regatta 2023.

CW informed members that the regatta would be held on 6/8/23..

12. To further consider the service provision at Blakeney Surgery.

Further correspondence on this matter had been received but it was decided not to write further to the Blakeney Surgery.

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

Members noted that the fly-tipping on the A149 had been dealt with promptly by NNDC and noted by the police.

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

No other comments.

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

This was confirmed as Wednesday 25th January, 2023 (7pm).

The precept deadline was 31/1/23 and the Budget would need to be considered.

