

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 30th January, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7pm.

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, Mrs.J.Tibbetts, J.Temple, and the Clerk.
Also present were Dr.M.Strong (NCC), V.Egan & S.Fenn (NT), and two members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from C.Ward, S.Bean, and R.Hamond.
Apologies were also received from K.Ward (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared on agenda items.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 28/11/18.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record.
(Prop: JPT, 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 reported on the following :- (a) concerns re the closure of childrens centres (b) after May, 2019 there will be a cabinet system instead of the current committee system and meetings will be “live streamed” (c) Wells Post Office continues to offer a wide range of banking services (d) the important NCC Budget meeting will be held on 11/2/19.

*** K.Ward (NNDC) had offered her apologies but had requested comments, if any, on item 5(e).

*** V.Egan (NT) reported the following :- (a) confirmation of her permanent appointment as General Manager and the staffing structure of the NT (b) introduced Sabrina Fenn who would be taking on all matters associated with “visitors work” (c) an error in the planning application regarding works at the quay. (of a minor technical nature) (d) the waste compound had been constructed and other works will follow shortly (e) volunteer open day being planned (f) referred to item 6(b) – see minute further on.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.70, HMRC £63.80, Indigo Waste Services £20.88,
Mayday Office Equipment £26.83, P.Bullimore £35.14.

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

5. Planning:

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

PF/18/1498: Erection of Extn/annexe at Anchor Cott., The Street (Approved), Noted.

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

(c) To consider PF/18/2238; Alterations at Morston Cottage, The Street.
It was agreed “no objections” to this application (Prop: JB, JT).

(d) To consider N.Norfolk Open Space, Sport, and Recreation Study.
Members agreed the Chair responds to the study, although much seemed not applicable to very small villages.

(e) To consider responses to Conservation Area Appraisal (NNDC)
Members had no further comments re the CAA responses.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update re the proposed path through the Churchyard
No further news re the proposed path.

(b) To further consider the hedge cutting/tidying of the Havokey
V.Egan (NT) reported that she had arranged for the NT Rangers to return to the site but there was no plan for “extra planting”. VE stated that the area was maintained as was necessary and queried whether the reported rubbish was garden waste. Noted.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

The Clerk had no new announcements.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To verify the caravan site waiting list as at January, 2019.
The Clerk read out the nine names from the waiting list which included two additions. Members agreed not to add any further names w.e.f. January, 2019 and verified the list. The Clerk would send a copy of the list to the nine concerned and remind them to continue writing each January to confirm they wished to remain on the list.

(b) To review the caravan site tenancy agreement
JPT submitted a written report for members consideration which referred to observations made whilst inspecting the site. They included concerns re fencing in poor condition, hedge on Quay Lane overgrown, site plan needed to be to scale, the pitches are all different (decking, washing lines, paving etc.), policy regarding sheds, storage of items under caravans, and trailers and boats parked on site. JPT also raised concerns re the tenancy document. The Chair suggested that this be looked at over a period of time particularly as there was only four members present. It was agreed that in the meantime the Chair, assisted by a contractor, would look at the hedge in Quay Lane.

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

CW reported via email that the tide height and timings are perfect this year and he was looking forward to a good regatta. Referring to the evening section of the event a member queried whether it was appropriate to spend £1,000 on hiring musicians. After discussion it was agreed, following a suggestion from the Chair, that the budget for the event be considered at the next meeting, when hopefully, there would be more than four members present.

10. To consider NNDC’s new leaders email re ideas to improve the community

It was agreed not to respond as a corporate body but leave the matter for individuals to reply if they so wished.

11. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village

The Chair reported that he had discussed the matter with the land owner and the way forward now seemed to have a meeting with all parties concerned. Concerns had been expressed regarding an AWA water main which appeared to follow the same route as being proposed for the new cable but the Chair was confident that Open Reach and AWA could sort this problem. JB was hopeful that the work could go ahead in the summer subject to the farmers planting season.

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

The following had been received since the last meeting :- (a) Christmas card from Norman Lamb MP. (b) Thank you letter from Wells Community Hospital Trust re the donation.

13. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

No comments or other matters.

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

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 27th February, 2019. (7pm)