

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 28th July, 2021 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

Covid 19 – The public health advice and guidance (as at previous meetings) was still followed.

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from PC.J.Pegden and G.Kay.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

RH declared an interest for item 6(b).

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 30.6.21.

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

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

The Chair noted a request for items 8(a) and 14.

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

*** Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) reported on the Housing Strategy and the adoption of a new code of conduct. NNDC had also written to our MP regarding ðkeeping planning localö. She hoped to have a meeting with the National Trust re the toilet planning application on the Quay and had also made further enquiries regarding the sign erected near the A149 at the east end of the village.

JB had to leave the meeting at this point with RH taking over as Chair.

*** The Police had submitted a written report stating that there had been no reported crimes in the village during the last month and patrols would be coming more visible as they worked in conjunction with the Border Force.

*** The National Trust had not submitted a report but the Clerk reminded members that the Defibrillator Project was ready to progress and there was an item on the agenda regarding the Havokey.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £323.30, HMRC £80.80, S.Meakin £9.00, Efire £111.60,
S.Meakin £100.00, Secret Gardens £290.00, Countrystyle Recycling £48.60,
P.Bullimore £30.75.

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus one other payment, were approved (Prop: CB, Sec: JT). The ðother paymentö was in the sum of £73.80 payable to Graphic Edge for signage.

5. Planning:

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

No decisions had been received. Members noted that RV/21/1565 and PF/21/1256 were still being considered by NNDC.

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

None received.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

JB had been in touch with the aquatic specialists regarding a borehole who would give their opinion, and possible costs for a project, if it was possible.

(b) To consider the maintenance of Havokey

In the absence of JB the acting Chair briefed members, referring to their meeting with the National Trust and summarising the position to date. The last email from the NT had suggested the PC might like to give some financial assistance to them in maintaining and improving the Havokey. Members had mixed feelings about this and the Clerk was instructed to reply requesting the following information (a) when was the NT budgeting for this work and (b) what would the NT contribute to the projected costs. On receipt of this information JB would again contact members for their opinions.

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

JB would be speaking to Wordingham regarding renewing the surface when the holiday period was over. Following permission from NCC Highways some signs had been purchased prohibiting overnight parking of camper vans. (these would be erected very soon).

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

No new announcements or reports.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

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

With JB, who had placed this matter on the agenda, not being present, it was difficult to proceed further. JB had stated at the last meeting that he felt duty bound to promote the village hall more as the land was left for this purpose and for the use of the parishioners. RH summarised the situation stating that we needed parishioners input regarding going forward with the village hall and also needed to keep tenants informed etc. There was too much to consider and it was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to look at matters and report back to the PC with thoughts and ideas. (J.Tibbetts, S.Bean, and J.Burdell would make up this committee).

9. To receive update re Ambulance Response Times

The update and recent agenda for the local committee was noted by members. CW gave an example of a bad response time.

10. To note & consider the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (June 2022)

A bonfire etc would be arranged and possibly a small group of members would be formed to organise the event.

11. To receive update re Morston Regatta on 14/8/21

CW said things were looking good with a big tide expected

12. To receive update re Covid19 “Thank you party”

JPT reported that there had already been 50 acceptances for the event which would be held on 21/8/21. The PC would be funding the event which looked on course to be a good social occasion.

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

No other correspondence.

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

The following matters were raised :-

External surface of village hall needs cleaning (CB will contact the PC cleaner)

Highways Signs covered by vegetation (Clerk to report to NCC Highways Dept)

Hedge in Quay Lane needs cutting (Clerk to contact MH for help)

15. To confirm date of next meeting and/or future arrangements.

It was agreed to meet again on Wednesday, 29th September. (7pm)