

## **MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7pm.**

**Present:** J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, S.Bean, Mrs.R.Hamond, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.M.Strong (NCC), PC.J.Pegden, and one member of the public.

#### **1a. To receive and consider apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from C.Ward and J.Tibbetts. Apologies were also received from K.Ward (NNDC) and S.Fenn (NT).

#### **1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items**

No interests declared on agenda items.

#### **2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 27/3/19.**

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record subject to one amendment (Prop: RH, Sec: CB). The amendment was to change the heading at the top of page one (2<sup>nd</sup> line) to read "MINUTES" of the parish council meeting.

#### **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 (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) the Wells "re-used" shop was to be opened in May (b) NCC Highways Partnership successful bids (c) 38 out of 53 childrens centres closed with the remaining centres going out to tender (d) changes in mobile library stops (e) congratulations to all parish council members in standing for re-election on 2/5/19 (f) bad blue badge parking in Wells etc.

\*\*\* PC.J.Pegden reported on the following :- (a) stolen heating oil in Morston (b) three calls since last meeting (c) further incidents of burglary in nearby parishes (d) a training session with the Border Force and the RNLI taking place soon. (e) PC.JP has recently qualified as a drone pilot; drones to be used regularly along the coast.

#### **4. Finance:**

##### **(a) To approve the following payments :-**

P.Bullimore £255.50, HMRC £64.00, CPRE £36.00, C.Bean £9.50,  
T.A.Leach £70.00, P.Bullimore £36.54, Secret Gardens £175.00, J.Green £70.00  
Anglian Water £576.31, Westcotec Ltd £192.00, Norfolk ALC £77.85,  
Mayday Office Eqmt £11.78, Indigo Waste Serv £25.20, P.Bullimore £384.75

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

##### **(b) To consider request for financial assistance from Nfk Accident Rescue.**

It was agreed to make a donation in the sum of £50 (Prop: CB, Sec: SB).

#### **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**  
None received.

**(c) To consider response re consultation on NNDCs First Draft Local Plan.**  
It was agreed to go online and also attend, if possible, a drop in event in Holt on 15/5/19 before responding to this consultation. Carried forward to next agenda.  
It was noted the consultation ended on 19/6/19.

**(d) PF/19/0598; Removal of old extension etc; Tides Reach, 1 – 5 The Street.**  
It was agreed “no objections” to this application (Prop: RH, Sec: CB).

## **6. Highways and Footpath Matters:**

**(a) To receive update re the proposed path through the Churchyard**  
Nothing further to report.

**(b) To further consider maintenance of the pond.**  
As agreed last autumn the Clerk had contacted the contractors, Conservation Works, to re-visit the pond and decide on the best way forward. The Chair said that he had arranged to meet them onsite on Friday

**(c) To note difficulties experienced by grass cutting contractor.**  
The grass cutting contractor had experienced difficulties in cutting the grass in the churchyard because of building material etc left on site. JB had spoken with a representative of the church to try and sort this matter and the contractor had been instructed to cut the areas only where it would not damage his cutting blades, which were very expensive. Noted.

## **7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)**

Merchant Navy Day was on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and SB said he would be hoisting the red ensign flag as last year.

## **8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:**

**(a) To consider purchasing new chairs for the village hall**  
JPT had emailed the Clerk stating that she would progress this matter for the next meeting. Noted.

**(b) To review the caravan site tenancy agreement**  
The Clerk had been informed by the Tree Officer at NNDC that the old western hedge could be removed and that holm oak was a good type of replacement for this area. The Chair had discussed the work with the contractor on site and the PC is now waiting for his quotation to carry out the work. The Clerk would chase the contractor to make sure a quotation was available for the next meeting.

**(c) To consider purchasing audio equipment for the village hall**  
In the absence of JPT it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

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

CW, via email, stated that he had nothing to report this month.

## **10. To note & consider the parish council elections in May, 2019.**

The parish will not be holding a parish council election as the existing seven members were the only nominations received by NNDC Electoral Services. Noted. The District Council election will of course go ahead on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019.

**11. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village**

The Chair reported that a meeting with all interested parties had taken place on 17/4/19. It appeared that contractors using a mole type machine was preferable to the JCB digger trench method, and it seemed logical to use the contractors who would already be on site. AWA would be talking to OpenReach and a further meeting, with all parties, was taking place in May with a view to carrying out the work in September/October. Members were pleased to continue with the project and Dr.Strong (NCC) congratulated the PC on the progress made.

**12. To consider letter from Cley PC re improving ambulance response times.**

The email from Cley PC had been circulated and members agreed and instructed the Clerk to send a letter of support.

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

The following were noted :-

Kings Lynn Festival brochure re the event in July, 2019.

CPRE "Countryside Voice" magazine – to be circulated.

**14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)**

No comments or other matters.

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

This was confirmed for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 and would follow the Annual Parish Meeting which would commence at 6.30pm.

The council meeting would be the annual parish council meeting and the first meeting of the "new council" and therefore all members would need to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms, and the first matter on the agenda would be to appoint a Chairman for the coming year.