

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 27th November, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from C.Ward. Apologies were also received from K.Ward (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared on the agenda items.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 30/10/19.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record. (Prop: CB, 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, Police & NT.

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) the General Election and meeting at St.Nicholas Church, Wells on 9/12/19. (b) update on Broadband with all engineering works completed and advice for users (c) NCC. Cabinet approved an Environment Policy setting standards and commitments (d) update re the NCC Boundary Review.

*** S.Fenn (NT) spoke on the following :- (a) update re defibrillator; confirmed that the NT would progress this project with the PC financing it (SF was advised to approach the Community Heartbeat Trust who would deal with all matters associated with the installation of a defibrillator). (b) update re the Havokey (some work carried out but hoped to complete the job soon)

*** No reports from Police or NNDC.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.70, HMRC £63.80, M.Sadler £700.00, NPTS £120.00, Secret Gardens £290.00, P.Bullimore £58.36, D.Sadler £2782.50, NNDC £14.93, T.Leach £145.00, Miles Drainage Ltd £5589.60

** The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, plus a payment to T.T.Jones Electrical in the sum of £135.46 for street light maintenance, were approved (Prop: JPT, Sec: RH).

(b) To consider Budget & Precept for 2020/21.

NNDC had informed parish councils that precept forms had to be submitted by 31/12/19 and members cannot take part in voting on this if they are two months or more in arrears with their own council tax (Local Gov.Act 1992). Members had received the Clerks working papers, draft budget, and other information and after discussion it was agreed that the PC had sufficient income to meet its expenditure

demands and did not require a precept for 2020/21. (as previous year = NIL). (Prop: JPT, Sec: SB). The Chair and Clerk duly signed the precept form for NNDC.

(c) To receive update re the purchase of new defibrillator on the quay.
See NT update at 3(b).

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 email from NALC re “Digging up Norfolk”; windfarm cables
Members had received information regarding some parish councils concerns re laying cables over many years through rural N.Norfolk. It was agreed to support the petition asking the government to consider an offshore ring main which would service all future offshore windfarms and stop “Digging up Norfolk” (Prop: JB, Sec: CB).

(d) PF/19/1716; Alterations & extn at Morston Barn, The Street.
Members agreed to support this application (Prop: RH, Sec: JPT).

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update re maintenance of the pond.
No further action would be taken by the contractor until the water level drops and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until April, 2020.

(b) To note/consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2020/21.
No ideas for an application, and the matter would now be removed from the agenda as the deadline for submissions to NCC had past.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

A meeting re Ambulance response times was to be on 23/1/20 (CW to attend).
JB and RH gave a brief report on their training with NPTS which was beneficial.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To receive update re purchasing new chairs for the village hall
JPT reported that although the chairs at Letheringsett Village Hall were very nice, and met the criteria for the new chairs, they were very expensive (approx £40 each). JPT would keep looking and select firms, and their examples, from their websites, for members consideration.

(b) To receive update re the replacement of west hedge.
Job completed satisfactorily and would now be removed from the agenda.

(c) To consider purchasing a larger urn for the kitchen (JPT)
Members agreed that JPT could go ahead and purchase a new urn (cost = £70 - £120)

9. To receive report re the Morston Regatta. (2020) (CW).

CW had sent an email with apologies and had nothing to report re the regatta.

10. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village

This had been discussed during Dr.Strong’s report (3b). The new cabinet is live and parishioners will have to deal with their ISPs to get the best fibre enabled speeds.

11. To further consider NCC Boundary Divisions Review.

It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.

12. To review/adopt new Standing Orders.

Carried forward to the next meeting.

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

The Clerk reported the following :-

NNDC booking of village hall for General Election

Thank you letter from Citizens Advice Norfolk re donation.

Receipt re payment for trumpeter for RBL parade.

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

A parishioner asked if consideration could be given to a light adjacent to the church path.

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

There would be no meeting in December, 2019 and JB, CB, and JT were duly authorised to approve payments and sign cheques.

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, 29th January, 2020. (7pm)