

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C.Bean, S.Bean, Mrs.J.Tibbetts, Mrs.R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were K.Ward (NNDC), C.Bielby (NT) and one member of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from Dr.M.Strong (NCC), V.Egan (NT), and PC.J.Pegden.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared on agenda items.

1c. To elect Vice-Chair & signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

This matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 31/7/19.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record.
(Prop: CW, 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 (NCC) reported via email on the following :- (a) Dr.Strong had proposed a motion that was agreed by all political groups; “NCC calls on the Government to fast-track flagship legislation to better protect and restore our waterways and invest in effective monitoring and enforcement to ensure that all our rivers are once again clean and healthy” (b) update re new local E-Service at local libraries (c) the Preferred Options Consultation on the Nfk Minerals and Waste Plan. (this would be on the next PC agenda).

*** K.Ward (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) installation of electric charging points for cars at NNDC offices, Blakeney Village Hall, and Holkham Hall. (b) a successful “Greenbuild” event had taken place with the public being consulted regarding new projects at NNDC (c) update re the Local Plan (d) Dark Skies Festival; wish for lighting matters to be considered more at planning application stage of development.

*** C.Bielby (NT) spoke on the following :- (a) brief introduction re himself and his new appointment as NT Countryside Manager (b) update re the Havokey repairs when he promised members he would chase this matter up (c) the report regarding new plans for the quay was not yet complete; as discussed at the July meeting (d) concerns re the proposed defibrillator – see minute 4(c).

*** PC.J.Pegden reported via email on thefts of outboard engines, trailer, and boat trailers as well as a recent assault recorded in the village.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.70, HMRC £63.80, M.Sadler £1,450.00,

Secret Gardens £320.00, P.Bullimore £36.40, Creake Pest Control Servs £240.00

T. Leach £185.00

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

(b) To further consider request for donation towards emergency servs drone.

It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting when it was hoped the police would provide further information.

(c) To consider purchase of new defibrillator.

This matter was discussed under item 3(b). The Chair expressed his concerns regarding the conditions put forward by the NT at the last meeting. It was their building on the quay and their electricity supply where the proposed equipment was to be installed and therefore it was not possible for the PC to take on all the responsibilities suggested by the NT. RH stated that the NT should install defibrillators on their premises and be responsible for them as many other national organisations do at present. After discussion it was agreed that the PC would finance the project if the NT deals with it, and are responsible for it (Prop: JPT, Sec: RH).

(d) To consider/approve new Financial Regulations.

A copy had been provided to members for consideration of new financial regulations for smaller councils. It was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next agenda.

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) PF/19/1403; removal of condition 3; Morston Barn, The Street. hol restric

Members agreed “no objections” to this application (Prop: CB, Sec: RH).

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update re the proposed path through the Churchyard

There was still nothing further to report and it was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda.

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

The contractor had replied to the Clerk stating that further consideration for a borehole was not the way forward in respect of the pond, and he recommended “scraping” and disposal of the invasive species. The Clerk was instructed to tell him to proceed with this operation.

(c) To note/consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2020/21.

Carried forward to next agenda.

(d) To receive update re problems with grass cutting and moles.

There had been a clear improvement regarding both matters. The mole catcher had requested he is contacted again if the moles return and the grass cutting contractor had not reported any problems recently.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

No new announcements.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To receive update re purchasing new chairs for the village hall

It was agreed that JPT proceeds with purchasing the chairs using the following guidelines (a) cost = £20 - £25 each, (b) colour = blue, (c) chairs need to be

“stackable”. 80 chairs were required along with two trollies. JPT agreed to either bring a sample chair to the next meeting or arrange a visit to view some similar chairs.

(b) To receive update re the replacement of west hedge/ & boundary fence

The boundary fences, on the north and east sides, were completed satisfactorily and the western boundary, adjacent to Quay Lane, would be tackled in November, 2019.

(c) To receive update re the trees on parish council boundary.

The tree surgery work had been completed and the Clerk, as agreed, would be rendering an invoice to the landowners for 50% of the cost.

(d) To receive update re request for tenants insurance certificates.

All certificates had now been received and the matter would be removed from the agenda.

(e) To consider dimensions of caravans allowed on the site.

Further investigation by the Chair would be carried out regarding existing caravans and the space available before a decision is made.

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

CW reported on a successful regatta in spite of a lack of wind. The event had gone well and was followed by presentations and a good party in the evening. Next years event would be on 22/8/20.

10. To receive update re Better Broadband for the village

The trench work had been carried out and he thought the project would be coming to fruition very soon.

11. To consider the delegated authority re “house to house” collections

It was agreed to keep the delegated authority re house to house collections.

12. To consider NALC initiative re community wellbeing

No members wished to be involved with this initiative.

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

CPRE letter (to be circulated) – email re internal auditor not ticking box re trust funds. (this did not effect the external auditors satisfactory certificate)

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

A parishioner spoke of a hedge obscuring drivers vision opposite the church, and invited members to a church service of celebration following completion of works.

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

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 30th October, 2019 (7pm)