

## **MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 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), PC.J.Pegden, S.Fenn (NT), and one member of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Dr.M.Strong (NCC).

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

No interests declared on agenda items.

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

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) the elections and encouraging people to vote (b) the Kickstart Moped Scheme (c) changes to boundaries of district wards and review of county divisions (d) parking infringements in the Wells area and the proposed changes.

\*\*\* K.Ward (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) NNDC given £20k towards police services (b) extra money for community transport available (c) first draft of new Local Plan (d) the conservation appraisal is coming before committee (e) warning re scam council tax refunds.

\*\*\* PC.J.Pegden reported on the following :- (a) no recorded crime in Morston since the last meeting although there had been reports of burglary in other villages (b) keep vigilant and report suspicious vehicles etc..

\*\*\* S.Fenn (NT) reported on the following :- (a) portakabin arriving this week (b) have put in for planning permission re change of car park machine position. (c) the surface of the Havokey surface will be attended to.

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

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

P.Bullimore £255.70, HMRC £63.80, R.Hamond £124.21, J.Burdell £61.00,

T.A.Leach £20.00, P.Bullimore £35.14, Nfk Parish Training & Support £35.00.

The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: JPT, Sec: CW).

The Clerk asked members to note that the NT car park receipt of £16.3k was in the bank. It was also noted that small business rate relief continued to be received for the caravan/hall site.

## **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 note consultation on NNDCs First Draft Local Plan.**

It was noted that this consultation ran from 7/5/19 to 19/6/19. The matter would be carried forward in order that members might attend “drop-in “ events in Holt on 15/5/19 or Blakeney on 29/5/19. K.Ward spoke re the plan and stated that nothing much changed for Morston and the village would be still classed as “countryside” from a planning perspective.

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

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

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

No new announcements.

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

**(a) To consider purchasing new chairs for the village hall**

JPT reported on this matter stating that chairs ranged in price from around £15 each up to £50 or more. Banqueting chairs, preferably padded, were required and it appeared that the price range of £20 – £25 would be suitable. They would need to be stackable and preferably have a suitable trolley for their easy movement. Pictures of examples were shown to members and it was agreed that this would be considered further when JPT had a small “short list” and further details.

**(b) To review the caravan site tenancy agreement**

Moving on from the last meeting members decided that boundary fences and hedges needed replacing. The Chair had met with a contractor regarding the western boundary hedge on Quay Lane who had agreed with members thoughts that it needed replacing as it virtually consisted of ivy. Members agreed to approach a fencing contractor with a view to erecting a fence on this boundary which would be removed when a new hedge was established. (Prop: JPT, Sec: JB). It was suggested that a suitable hedge might be formed by using holm oak.

**(c) To consider purchasing audio equipment for the village hall**

It was agreed that JPT purchases a wireless microphone as per her illustration shown to members (Prop: CW, Sec: CB).

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

CW informed members that the band, as used last year, was not available this year. He hoped a suitable replacement could be found.

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

The Clerk reminded members of the forthcoming timetable and it was agreed that nomination papers would be completed after the meeting. He would be attending the NNDC offices on 28/3/19 to submit and have validated all nomination papers.

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

The Chair stated that a meeting of all interested parties would be taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 when it was hoped to progress this matter.

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

Certificate from the Information Commissioners Office re GDPR.

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

A parishioner suggested members look at the Harbour Room chairs (referring to item 8a). Also spoke about the proposed hedge on Quay Lane.

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at 7pm – next normal meeting.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 7pm – Annual PARISH meeting.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – to follow parish meeting – Annual COUNCIL meeting.