

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 29th January, 2020 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from S.Bean. Apologies were also received from S.Fenn and C.Bielby (NT), K.Ward (NNDC), and PC.J.Pegden.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared on agenda items.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 27/11/19.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record. (Prop: JB, 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 on the following :- (a) the new Broadband appeared to be producing good speeds for many people and others needed to speak with their ISPs. (b) recommended that members wait until 5th May when all options published by the Boundary Commission on the Norfolk C.C. Boundary Review would be available thereby allowing parish councils to respond on specific options. Dr.Strong left the meeting soon after giving her report.

*** K.Ward (NNDC) had offered her apologies and stated that she would update members in February regarding NNDC matters.

*** PC.Pegden reported via email on the following :- (a) one call to the police but no crimes recorded in the past month (b) a dedicated drone service would be operational very soon.

*** NT had offered their apologies stating that they did not think there was anything to share with the PC. Members expressed concerns regarding this and instructed the Clerk to write requesting information re the defibrillator project, Havokey maintenance, temporary toilets, and future traffic problems.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.70, HMRC £63.80, Indigo Waste Services Ltd £30.00,
NNDC £12.40, R.Hamond £111.75, P.Bullimore £35.50.,

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

(b) To receive update re the purchase of new defibrillator on the quay.

Members were concerned with no update from the NT after 2 months (see 3b).

5. Planning:

(a) **To note decisions & information received from NNDC since last meeting.**
PF/19/1716; Etxtns etc at Morston Barn, The Street – Application withdrawn.

(b) **To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed**
None received.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) **To note/consider rubbish being left nr bottle bank (CB)**

CB expressed her concerns regarding bags of rubbish being left near the bottle bank adjacent to the green. Members agreed to place a sign nearby (Please do not leave rubbish near bottle bank). The Clerk would arrange for the sign to be made.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

RH gave a report on her attendance at the N.Norfolk Parish & Town Council Forum on 22/1/20. This was well attended and worth progressing and supporting in the future.

CW gave a report on his attendance at a meeting re Ambulance Response Times. Senior ambulance officers were in attendance and the meeting agreed that there was real cause for concern. There would be further meetings to try and solve the problems.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

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

The Chair stated that he was still to visit Binham Village Hall and look at their chairs following JPT reporting that the chairs at another location appeared to be too expensive.

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

CW had nothing to report.

10. (a) To receive update re Better Broadband for the village

See also minute 3b. Better Broadband had arrived and members agreed that this was a very worthwhile project to get involved in and help finance.

(b) **To note/consider new website accessibility regulations w.e.f. Sept.20.**

The new accessibility regulations applied to all public sector websites and comes into force w.e.f. September, 2020. It was to assist people access the website who had impaired vision, movement problems, hearing difficulties etc...RH and the Clerk would progress this matter.

11. To further consider NCC Boundary Divisions Review.

It was agreed to carry this matter forward and respond after 5/5/20 (See also 3b)

12. To review/adopt new Standing Orders.

After further consideration the SOs were adopted (Prop: JB, Sec: JPT).

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

(a) Contract price for collecting glass has increased (b) N & N Hospital letter re the new "Settling in Service" (c) NNDC Bin – black bin to be emptied again.

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters) - No comments etc.

15. To confirm date of next council meeting. Wed. 26th Feb., 2020 (7pm).

