

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 26th September, 2018 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7pm.

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs.C.Bean. Apologies were also 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 25/7/18

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record. (Prop: CW, Sec: SB).

3a. Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)

Request to speak on item 10.

3b. To receive reports from District & County Councillors, Police & NT.

The Clerk referred to Dr.Strong's email pointing members to the consultation being carried out re Norfolk's Children Centres. Members could look at this on-line and it was agreed to place this on the next agenda.

No other reports received.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.70, HMRC £63.80, Temple Seal Trips £1,100.00,
Secret Gardens £225.00, P.Bullimore £37.46, T.Leach £165.00,

The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, plus one urgent payment, were approved. (Prop: CW, Sec: SB). The urgent payment was in the sum of £240.00 to PKF Littlejohn for external audit.

(b) To receive update re maintenance of PC website (RH).

Nothing further to report. The external auditors report plus a notice of electors rights would be posted to the website.

(c) To note report from External Auditors

The Clerk read the audit report giving the PC a "clean bill of health". This satisfactory report would be placed on the notice board and website. The Clerk was thanked for his work in this matter.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions & information received from NNDC since last meeting.

The Clerk reported that the NT's application regarding the quay had been approved.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed

No applications received.

(c) To receive update re NNDC's Conservation Area Review

The Clerk reminded members that the public were now being consulted (his email of 4/9/18 referred) and the consultation would run from 10/9/18 – 22/10/18. Information boards were on display in the church and there would be a public meeting with a question and answer time at Blakeney Village Hall on 5/10/18 (6.30pm – 8pm). Members agreed to consider this matter and make enquiries with K.Ward (NNDC) if necessary..

(d) To note the parish council's response re PF/18/1498 & PF/18/1459

The following responses were noted :-

PF/18/1498; The PC objected because of the lack of parking space and because the proposed construction, using Hardiplank, was not suitable for The Street, which is within the conservation area.

PF/18/1459; The PC had no objections.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

A quotation for the work had been forwarded from the PCC. Members had concerns re the type of path as well as the cost of the work. RH was still keen to work with the PCC and progress this matter as were other members. The Clerk was instructed to write to the PCC stating that members thought the proposed path to be over engineered and harsh for the location, as well as having concerns with rain water running on to the recently improved parking area. Members had also anticipated contributing a similar amount as they had with the parking area and the quotation was considerably higher than this figure. The Chair would continue to liaise with the PCC

(b) To receive update re further work on the pond

The Clerk read the email from Conservation Works which stated that they were disappointed with the results of their spraying. They would return and spray the pond twice more free of charge. Members accepted the situation and requested the Clerk to inform the contractor to proceed a.s.a.p.

(c) To note/consider NCC Highways Parish Partnership Scheme, 2019/20.

This was again noted. The closing date was in December, 2018.

(d) To receive update re the Coasthopper service.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Dr.Strong (NCC) informing her of members concerns re large buses using the A149 particularly in villages such as Morston and Stiffkey.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

It was agreed that the Clerk books two places at the Local Plan event at NNDC offices on Tuesday, 30th October (6 – 8pm)

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To receive update on review of village hall hire conditions.

The drafted/revised conditions were available to members and it was agreed that they be adopted with immediate effect. (Prop: CW, Sec: JPT).

9. To receive update re the Morston Regatta. (2018 & 2019) (CW).

CW reported all was going well with plans for next year. JPT expressed concerns, with others, that the cost of hiring the band was excessive this year and did not represent value for money for parishioners. JT and CW reminded members that the event had always been for the “wider community”.

10. World War 1 Commemoration – To receive update re “Beacons of Light”

JPT reported that the PCC were proceeding with arrangements with the event being held at the church. The nationally agreed event consisting of 6.55pm “Last Post”, 7pm Lighting the Beacon, and 7.05pm Ringing of Church Bells would be incorporated into the proceedings with refreshments being provided/funded by the parish council. Leaflets would be delivered to households prior to the event.

11. Governance: To receive update re new General Data Protection Regs.

Nothing further to report.

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

NNDC enquiry re almshouses in the parish – none (Clerk to reply).

Circular letter from Royal Mail re scam letters.

Copy of Countryside Voice from CPRE.

13. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

No comments.

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

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 31st October, 2018. - 7pm.