

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 31st October, 2018 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), K.O’Kane (NCC) and E.Hooke (Norfolk Coast Partnership) and two members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

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

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

RH declared an interest in 4(c).

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 26/9/18.

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

*** Item 12 was taken next – see minute further on.

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

Request by GK to speak at item 10.

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

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported via email on the following which was circulated to members (a) summer reading challenge (b) mobile libraries (c) consultation on childrens services (d) re-use shop at Wells (e) park n’ride charges (f) Norfolk Swift Response and (g) Coasthopper update.

*** K.Ward (NNDC) spoke on (a) the objections heard re Anchor Cottage planning application, and the proposed remedies which meant it would probably now be approved. (b) update re the new Local Plan; Government decision that smaller sites are now required for housing and Morston would still be classed as “countryside” and therefore no developments.

*** PC.Pegden reported via email on the following :- (a) no crimes reported in the parish during the past month (b) excessive noise over the marshes during an early morning operation whilst looking for a missing person (c) still encountering marine thefts.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £255.50, HMRC £64.00, Indigo Waste Services £46.80,
Secret Gardens £325.00, P.Bullimore £24.02, T.Leach £120.00,
S.Meakin £6.00, Mayday Office Equipment £26.77.

The above payments, scheduled on the agenda, plus one urgent payment, were approved (Prop: RH, Sec: CB). The urgent payment was in the sum of £363.00 payable to S.Cherry for electrical testing and repairs at the village hall.

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

Nothing further to report at the moment.

(c) To consider request for donation from the Local Lynx.

The Clerk read the letter from Local Lynx. It was agreed to donate the sum of £250 (Prop: JPT, Sec: CW). - RH did not vote.

5. Planning:

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

The following were noted :-

PF/18/1459; Extn & replacement doors & windows; 1, Morston Hall Bns – Approved.
PF/18/1368; Workshop & Storage Bldg., 23-25 The Street – Approved.

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

None received.

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

K.Ward (NNDC) had held an informal and “open” meeting on 22/10/18 and points raised were being notified to NNDC Conservation Dept. Members were happy with this and instructed the Clerk to write to NNDC stating that they gave broad support to the review.(Prop: JB, Sec: JPT). CW hoped that the outcome would produce legislation that would be more effective than the Morston Village Design Statement.

(d) To consider Envir. Agency Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management.

This was a national consultation; members did not wish to respond.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

The Clerk had written to the PCC as instructed but, as yet, there had been no reply. The Chair said he would continue to liaise with JC to hopefully create a design for a more “low key” and cheaper path.

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

The pond had been treated twice in recent weeks and an email from the contractors stated that they had done all that they can for the time being and would be returning to look at the pond next spring. The Clerk would make a diary note to follow this up.

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

It was noted that applications closed in early December, 2018.

(d) To receive update re the Coasthopper service.

It was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda. Dr.Strong's email indicated that the present bus company needed to be congratulated for taking on the service although problems still existed which were being looked at.

(e) To consider a Dog Bin on The Green (CB)

CB stated that she thought there was a need for a bin on the green. After discussion it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next agenda.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

NNDC – Update re new Local Plan (1/11/18 – Cromer offices) – JPT would try and attend.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To note electrical report & test certificates.

It was noted that the earthing stakes at each caravan needed attention and the Clerk was instructed to ask S.Cherry to carry out the work. The emergency exit signs in the hall needed attention and this work would also be requested. Subject to these two matters the annual electrical report was satisfactory.

RH asked for the caravan tenancy agreements to be reviewed (place on next agenda).

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

CW said that he was yet to fix a date for next years regatta.

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

The Chair invited GK to speak on behalf of the PCC who were organising the event in the Churchyard which would coincide with the national arrangements i.e. the last post, lighting the beacon, and bell ringing. GK stated that arrangements were in hand and they were anticipating about 50 people. J.Temple would organise the BarBQ with the PC financing all food and refreshments.

11. To consider NCC’s Consultation on Childrens Centres.

Following media reports and communications from Dr.Strong members instructed the Clerk to reply to their county councillor as follows :- (a) consulting on the new model was wrong when consultation should have taken place prior to this (b) the main driving force appears to be cutting costs, and (c) more problems will be created.

12. Better Broadband for Norfolk – presentation by K.O’Kane (Norfolk CC)

The Chair introduced Karen O’Kane (Norfolk CC) and Estelle Hook (Norfolk Coast Partnership) and invited them to update members. KO’K stated that (a) getting fibre to Morston had to appear to be value for money as it was public money (b) the nearest cabinet with fibre was not close enough to Morston so it needed to be brought in via poles or underground cable (c) whilst the local landowner was positive to the idea the latter seemed the way forward but huge costs were involved (d) waiting for a new scheme with new public money was 4 – 5 years away (e) can the PC help with the underground cable project ? Members agreed with the Chair in that the PC could help and it was agreed that contractors, landowners, and other interested parties be approached with a view to progressing the laying of an underground cable along the A149. (Prop: JB, Sec: JPT).

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

Brochure re outside gym equipment.

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

No comments.

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

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 28th November, 2018 – (7pm).