

## **MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7.30pm**

**Present:** J.Burdell (Chair), C.Bean, J.Tibbetts, R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, and the Clerk. Also present were six members of the public.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.M.Harrison. Apologies were also received from Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC), M.Dalby (NCC), and V.Egan (NT).

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

No interests declared.

#### **2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 29.6.22**

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record subject to one addition. (Prop: RH, Sec: CW). The addition was at item 12 and the words “There could be potentially a social section within or linked to the website” were inserted.

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

The Chairman received requests to speak on items 6(b) and 14.

#### **3b. To receive reports from District & County Councillors.**

\*\*\* Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. It referred to :- (a) Planning; NNDC in the process of developing a plan re nutrient neutrality (b) Housing; 52 affordable houses to be built this year and funding now available for energy improvements to homes in N.Nfk. (c) Benefits; North Norfolk Help Hub offers support and guidance on all matters. (d) Wellbeing; new N.Nfk. Health & Wellbeing Partnership now operating (e) Leisure; awards made for Pretty Corner Woods, Sadlers Wood, and Holt Country Park (f) Sustainable Growth; bids submitted for new swimming pool in Fakenham and North Lodge Park improvements in Cromer (g) Environment; update including caravan parks project (h) Democratic Servs; NNDC establishing a Youth Council (i) Ambulance Response Times; paramedic car to remain in Fakenham area until next April. (j) Campervan overnight parking problems; details of who to contact for anti-social behaviour etc..

\*\*\* M.Dalby (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. It referred to :- (a) Big Norfolk Holiday Fun; scheme returning in conjunction with Active Norfolk. For children age 5 – 16 and running from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. (b) £1.65m new recycling centre planned for Sheringham. It would replace the current site and would include a re-use shop with plenty of parking off the lay-by on the A148.

#### **3c. To receive report from NT and consider new toilet block & its funding.**

The Clerk read V.Egan’s email of 27/7/22 which stated that “We are working on the pre-app documents for the new toilets which are nearly ready to submit to NNDC .I am currently working on them to add some supporting text”

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

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

P.Bullimore £330.10, HMRC £82.40, Countrstyle Recycling £37.80,  
T.T.Jones Electrical £168.00, T.Leach £40.00, P.Bullimore £36.37  
Secret Gardens £370.00.

\*\*\* The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved. (Prop: RH, Sec: CW). Whilst dealing with finance the Clerk asked members to note that the price of glass collection from the bottle banks had increased from £15 per ton to £25 per ton

##### **(b) To receive update re Insurance Review.**

Saffron Insurance hoped to complete the work and report to the next meeting.

##### **(c) To consider new electricity charges.**

Being aware of the national energy prices members were faced with a difficult decision as to whether to obtain a fixed price contract. The Clerk informed members that he was being quoted 42p per Kwh and it was not possible to ascertain the best way forward. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to stay on a variable rate and await further developments (Prop: CW, Sec: CB).

#### **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.

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

##### **(a) To receive further update re maintenance of the pond.**

JPT was still waiting for further information and consulting with experts. Following a report from CB it was agreed that JT would deal with an encroaching willow tree adjacent to the road. JPT hoped to have more information for the next meeting to enable members to decide on a way forward.

##### **(b) To further consider review of street lighting.**

The Chair suggested that more time was needed to decide whether the street lighting stock should be expanded. The dark skies policy was raised as was the possibility of further security in certain areas of the village. A parishioner expressed a wish to retain the light opposite his own property. . It was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

##### **(c) To further consider the parking area east of church (surface)**

The Chair would be speaking to the contractors in the near future.

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

The Clerk had no new announcements. The follow up meetings regarding the Salthouse problems were noted.

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

##### **(a) To further consider way forward following completion of tenancies.**

This item was discussed at the end of the meeting with the public excluded.

As discussed at the last meeting the Chair and JPT had been working on a draft new tenancy agreement. JPT had produced a more "extensive" document going into more detail and different to JB's version. There was much discussion and members decided to take both versions away for consideration. (Prop: CB, Sec: CW). The Chair showed

members a new layout of the site which would allow more priority for the village hall. JT expressed his concerns about the practicalities and problems of reorganising the layout of the site which would cost many thousands of pounds. Again members would give further consideration to this layout but in the meantime the Chair would arrange a meeting with the tenants to explain the council's thoughts and update them on this project. The Clerk was instructed to obtain details regarding membership of the British Holiday and Home Parks Association with a view to joining and perhaps using their expertise.

**9. To receive update re Barclays Bank closure in Holt.**

A thank you letter from Duncan Baker MP for the PC's support had been received. No reply had been received from Barclays Bank and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

**10. To note/consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2023/24.**

Details of the scheme had been circulated to members. It was agreed to carry this forward to the next agenda.

**11. To further consider the Morston Regatta in 2022.**

CW reported that all arrangements were in hand.

**12. To further consider updating the PC. website.**

Members had already noted RH's point re a "social section" for the website and it was agreed this was a work in progress with further thought required. JPT's prospective neighbour was willing to help with this project.

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

The following had been received and was noted :-

The CPRE is no longer producing a magazine (replaced with a membership letter.

Copy of an article sent to the EDP re kayaks & canoes near Blakeney Point.

NNDC is setting up a Youth Council.

Acknowledgement from External Auditors re all papers being received.

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

A parishioner enquired of further news re Broadband Development (Fibre to Properties). The Chair said he would look into the matter.

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

This was confirmed for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (7pm)