

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 26th January, 2022 at the Village Hall, Morston - (7pm)

Covid 19 – The public health advice and guidance (as at previous meetings) was still followed.

Present: J.Burdell (Chair), C.Bean, J.Tibbetts, R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC), V.Egan (National Trust) and 7 members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received but not accepted from S.Bean.(Prop: RH, Sec: JPT). The Clerk would inform him accordingly. Apologies were also received from M.Dalby (NCC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 24.11.21.

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

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

Requests to speak on items 6a, 6d, 10, and 12.

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

***Dr.V.Holliday (NNDC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated. It referred to (a) Environment Agency forward plans re tidal gates and sea defences (b) NNDC statistics re homelessness and rough sleepers, (c) increase in social prescribing referrals (d) Sheringham Reef opened in Nov.21 (e) continuing support by NNDC for businesses because of covid (f) possible review of taxi fares (g) new toilets for Sheringham and Wells to open in May 22 (h) Local Plan is out for consultation (i) the outcome of trials re the rapid response vehicle in Fakenham expected in Feb.22.

*** V.Egan (NT) reported on the following :- (a) the proposed new toilet block; plans were handed out to the meeting and VE pointed out that three further cubicles were required. Funding of this project was an ongoing conversation and she invited questions and comments from members. Councillors were concerned with any new structures on the quay and hoped that new buildings would fit in with the landscape. A parishioner expressed concerns regarding having AWA on board regarding the pumping. The Chair suggested that this matter be carried forward to the next agenda when members might have more questions after studying the plans further. He also intimated that the question of funding be on that agenda. (b) recruitment of staff; VE pointed out that lots of staff were being recruited at this present time.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £323.30, HMRC £80.80, Countrystyle Recycling £38.16,
J.Tibbetts £644.48, R.Hamond £12.46, P.Bullimore £31.84.

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus two other payments were approved. (Prop: CB, Sec: RH). The two other payments were as follows :- Norse Consulting £1067.88 (plans for caravan site) and J.Tibbetts £74.64 (reimbursement for wine glass storage boxes).

(b) To note payments made in December, 2021 (Clerk 323.30, HMRC £80.80)

The above payments were noted.

(c) To consider request for financial assistance from Norfolk CAB.

It was agreed to donate £100 (Prop: CB, Sec: JPT).

5. Planning:

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

PF/21/2312; Rear extension & rooflights etc; 19, The Street; - Approved 15/12/21.

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

Nothing received.

(c) To note PC decision re planning application PF/21/ 3237; Garden of Eden

The PC had submitted a lengthy response which referred to the site being in a Conservation Area and therefore in its current form could not be supported. Members had concerns regarding the size of the development, solar panels position, external balcony, impact of the proposed boathouse, and the access. Full details of the PC's response can be seen on the NNDC Planning Portal.

(d) To consider the new North Norfolk Local Plan.

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

The NCC Highways Engineer had agreed to carry out work on the gullies and drains at the recent site meeting in order that surface water would not go into the pond. This should improve water quality. It was agreed to monitor the invasive species and decide on a course of action, if any, in the future.

(b) To consider missing tourist information sign on the Green.

It was agreed to replace the missing sign which directed people to Morston Quay. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with the NCC Highways Engineer to get this work carried out.

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

The Chair informed members that NCC Highways had agreed to patch the tarmac adjacent to the entrance which would assist further surface maintenance.

(d) To consider speed limit in village (incl. signs, community speedwatch, etc)

The Chair asked members if they thought there was a problem with speeding in the village, and it was agreed there were concerns but not a desire to request a reduction of the speed limit to 20mph. Blakeney PC had asked whether MPC might consider joining a "group community speedwatch" and a suggestion to keep the road signage clean and well maintained had been raised at the recent meeting with the Highways Engineer. JT agreed to clean all the road signs and JPT agreed to circulate details of the community speedwatch to parishioners to try and generate interest in the scheme. There was much discussion with members of the public joining in and it was agreed the Clerk writes to the Highways Engineer to (a) request that 30mph roundels be painted on the road adjacent to the 30mph signs as you approach the village from the west on the A149 (b) consideration be given to extending the 30mph area further west at the same location and (c) agree to a further SAM2 sign site adjacent to the Havokey which would again be further west than the existing approved site.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

NCC Community Environmental Action Incubator (online on 2/2/22). RH and JPT expressed an interest in joining the webinar and the Clerk would send them details.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

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

JPT reported that a professional survey had been carried out by Norse Consulting and had been circulated to members. She would be contacting the surveyor to clarify certain points and asking for car sizes/spaces to be illustrated on their charts. The sub-committee would then meet to try and progress this matter.

(b) To note NNDC's inspection & review of all caravan sites.

This was noted by members.

(c) To review/consider the waiting list for January, 2022.

This was approved and agreed that no further changes would be made to the list bearing in mind the review currently being carried out (8a),

9. To receive update re Ambulance Response Times

Following Dr.Holliday's report it was noted that the outcomes of a rapid response vehicle trial would be known in February 22.

10. To further consider the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (June 2022)

JPT would be liaising with the National Trust to organise a party and a bonfire/beacon would be lit in the evening. A parishioner kindly offered the use of her land for the latter.

11. To further consider the Morston Regatta in 2022.

CW had nothing further to report.

12. To consider Defibrillator training

The Clerk informed members that the ambulance service charged £280 + VAT for a training session. It was agreed to request some dates in April/May in order that the National Trust staff could be involved.

13. To consider email received regarding Blakeney Surgery.

It was agreed to write a letter supporting Blakeney PC's concerns.

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

JT informed members that he had ordered some signs for Quay Lane.

15. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

A parishioner reported a pot-hole on the Langham Road which the Clerk would report to NCC Highways Department.

16. To confirm date of next meeting and/or future arrangements.

This was agreed for Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022 (7pm).

CB requested that the tree on the green needed lopping and should be on the agenda.