

Morston Parish Council Minutes July 2015

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29th July, 2015 at the Village Hall, Morston – commencing at 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 Dr.M. Strong (NCC), A. Wells (NNDC), and two members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

A parishioner, J. Kay, offered her apologies.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 24/6/15.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record.

(Prop: JPT, 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.

*** A.Wells (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) offered his apologies for not attending the previous meeting (b) referred to current planning problems stating that policy and procedures are being reviewed (spoke about recent enforcement problems)

(c) updated members on the Coasthopper service (d) the LibDems are reviewing the problem of dog fouling (nobody had been prosecuted by NNDC for many years) (e) Affordable Housing; meetings at Blakeney PC (f) refuse lorries had broken down recently causing disruption.

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) NCC Hazardous Waste Amnesty (brochure to be circulated) (b) NCC Apprenticeship Scheme (information to be circulated) (c) agreement to support an aviation academy (d) Coasthopper; the winter service, which was

subsidised, was going out to tender (e) Highways Partnership Scheme 2016/17 – Clerk had information at 6f (f) Broadband; still pursuing because there had been problems (g) NCC Social Workers had been exonerated in the recent child abuse case covered in the press.

*** Victoria Egan (NT) – the clerk read an email from the NT asking members to note the response regarding the car park income and future meetings.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £246.20, HMRC £61.60, S.Meakin £75.00, T.Leach £60.00, Indigo Waste Servs £48.84, P.Bullimore £48.99, Secret Gardens £285.00, W.S.Everitt £52.00

After the clerk gave details of the payments scheduled on the agenda the above were approved (Prop: CW, Sec: RH).

(b) To consider National Trust Accounts Income for Morston Car Park

In order to progress this matter it was agreed that a small sub-committee was needed to meet with the NT for further discussions (Prop: JPT, Sec: RH). It was further agreed that the sub-committee would be J. Burdell, C. Ward and S. Bean (Prop; JT, Sec: RH). All members noted that any proposals would need to be agreed by the full parish council.

(c) To note/consider electricity prices for village hall

The Clerk informed members that the price per kwh was a variable price and the suppliers (Eon) had notified the PC that this would be increased if a fixed contract was not agreed. With the possibility of prices going down in the future it was agreed not to enter into a long term contract but monitor the situation and change to an alternative supplier if necessary.

(d) To appoint Internal Auditor for 2015/16.

It was agreed to appoint Mr.S. Meakin for another year (Prop: CB, Sec: CW)

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. PF/15/1000; Extension to Blakeney Downs, Morston Rd., Blakeney. It was agreed to circulate the papers, which had arrived too late for members consideration, and contact NNDC with a decision at a later date.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update re restoration/maintenance of the pond
Following suggested dates by Ed Stocker (NCC) regarding a meeting on-site to discuss the pond it was agreed to meet on Tuesday, 4th August at 1pm. The Clerk would notify ES accordingly.

(b) To note update re Coasthopper winter services
This had already been discussed during NCC & NNDC reports. The winter section of the service was being put out to tender by Norfolk CC.

(c) To consider dog waste bins for the parish (RH)
RH expressed her concerns regarding dog fouling and thought that the PC should be looking after its village. She had particular concerns for children and enquired as to whether dog bins might be installed at various sites. Some areas were in private ownership, eg. National Trust, and it was agreed to revisit the subject at a later date.

(d) To consider state of the road/wall nr. Garden of Eden on A149
It was agreed to refer this matter to the Highways Rangers who were due to visit the parish during week commencing 17/8/15.

(e) To receive update re vehicle activated sign (JB)
After many problems, dating back many months, the Chair reported that the sign was now working satisfactorily.

(f) To note new Highways Partnership Scheme – 2016/17.
The scheme was being introduced earlier than usual to give parish councils a better chance to submit schemes for consideration. NCC had announced that £300k would be shared between parish councils on a 50/50 basis as usual for all successful schemes. The Clerk would circulate further information for members consideration.

7. Meetings & Conferences (to receive reports and announcements)

The Clerk had no new announcements.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To further consider Internal Improvements to Village Hall (JB)
The names of contractors to be approached by the Chair were suggested.

He would try and forward this scheme.

(b) To consider state of boundary fences

It was agreed that the boundaries needing attention (east and north) were not the legal responsibility of the PC. Changes of the type of fencing needed to be considered by the PC, but permission and further action rested with the owners/those responsible.

9. To further consider councillors training

It was noted that RH had already attended a basic councillors training course organised by NALC.

SB agreed to attend one around January 2016. All other councillors had attended a training course.

10. To further consider Morston Regatta on 7/8/15.

CW apologised for the confusion concerning the publicised starting times. He confirmed the correct time to be 11.30am. Everything was in-hand and he hoped for a successful day.

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

The following was noted: -

(a) Thank you letter from the Local Lynx following the £200 donation.

(b) Minutes of Affordable Housing meeting held in Blakeney.

12. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

No comments.

13. To confirm date of next meeting and future agenda items.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 26th August, 2015 (7pm).