

Morston Parish Council Minutes April 2015

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2015 at the Village Hall, Morston – (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

Present: J. Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C. Bean, Mrs.J. Tibbetts, Mrs.R. Hamond, C. Ward, J. Temple and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.M. Strong (NCC) and four members of the public

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from S. Bean. Apologies were also received from Mrs.L. Brettle and PC. Pegden.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 25/3/15.

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

(Prop: JT, Sec: JPT)

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

A member of the public said that she would like to speak at items 8b, 8c, and 12.

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

*** Mrs.L.Brettle (NNDC) had attended to say goodbye and wish members well for the future – she had no report.

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) Broadband was on schedule (b) Coasthopper service running well (c) contacting Ed Stocker (NCC) re the pond (d) Norfolk Apprenticeships (booklet to be circulated) (e) no charges at Wells recycling centre (f) Norfolk Trail photographic competition.

*** Police – No report received.

*** NT – A purchase order could now be sent to the NT for last seasons

car park money. The figure quoted on the accounts was in the sum of £10,006. A request for a meeting date was dealt with at 4(b).

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

T.T.Jones Electrical £38.75, Norfolk ALC £71.40, P.Bullimore £246.40, HMRC £61.40, P.Bullimore £64.85, NNDC £639.30, Secret Gardens £190.00,

Indigo Waste Services £27.00, PC Simple £30.00

After the Clerk gave details of the payments scheduled on the agenda the above were approved (Prop: CB, Sec: RH)

(b) To consider National Trust Accounts for Morston Car Park 2013-14

The NT (John Sizer) had requested possible dates for a meeting to discuss this matter. Members agreed to select some dates at the next PC meeting (21st May). It was also agreed to incorporate this into a PC meeting or call an extraordinary meeting just to discuss this one item.

5. Planning:

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

The following was noted: -

PF/15/0169: Demolition & Erection of new dwelling at Larkfields, 144 Morston Rd.,

Blakeney – the application had been withdrawn.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed. None received.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report. Dr. Strong would talk with Ed Stocker again.

(b) To note and consider status of Binham Lane.

The Clerk, confirming his e-mail to members, summarised the situation. Norfolk CC had stated that the path was not on their Definitive Map but had outlined the procedure for the PC to follow if it wished this to be registered. It was agreed not to proceed further with this matter.

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

The Clerk had no new announcements. Dates for the Affordable Housing meeting in Blakeney were still awaited (CB to attend)

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To further consider Internal Improvements to Village Hall (JB)

The Chair confirmed this to be an autumn project and asked members to look for suitable builders.

(b) To note/consider a further termination of a tenancy

The Clerk confirmed a further termination of an agreement at site 5. It was agreed that the next name on the waiting list should take over this site at the new agreed rent and with the remainder of the term of the original agreement (expiring 2022), thereby staying in line with the other agreements. (Prop: CW, Sec: JPT). The Clerk would notify the new tenants accordingly and instruct the PC solicitors to draw up another agreement. The new tenant could have use of the site from 1st May, 2015 whilst the solicitor was drafting the tenancy agreement. The Chair would liaise with the tenants family regarding the site and the new van.

(c) To authorise signatories on new caravan agreements.

Members agreed that J. Temple and C. Ward would be the authorised signatories for the two new caravan tenancy agreements. The solicitors (Butcher Andrews) would liaise and arrange with them to attend their local office in Holt. (Prop: JPT, Sec: RH)

9. To consider the state of the flag on the green (JB)

It was agreed to purchase a new flag costing up to approx. £100 (CW to deal with)

10. To receive update/consider Vodaphone Hub (RH)

RH reported that MPC had been registered as being "interested" in the hubs. There was no further information available at the moment.

11. To note/receive PC Election update

The Clerk confirmed that the seven existing councillors were the only nominations received by NNDC Electoral Services and therefore they would be returned unopposed in an uncontested election.

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

CW gave a brief update stating that further straw for the evening event

would be required this year. A member of the public suggested archiving information regarding the Morston Regatta, perhaps displaying pictures on the walls of the village hall.

13. To receive correspondence (not included in agenda items above)
The Clerk would circulate the Signpost magazine etc...

14. Public Participation (comments/other matters)
No comments.

15. To confirm date of next meeting and future agenda items.
The Annual Parish Council Meeting had already been agreed for Thursday, 21st May.
Election of Chair and Vice-Chair would be the first items on the agenda.