

MPC Minutes October 2016

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held on Wednesday, 26th October, 2016 at the Village Hall, Morston – commencing at 7pm.

Present: J. Burdell (Chair), Mrs.C. Bean, S. Bean, Mrs.R. Hamond, C. Ward, J. Temple and the Clerk. Also present were Dr.M. Strong (NCC), K. Ward (NNDC), PC. Pegden, J. Sizer (NT) and one member of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs.J. Tibbetts.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 28/9/16.

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)

No requests to speak on agenda items.

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

*** Dr.M.Strong (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) highways problems associated with Cherry Tree Corner (b) vehicles parking on pavements (c) devolution; matters still unclear (d) making further enquiries re fibre broadband.

*** K.Ward (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) the remaining two corporate directors were now leading the council following the resignation of the CEO., Head of Finance, and Head of HR. (b) Local Plan; sustainability appraisal now under way with the call for sites now over (c) Hornsea Three Project; leaflets available (d) BT phone box removals (e) work on A148 roundabout at Holt (f) Shoreline defence work in the Bacton area (g) Big Society Fund – money still available.

*** PC.Pegden reported on the following :- (a) two recorded crimes since the last meeting (thefts – non-marine) (b) crime rate was low over the summer months (c) encouraged members to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police.

*** J.Sizer (NT) reported on the following :- (a) costs looking extremely high in respect of the proposed new toilets – similar arrangements to continue with old toilets (b) planning applications submitted re pay and display machines for the car park with associated notice board (c) NT taking ownership of unidentified “red-marked” boats (d) the bank between Morston and Blakeney is being monitored by the Environment Agency following reports of cracking.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments: -

P.Bullimore £246.40, HMRC £61.40, Secret Gardens £350.00,

P.Bullimore £36.15, T.Leach £165.00, S.Cherry £340.00, Mazars LLP £240.00,

Indigo Waste Services £23.04

After the Clerk gave details of the payments scheduled on the agenda, the above plus one urgent payment were approved (Prop: CW, Sec: RH). The urgent payment was in the sum of £54.00 to E. Jonas for straw as per J. Temple.

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.

(c) PF/16/1356; Installation of two pay & display machines at Quay Lane.

Members had “no objections” to this application. (Prop: JB, Sec: CB).

(d) ADV/16/1357; Information Sign re pay & display machines.

Again there was “no objections” (Prop: JB, Sec: CB).

(e) To note /consider CPRE’s concerns re Housing Targets.

A copy of the CPRE’s concerns had been circulated and it was agreed to support them. The Clerk would sign and return the pledge accordingly.

6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update/consider restoration/maintenance of the pond
It was noted that the spraying of the non-native species of plants would have to be undertaken next year. The Clerk was instructed to request that the contractor submits the application to the Environment Agency in good time.

(b) To further consider state of the grass area east of the church.
A site meeting would take place after the timber posts had been dealt with. New posts would prevent cars entering the area from the western side adjacent to the church wall thereby reducing the chances of an accident on the busy A149.

(c) To receive update on refurbishing seat (village green)
The Chair reported that the thickness originally envisaged for the seat slats may not be strong enough. After discussion it was agreed he goes ahead and orders the 35mm slats in "plastic-wood".

(d) To note/consider the new Highways Partnership Scheme (2017/18)
In the absence of JPT, who was to report back regarding the signage in the churchyard, it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.

(e) To consider wood carving for the green.

After discussion it was agreed not to proceed with this project.

(f) To note/consider the removal of BT pay phones in Nth.Norfolk.
It was agreed that the PC had no objections to the removal of the BT pay-phone adjacent to the pub on the A149. The Clerk would notify NNDC accordingly.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

The Clerk drew members attention to the consultation day (31/10/16 – Sheringham) regarding the Hornsea Three Windfarm Project.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) To further consider Internal Improvements to Village Hall (JB)
The Clerk reported that F. Woodrow & Sons were too busy to take on further work. The Chair was asked to speak with other "small contractors".

(b) To receive update; registering village hall/caravan site on Land Register.

Papers for the registration of the village hall had been submitted by the solicitors on 26/8/16. Further work was now being carried out regarding

the Quay Lane registration and the Chair had been asked to sign a statement of truth.

9. To receive report/consider the Morston Regatta in 2017 (CW)
Further details were to follow but the PC agreed to purchase a stopwatch & loudhaler

10. To receive correspondence (not included in agenda items above)
Information had been received stating that there would be a re-valuation of the village hall in 2017. The Clerk reminded members that the PC currently receives the small business rate relief.

11. Public Participation (comments/other matters)
RH requested that members get more time to consider planning papers and other consultation matters. The Clerk would notify people earlier if possible. e.g. notifying members to go online to the NNDC Planning Departments site to view applications.

12. To confirm date of next meeting and future agenda items.
This was confirmed for Wednesday, 30th November, 2016 (7pm).