

# MPC Minutes November 2016

## MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November, 2016 at the Village Hall, Morston – commencing at 7pm.

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 two members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from S. Bean.

Apologies were also received from K. Ward (NNDC), PCSO.Artingstall and G. Kay.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

RH declared a personal interest in 8a.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 26/10/16.

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

(Prop: CB, Sec: CW).

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) Devolution – talks had apparently ended and Government says its now off the table. (b) a further update re Broadband.

\*\*\* PCSO.Artingstall reported via email: - (a) no recorded crimes since the last meeting (b) people arrested for boat and engine thefts in another area.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £246.20, HMRC £61.60, Secret Gardens £235.00,  
P.Bullimore £36.15, T.Leach £120.00, SLCC £139.00, D.Sadler £650.00  
After the Clerk gave details of the payments scheduled on the agenda  
the above were approved (Prop: JPT, Sec: CB).

(b) To consider Budget & Precept for 2017/18.

Members considered the Clerks working papers and draft budget which  
had been circulated. The Local Council Tax Support Scheme Grant was in  
the sum of £20 for 2017/18. Members considered the projected  
expenditure for 2017/18 and bearing in mind the balances in the bank  
accounts decided to opt for the same precept as last year (£1,000).

(Prop: JB, Sec: CB). The Clerk completed the Precept Form for £1,000 +  
£20 Grant which was duly signed by the Chair and two members.

#### 5. Planning:

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

The following were noted :-

PF/16/1356: Two pay/display machines for the NT – permission given.

ADV/16/1357: Information signs for the above –permission given.

PF/16/1245: Demolition & erection of dwelling at Larkfields, Blakeney –  
Refused.

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

#### 6. Highways and Footpath Matters:

(a) To receive update/consider restoration/maintenance of the pond  
The Clerk had instructed the contractor to submit an application for  
spraying to the Environment Agency. He was asked to remind him to  
submit it early.

(b) To further consider state of the grass area east of the church.  
The Chair reported that the new posts had been installed on the grass  
area east of the church thereby stopping vehicles entering and exiting  
this area at the north-west corner which was considered dangerous. A  
discussion followed re the number of posts that had been erected. No  
meeting or discussions had taken place to consider the way forward with  
the surface of this area. It was hoped that the Chair, Jim Temple, and  
Stuart Farrow would get together soon.

(c) To receive update on refurbishing seat (village green)

The materials had been ordered from Filcris Ltd and would be delivered soon.

(d) To note/consider the new Highways Partnership Scheme (2017/18) There would be no grant claim to NCC for 2017-18 but members would press ahead with the signage for the graveyard. JPT reported details to members, illustrated with pictures, regarding the proposed signs. She had received quotes in the sum of £92.50 for the large sign and £78.20 for the smaller sign. It was agreed that improvements to the path immediately adjacent to the handrail were required and JPT would liaise with CW regarding the materials and work to be done. Members agreed to proceed with this project and the Clerk would check on the Public Liability with the PC's insurers and write to the Parochial Church Council regarding the scheme.

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

No new announcements.

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

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

Two quotations had been received based on the Chair's spec and it was agreed to accept the quote of Nick Hamond in the sum of £17,190.

(Prop: CW, Sec: CB) (RH abstained). Members agreed that they wished to support a local tradesman and the Clerk was instructed to write to him accepting the quotation. It was hoped to start the work in March

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

Nicholas Hancox Solicitors had written informing the PC that difficulties might arise if members tried to register Quay Lane (multiple owners) and it was agreed that the Clerk writes asking him to proceed with just the hall and caravan site.

#### 9. To receive report/consider the Morston Regatta in 2017 (CW)

It was agreed that CW buys a loud-haler for the regatta at a cost of £62 (JB/JPT).

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

"Countryside Voice" and Hornsea Project Three Windfarm Booklet – circulate.

11. Public Participation (comments/other matters) – No comments
12. To confirm date of next meeting: Wed .25/1/17 (7pm) – The Chair, CB, and JT were given delegated authority to approve and pay bills in December, 2016.