

## FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30 pm in  
Morton Church Hall

**Present: Councillors Mrs. J. Blaney, S. Dickman, Mrs. J. Holtam, R. Lancaster,  
and Professor C. Staite**  
**Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston**

**In attendance: - County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington and one member of the  
public.**

### **1. Election of Chairman, vice-Chairman, and Officers**

Cllr. Mrs. C. Staite was appointed Chairman of the meeting and Cllr. S. Dickman was appointed Vice-Chairman. The following appointments were made:-

- Internal Auditor – Mr. Ian Sear
- Flood Officer – Mrs. J. Blaney
- Sports & Gala Association Representative – Mrs. J. Holtam
- Emergency Committee Chairman – Mr. S. Dickman
- Footpaths Officers – Mrs. J. Holtam and Mr. R. Lancaster
- Snow Warden – Mrs. C. Staite

### **2. Apologies and a resignation**

All members being present, there were no apologies, but District Councillor R. Blaney sent apologies.

Following the resignation of Mr. C. Price, a statutory notice announcing the vacancy on the Council was placed in the notice boards. Because there has been no request for an election arising from that notice, the Council is now able to co-opt a new member. Agreed that a notice be put up inviting applications to join the Council.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

#### a. Meter readings at the Sports Pavilion

Cllr. Dickman agreed to undertake the task in the future.

#### b. Power on the Village Green

Some prices are awaited from Western Power, for the plinth, and the foundations and the total cost is estimated at £2,400.

#### c. Broadband

A circuit has been ordered from BT and a line will be run from the Equestrian Centre.

#### d. Dog Control on the Village Green

Agreed to continue to monitor the situation, which has improved, for a further 3 months.

#### e. Potholes and Road Repairs

Noted that the whole of the surface of Main Street, Fiskerton, was deteriorating. Patching has been done but it was felt that the whole road should be renewed as in

Bleasby. Agreed to request the County Council to give attention to this matter and send a copy to the County Councillor.

Also noted that works urgently needed in New Road, Morton, had not been done. The road is slipping into the culvert, as is a 30 mph sign, and there is a large crack in the road. Agreed to report the matter to the County Council with a copy to the County Councillor.

## **5. Report of the County Councillor**

### **a. Potholes and Road Repairs**

See previous minute.

### **b. Village events**

Noted that there is money available from the County Council to contribute towards village events.

### **c. Road junctions in Newark**

Noted that money has been made available to ease the congestion problems around Newark by carrying out improvement works on some of the major junctions.

### **d. Tip user registration**

Because of protests concerning the new tip registration arrangements, these will be re-visited and possibly amended.

### **e. Minerals Plan**

Noted that over the next few months, the Plan will be considered and discussed by the County Council.

### **f. Highways management**

Noted that, as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, the management will be taken over by Cornwall County Council and the service will be called "Via".

## **6. Highways**

Highway matters were dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

## **7. Footpaths**

### **a. Annual Survey**

This now due to be done and volunteers can be recruited to survey the paths.

## **8. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications considered**

#### **14/01528/FUL –Trent Valley Equestrian Centre, Occupation Lane, Fiskerton**

Change of use from educational classrooms to holiday accommodation – one classroom and four small storage rooms into holiday accommodation.

The Council objected to the application on the grounds that insufficient information has been supplied to make a decision.

#### **16/00620/FUL – Demolition of existing means of enclosure (level crossing gates) as part of the re-signalling of Newark to Nottingham railway line.**

The Council had no comment to make.

#### **16/00700/FUL – Oakdene, Main Street, Morton**

Householder application for proposed side dormer window (south elevation)

The Council unanimously supported the application.

### **Planning decisions received**

There were none.

**Tree works noted**

Ebenezer House – general pruning of large trees  
Applewood, Main Street, Fiskerton – reduce height of lime tree

**Other planning matters**

a. Planning checklist

This was approved.

**9. Community Matters**

a. Neighbourhood Plan

Reported that the first version document has just been received. A grant of up to £8,000 is available to fund the cost of a neighbourhood plan.

**10. Finance and Governance**

**a. Bank Statement**

Current Account – statement to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The statement was presented for inspection.

**b. Bills for payment**

Came & Company – Annual insurance - £506.79

Mrs. J. Holtam – Neighbourhood Plan costs - £39.99

Fiskerton Sports & Gala Assoc – Donation - £200.00

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £33.30 was agreed.

**c. Year end financial matters**

Reported that the internal audit had been completed satisfactorily.

**11. Correspondence**

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

**12. Any other business/AOB for which written notice has been given**

a. Notice of council vacancy

A notice will be placed in the notice boards inviting residents to join the Parish Council.

b. Extension of footpath 26/27

Agreed to seek an extension to the above path onto Rolleston Road.

**13. Reports of delegates**

There were none.

**14. Date of next meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**