

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st November 2016 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

Present: Councillors Catherine Staite, Jo Blaney, Stephen Holloway, Hilary Gibbins, J. Holtam, and Rob Lancaster
Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

In attendance: - County Councillor S. Saddington and District Councillor R. Blaney.

1. Apologies

All members being present there were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2016 were approved subject to some small amendments.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Meter reading

Cllr. Holtam reported that she would be meeting with Mr. S. Boney to arrange for meter readings.

b. Power on the Village Green

Reported that the work is in hand.

c. Broadband

It is understood that the County Council is still negotiating with BT.

4. Public Session

No public were present.

5. Reports from the County and District Councillors

County Councillor's report

a. Signage at Fiskerton Railway Crossing

Reported that negotiations for improved signage are continuing between the County Council and Network Rail.

b. Outstanding maintenance work

Reported that the flooding on Station Road, the cutting back of vegetation, and the faulty light at the end of Gravelly Lane are all being attended to. In respect of the vegetation, letters are shortly to be sent to the respective owners.

c. Broadband

It was confirmed that the improvement for the Parish continues to be pursued.

District Councillor's report

a. Grassed triangle at Morton

Reported that Network Rail has agreed to turf or re-seed the triangle. Agreed to request re-turfing.

b. Fiskerton Railway Crossing

Following public comments on the safety procedures at the above location, changes will be made including moving the stop white line on the Fiskerton side further away from the crossing, signs will be adjusted, the road will be kerbed, and possibly bollards will be installed by the pedestrian crossing.

6. Highways

a. Flooding

Agreed to report flooding of the road near the entrance to the former Tip.

b. Street lighting inoperative

Agreed to report this light which is located outside Wheelwright Cottage.

7. Footpaths

a. Footpaths Report

Noted the works which have been done and those yet to be done.

b. Bull notice

Reported that a notice warning of a bull in a field crossed by a footpath was needed. Cllr. Lancaster agreed to approach the farmer.

8. Planning Matters

Planning applications considered

Cllr. Hilary Gibbins declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or voting.

16/01776/FUL – The Retreat, Main Street, Morton

Householder application for the erection of a detached double garage.

The Council supported the application – 4 in favour and 1 against

16/01486/FUL – 21, Longmead Drive, Fiskerton

The Council unanimously opposed the application because the proposed development is too close to the boundary and impinges upon neighbours.

Planning decisions received

There none.

Tree works

There were none.

Other planning matters

There were none.

9. Community Matters

a. Neighbourhood Plan

Reported that this is in progress and a list of approved potential consultants is awaited from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

b. Play area

Agreed to request the groundsman to cut the grass.

10. Finance and Governance

a. Bank Statement

Current Account – statement to 31st October 2016

Deposit Account – statement to 20th October 2016

The statements were presented for inspection.

b. Bills for payment

Andrew Milner – Installation of playground equipment - £110.00

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £35.04 was agreed.

9. Correspondence

a. National Association of Local Councils Annual Report

The document was tabled.

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

a. Resignation of Cllr. Steve Dickman

The resignation was received and the Council thanked Cllr. Dickman for his work over his years of service.

Cllr. Holtam agreed to ascertain the position of the quotation for completion of the supply of electricity to the Village Green and Cllr. Holloway agreed to liaise with Steve Dickman over the hydro electricity scheme.

b. Retirement of the Clerk

The Clerk indicated that he would like to retire on 31st March 2017.

11. Reports of delegates

There were none.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 19th December 2016

Approved

Chairman

19th November 2016

Item for the next agenda – the Domain Name