

**FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall**

**Present: Councillors C. Price, Mrs. J. Blaney P. Merryweather, S. Dickman, Mrs. C. Handy, A. Milner, and T. Syme.**

**Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston**

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

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from District Councillor R. Blaney.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

**3. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

**a. Playground**

It was agreed that, as the Sports Hall was going to be let out to a commercial organisation by the Sports & Gala Association and the playground fence could not be removed, enquiries would be made to see if the grass cutting work could be undertaken by the Sports & Gala Association.

**b. Flooding planning**

It was noted that this is under consideration.

Upon a proposal to erect "Road Closed" signs and to erect "Diversion" signs along Gypsy Lane when the main route between Fiskerton and Bleasby is flooded, it was agreed to seek further information on procedures for erecting road closure signs. It was felt that signs diverting traffic along Gypsy Lane were not necessary as local residents would be aware of the alternative route. Diversion signs would be better placed in Thurgarton at the Bleasby Road junction.

**c. New footpath along Main Street within the Village Green**

It was agreed – 3 votes for, 2 against, and two abstentions - that the plan for a new footpath alongside the Village Green should be pursued and that Cllr. Price would progress negotiations with Nottinghamshire County Council.

**4. Report from the County Councillor**

a. It was reported that Nottinghamshire County Council will contribute £300 towards new hedging for the Village Green.

**5. Public Session**

Comments from members of the public are incorporated into other agenda items.

## **6. Highways**

### a. Potholes on Wilson's Lane

It was reported that there is a big pothole in the passing place. It was agreed to report this and request that, when roads are repaired that passing places are included in the work.

### b. Morton Drainage

It was agreed to ask NALC for advice on how to proceed.

### c. Footpath to the Station

It was noted that the footpath had been damaged by tractors entering the field. The damage will be reported to Nottinghamshire County Council.

## **7. Footpaths**

### a. Annual Footpath survey

It was noted that the above will be due within the next two months.

## **8. Planning matters**

### **Planning applications to be considered**

There were none.

### **Planning decisions noted**

There were none.

### **Tree works noted**

It was noted that details of new works were available to view on the Newark & Sherwood District Council planning web site.

### **Other planning matters**

There were none.

## **9. Community Matters**

### a. No. 3 bus route

Despite past representations to the contrary, it was reported that the new No. 3 bus timetable, which now does not continue from Southwell to Newark, does not co-ordinate with the No. 28/29 Southwell to Newark service. The new operators of the No.3 service have provided no service information, there is no contact point, and the one bus is inappropriate for elderly people. It was agreed to report concerns to Nottinghamshire County Council.

### b. Morton Bus Stop sign

It was agreed to ask the County Council if a more rural, wooden sign could be provided and the sign lowered so that it does not show above the wall.

### c. Village Day

It was noted that planning is in progress for the above event.

## **10. Website**

It was noted that the website can now analyse the hits and that a Facebook page has been added.

## **11. Finance**

### **Bills for payment**

Skipton Building Society – Investment of Funds - £30,000

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £29.80 was agreed.

**12. Correspondence**

**a. Flooding map**

Following a request from Newark & Sherwood District Council, a map showing the location of recent flooding was completed.

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

**a. Rolleston Burial Ground**

It was reported that a meeting to discuss an extension to the above had been called and a representative of the Parish Council invited to attend. It was noted that a parish council may operate or contribute towards a burial ground but it is not mandatory. It was further noted that the Morton churchyard is available to residents of the Parish and that the Parish Council does contribute to the upkeep of that churchyard. The Parish Council confirmed its previous decision that it would not contribute towards an extension of the Rolleston burial ground.

**13. Reports of delegates**

There were none.

**14. Date of next meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**Date**