

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th November 2013 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

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

1. Apologies

Cllr. T. Syme sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Cutting of hedges at "Fairfields"

Noted that the 30 mph road sign is hidden in the shrubbery and this will be reported to the Highways Authority for action.

b. Damaged wall at Bromley Arms

Noted that repair work due to be carried out in late September/early October has been deferred but has been stated by the Environment Agency that it will be completed by Christmas.

c. Playground report

Cllr. Milner reported that the work was progressing.

d. Metal stakes along the river bank

Agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Footpaths Service.

e. Village Green

Agreed to accept the quotation from RC Services to infill the hedge with new hawthorn plantings for £350 plus VAT.

f. Portable computer

Agreed to pursue this matter with Newark & Sherwood District Council as the computer is needed to view planning applications.

g. Playground equipment on Village Green

Noted that a review of the title deeds has disclosed that the erection of such equipment is complicated by legal difficulties.

h. Puddles on Station Road

Noted that after inspection during recent rain that the puddles may have arisen arose because the drains were blocked or by the sheer volume of water.

4. Public session

No members of the public attended.

5. Reports from the County and District Councillors

Report of the County Councillor

a. Closure of the Fiskerton Tip

Reported that the above is proposed for closure. Agreed to lobby the relevant County Councillors and to put up a notice bringing the matter to the attention of residents and institute a petition.

b. Local Improvement Scheme

Noted that the Scheme has been reduced from £3 million per annum to £500K.

c. Cuts to County Council services

Noted that there will be no planned improvements to roads, bus services will be reduced, and County Council meetings cancelled. The No.3 service for Fiskerton and Morton is safe.

d. Switching off of street lights

Agreed to write to the Chairman of Highways to object to the lights being turned on when not required.

Report of the District Councillor

a. Racecourse drainage work.

Noted that the Trent Valley Drainage Board is fully aware of the work going on at the Southwell racecourse, where water storage capacity is being built on racecourse land. The work will not affect the flood risk for neighbours but the racecourse company is fully aware that it is a criminal offence to send water elsewhere. The work is being closely monitored by the Drainage Board.

b. Network Rail

Noted that a letter has been issued inviting Parishes along the Nottingham-Newark railway line to a public meeting to discuss work on the line. Agreed to contact Rolleston Parish Council and Network Rail in connection with this matter as a notification has not been received..

c. Scaffolding on building near Bromley Arms.

Noted that, although this had been in situ for some time, it was permissible for it to be erected because the scaffolding was on private land.

d. Safer Neighbourhoods Group

Noted that crime had increased in the last 6 months. Offenders were travelling from Nottingham and residents ought to join the Alert system. Agreed that a notice would be placed in the notice boards.

e. Community Infrastructure Levy

Noted that the Levy is payable on any building or extension over 100 square metres in area. A three bed roomed house is normally around 90 sq. Metres. If any Levy was due in the Parish, the District Council would collect it and pass 15% of the Levy to the Parish Council.

6. Highways

There were no other matters not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

7. Footpaths

a. Trent Lane

Noted that a productive meeting had taken place between the landowners, Nottinghamshire County Council, and Cllr C. Price and that the landowner had agreed

to take action to carry out maintenance in the Lane. Agreed to ask the County Council if the brush cutter could be used.

8. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

There were none.

Planning decisions noted

There were none.

Tree works noted

None were discussed.

Other planning matters

There were none.

9. Community Matters

a. Carol Service

Following a request from the W. I. for funding of the event, agreed to ask the W.I. for the amount being sought.

b. Community Fuel purchasing

Noted that there are organisations through who reduced energy prices can be reduced if the community support the project. Cllr. Dickman agreed to research the matter.

10. Website

There was nothing to report.

11. Finance

Bank Statements

Current Account – statements to 30th September and 31st October 2013.

Deposit Account – statements to 20th September and 20th October 2013.

The statements were presented for inspection.

Bills for payment

RC Services – Village Green maintenance for 3 months - £720.00

Noted that the playground report for September has not been received despite reminders being sent. Agreed to urgently pursue the matter

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £36.35 was agreed.

12. Correspondence

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

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

a. Allotments

Agreed to ascertain via the village website whether there was a demand for allotments in the Parish.

14. Reports of delegates

There were none.

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 16th December 2013

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Approved

Chairman

Date