

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th January 2016 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

Present: Councillors C. Price, Mrs. J. Blaney, S. Dickman, Mrs. J. Holtam, and R. Lancaster.

Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

In attendance: - County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington.

1. Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs. A. Owen, Mrs. C. Staite, and District Councillor R. Blaney sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2015 were approved.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Broadband

Reported that residents had offered £26,000 to provide a private service.

b. Waste bin at riverside

Agreed to purchase a new bin but Cllr. Holtam agreed to check on the brand name on the existing bin so that a similar one could be purchased.

c. Power on the Village Green

This matter is in progress.

d. Replacement of footpath sign

Agreed not to replace the post as it is not necessary because there is an alternative sign nearby hitherto concealed by vegetation.

e. Hedges at Village Green

Agreed to cut back any overgrown brambles.

4. Report of the County Councillor

a. Broadband

Noted that negotiations are proceeding and a report, including the Parish, is expected in March 2016.

b. Queen's birthday

£150 towards the cost of the event will be given by the County Council.

c. Staythorpe Railway Crossing

Reported that this will be closed on 14th February 2016 for one day.

5. Highways

a. Problem reporting

Noted the number of potholes appearing and, in order to speed up the repair process, residents are advised to report highway defects on line at the County Council's website at

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/report-road-problem

Or, search through the alphabetical list on the County Council's website to find under "Highways".

6. Footpaths

Dealt with in matters arising.

7. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

15/02195/FUL – Waterdell, Station Road, Fiskerton

Householder application for detached garage.

The Council unanimously opposed the application because:-

- a. Over intensive development of the site.
- b. The new building will be too near the road.
- c. The building is too large.
- d. The building is more on the scale of a house than a garage.
- e. The property has already had significant development in the last 10 years.

Planning decisions received

15/01967/FUL – 14, Green Drive, Fiskerton

Householder application for new garden room to be attached to existing garage -

APPROVED

15/02124/FUL – Meadow View, Station Road, Fiskerton

Householder application for proposed garage to existing dwelling – **APPROVED**

Tree works

Noted at Wheelwright Cottage, Station Road, Fiskerton.

Other planning matters

a. External lighting

The Council noted the increasing use of external lighting on domestic property. It was felt that this was becoming undesirable as frequently the lights were left on all night, their use is a waste of resources and contributes to climate change, they are not helpful to wildlife, are a nuisance to neighbouring properties, and they do not add to security as most burglaries take place in the day time when residents are out at work. Agreed to send a comment to the Newark & Sherwood District Council.

8. Community Matters

a. Queen's birthday

Noted that a function will be arranged on the Village Green in June.

9. Finance and Governance

a. Bank Statement

Current Account – statement to 31st December 2016

The statement was presented for inspection.

b. Bills for payment

There were none.

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £35.45 was agreed.

10. Correspondence

a. Dog fouling

A resident of Marlock Close has complained of the dog fouling in that road. The Council considered that the only way to discourage it is for residents to obtain names and addresses of the culprits and photographs if possible. The culprits need to be caught in the act. Then a report should be made to the Dog Warden at Newark & Sherwood District Council at 01636 650000 and all available evidence submitted.

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

a. Hedge at Fairfields, Claypit Lane

Comment has been received that the hedge needs to be cut back behind the lamp post. Cllr. Price agreed to inspect the hedge.

b. Loose sign at Claypit Lane

Agreed to report this for repair.

12. Reports of delegates

There were none.

13. Date of next meeting – Monday 15th February 2016

Approved

Chairman

15th February 2016