

## FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

**In attendance:** - District Councillor R. Blaney.

### 1. Apologies

County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington sent apologies.

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were approved.

### 3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

#### a. Broadband

Reported that residents had committed £67,000 towards a target of £120,000 to provide a private service.

#### b. Waste bin at riverside

Agreed to purchase a new bin from Glasdon and councillors would look on the website to choose a suitable design.

#### c. Power on the Village Green

A price is awaited for the ground works.

#### d. Hedges at Village Green

Noted that these had now been cut back.

#### e. Queen's birthday

Events marking the occasion are being planned. The Council thanked the County Council for a grant of £150 towards the event.

### 4. Report of the District Councillor

#### a. Guidance on planning consultation

In response to requests from councillors, the District Councillor made the following points:-

a. There is a presumption that planning approval will be given unless there is a good reason not to. A parish council can make observations or comments whether or not it is supporting or objecting to the proposal.

b. Planning permission follows the Local Plan which shows which communities are sustainable and can take development. Fiskerton might become a sustainable village.

c. Reasons to refuse include the scale of the building, its design, its mass, the amount of amenity land surrounding it, and the impact on neighbours.

#### b. The Minerals Plan

Noted that the County Council is considering the Minerals Plan for the period ending in 2030. Flash Farm at Averham is a potential site but access over Kelham Bridge is

currently difficult as is access into Newark. Agreed to support the Plan on the basis that no work should start on quarrying until the Government has sorted out all the traffic problems to include the Newark ring roads and Kelham Bridge. There is great concern over the ability of residents to be able to get in and out of Newark.

## **5. Highways**

### **a. Corner at Ebenezer House**

Reported that the poor condition of the road has been reported many time but that the County Council refuse to carry out the necessary repairs. Agreed to ask the County Council if the Parish could arrange for a private contractor to carry out the necessary work.

## **6. Footpaths**

### **a. Riverside car park**

Reported that, at the wooded area at the end car park, youths appeared to be regularly lurking, possibly drug taking, and it was agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Police Community Support Officer.

Noted that it is difficult for disabled people to get into the car park from the footpath and that a ramp is needed. Agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the County Council quoting the Disability Act.

## **7. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications considered**

There were none.

### **Planning decisions received**

#### **15/01673/FUL – Field 8708, Gravelly Lane, Fiskerton**

Erection of a storage barn – **APPROVED**

#### **15/02077/FUL – Longridge, Gravelly Lane, Fiskerton**

Householder application for new porch to the front and single storey rear extension – **APPROVED**

### **Tree works**

Noted at Kelham Farm Main Street, Fiskerton – pruning of conifers

### **Other planning matters**

Dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

## **8. Community Matters**

### **a. Car parking at Fiskerton Railway Station**

Noted that the number of vehicles now parking at the station has increased and that more car parking is needed. Agreed to bring the matter to the attention of Network Rail.

### **b. Railway upgrading**

Agreed to ask for a progress report and when the works might be completed.

### **c. Dog fouling on the Village Green**

Reported that this appears to be a continuing problem caused by a few anti-social people. It causes a health danger to children and, given the surrounding open countryside, there is no need to use the Village Green for dog walking.

Resolved to put up a notice saying that, if the fouling continues over the next 3 months, steps may be taken in the interests of children to close the Village Green to dogs.

Agreed to purchase cones to highlight where dog dirt has been deposited on the Village Green.

**9. Finance and Governance**

**a. Bank Statement**

Current Account – statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January 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 £33.83 was agreed.

**10. Correspondence**

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

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

There was none.

**12. Reports of delegates**

There were none.

**13. Date of next meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**