

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th June 2013 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

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

1. Apologies

All members were present.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Morton drainage

Little progress on this issue can be made, so it was agreed to leave the matter for the time being.

b. Main Street, Morton, gullies

These need to be cleared following recent re-surfacing work and the matter will be reported.

c. Debris on Causeway Lane

All likely parties who may have deposited the debris having denied any responsibility, no further progress can be made.

d. Village Green fencing

It was reported that the fencing had been repaired where necessary and the rest is adequate for the time being.

e. Dog fouling on the towpath

Cllr. Dickman agreed to produce signage to hold in abeyance should the problem re-occur.

f. Fencing in Trent Lane

This has been found to be satisfactory now that the damaged section has been repaired..

4. Reports from the County and District Councillors

Report from the District Councillor

a. Electoral boundary changes

Because of the increase in electors required for each District Council ward, there is a proposal that Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish should join with Southwell or with Averham, Rolleston, and Kelham.

The Council objected to any joining up with Southwell because it was felt that the Parish has little affinity with and very different needs to Southwell so the proposal

would not be in the best interests of the Parish. However, to join with the other Trentside villages would be appropriate because these villages have similar needs and have clear affinity one with another and thus a more appropriate representation would be achieved.

b. Fairfields, Station Road, Fiskerton

The hedge around the property needs further cutting back so that the lamp post which is now in the hedge is exposed.

Report from the County Councillor

a. Roadside hedgerows

It was drawn to the attention of the County Councillor that hedgerows have been dying back and it was felt that the problem arose following the winter road gritting. It was agreed to raise the matter with Nottinghamshire County Council.

b. Road re-surfacing

It was drawn to the attention of the County Councillor that some felt that the layer of re-surfacing was too thin.

5. Highways

a. Bleasby Road hedges

It was noted that the hedges around the bends towards Bleasby had become uncut and high and it was not now possible for larger vehicles to see over the hedges when approaching the bends. It was felt that this was a safety issue and it would be better if the hedges were reduced in height. It was agreed to write to Bleasby Parish Council to bring the matter to its attention.

6. Footpaths

a. Annual survey

It was reported that this has now been done and faults reported.

b. Footpath grass cutting

It was reported that the first cut has been done except for Footpath 14.

c. Letter to landowners

It was agreed to produce a general letter which could be sent to landowners as a reminder to them to cut back vegetation on footpaths on their land. It was agreed to send the letter to three landowners.

d. Footpath 13

Cllr. Syme agreed to call the landowner in respect of work to be done on this footpath.

7. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

13/00661/FUL – Fairfields, Station Road, Fiskerton

Householder application for demolition of a detached building including kitchen, wash-house, wc, scullery, and garage. Demolition of a single storey lean-to.

Construction of extensions to dwelling.

The Council opposed the application, 1 in favour, 4 against, and 2 abstentions, because the development is too big and not in keeping with the surrounding buildings in the area. The scale on the plans is incorrect and a correct impression of the scale of the building is not given.

Planning decisions noted

There were none.

Tree works noted

New tree works have been approved for Sherbrooke, Station Road, Fiskerton.

Other planning matters

There were none.

8. Community Matters

a. Village Day

Planning for this event is going ahead and the Sports & Gala Association sent a letter of thanks for the Council's financial support.

9. Finance

Bank Statements

Current Account – for the month to 31st May 2013

Deposit Account – for the month ended 20th May 2013

The statements were presented for inspection.

Bills for payment

There were none.

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £44.74 was agreed.

10. Correspondence

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the meeting.

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 15th July 2013

Approved

Chairman

Date