

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th August 2013 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

In attendance: - District Councillor R. Blaney and 35 members of the public.

Presentation by Mr. Steve Dale of Network Rail

Before the Council meeting began, Mr. Steve Dale of Network Rail gave information on the future of the railway crossings in Morton, Fiskerton, and Rolleston which are due to be upgraded and automated by the end of 2015. Plans will be put out for public consultation in approximately 3 months time.

1. Apologies

County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Cutting of hedges at "Fairfields"

Agreed to send a further letter requesting the work be done.

b. High hedges on Bleasby Road

Agreed to send a further letter to Bleasby Parish Council identifying the safety issue in respect of the high hedges.

c. Damaged wall at Bromley Arms

Noted that repair work is still outstanding but believed to be attended to by the Environment Agency.

d. New road surface breaking up

Agreed to send a reminder to Joanne Horton of Nottinghamshire County Council.

e. Various maintenance works

Noted that the Cook's Lane verges have been cut, the fencing on Station Road repaired, the litter at the riverside car park removed, and the undergrowth on the footpath along the railway line to Gorsey Lane cut back.

f. Playground report

Cllr. Milner will attend to the points therein.

g. Presentation by Network Rail

Agreed to send a letter to Mr. Steve Dale thanking him for his presentation, which was much appreciated by the community, noting his re-assurance that the Morton

crossing will remain open, and requesting that the Council be kept updated on progress.

4. Public session

a. Flooding on Station Road and Rolleston Road

Noted that the road between Marlock Close and Claypit Lane flooded after rain. The problem is that the drain entries are higher than the road surface. Agreed to report the matter to Joanne Horton of Nottinghamshire County Council.

Noted that a similar problem arises on Rolleston Road where water runs from the road into Riverlyn House because a soak away which should absorb the water is not operational. Agreed to bring the matter to the attention of County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington.

5. Reports from the County and District Councillors

There were none.

6. Highways

There was nothing to report.

7. Footpaths

a. Broken signposts

Noted that all such signs will be repaired by the end of the year.

b. Village Green hedge – Green Drive to Main Street

Agreed to request the grounds man to cut back the hedge.

8. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

13/00937/FUL – Coppice Ridge, Rolleston Road, Fiskerton

Householder application for proposed single storey side extension to property to create hydrotherapy pool. External lift shaft to provide disabled access to exiting first floor accommodation.

The Council unanimously supported the application.

Planning decisions noted

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 single-storey lean-to.

Construction of extensions to the dwelling. – **APPROVED**

Tree works noted

Noted felling of a cherry tree at Langford Cottage, Main Street, Morton.

Other planning matters

a. Accessing planning applications online

Noted new system of accessing planning applications on the Newark & Sherwood District Council's website. Noted that there would be a training day offered by the District Council.

b. Planning Development Plan

Noted that the District Council's development plans have now been adopted

9. Community Matters

There was nothing to report.

10. Website

a. Noted that the domain name has been renewed.

11. Finance

Bank Statements

Current Account – for the month to 31st July 2013

Deposit Account – for the month ended 20th July 2013

The statements were presented for inspection.

Bills for payment

Mr. S. Dickman – Renewal of domain name - £29.99

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £35.74 was agreed.

12. Correspondence

a. Parish Councils' Conference

Agreed that the Clerk would attend on behalf of the Council.

b. NALC AGM

Agreed that the Clerk would attend on behalf of the Council.

c. Post Office competition

Noted that a scheme to give money for proposals to encourage post offices has been launched. Agreed to give the correspondence to the local postmaster.

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

a. Himalayan Balsam

Noted that there is an area at the Morton end of Gravelly Lane is becoming infested.

Agreed to ask the Probation Service and the Drainage Board to remove the weed.

b. Noise at the Full Moon public house

Cllr. Price agreed to deal with the matter.

14. Reports of delegates

There were none

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

Approved

Chairman

Date