

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st October 2013 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

In attendance: - District Councillor R. Blaney.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Mrs. C. Handy and County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 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 work has been done and agreed that Cllrs. Milner and Price will check whether the road signs are visible at the road junction.

b. High hedges on Bleasby Road

Noted that the reduction of hedges at the bends on Bleasby Road has not been adequately done and it was agreed to report the resulting loss of vision to the County Council Highways Department. Cllr. Milner will, also, raise the matter with Cllr. Foster of Bleasby Parish Council.

c. Damaged wall at Bromley Arms

Noted that repair work due to be carried out in late September/early October has not been done by the Environment Agency and the matter will be followed up.

d. Potholes

Agreed to report the appearance of potholes in Gravelly Lane and between Middle Lane and Cook's Lane.

e. Main Street footpath

Agreed that Cllr. Handy would be asked to take the matter forward.

f. Playground report

Cllr. Milner reported that the work has been started.

g. Metal stakes along the river bank

Cllr. Syme agreed to report on progress at the next meeting.

h. Himalayan Balsam removal

Agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Probation Service and to ask if the work could be repeated next year, perhaps a little earlier before flowering.

i. Advertisements on riverside railings

Noted that these had been removed and agreed that Cllr. Milner would contact the advertiser regarding a new advertisements.

j. Play equipment on the Village Green

Noted that there are limitations on the use of the land. District Councillor R. Blaney agreed to establish whether the District Council or the Parish Council owned the land. Agreed that the Parish Council would meet the legal costs in establishing ownership and conditions of use.

k. Letter of thanks

Noted that a letter of thanks has been sent to Mr. Bob Vickers for his work in connection with the Defibrillator and the Best Kept Village competition.

l. Weight limit for the area

Agreed to support the proposal although heavy vehicles will still be able to enter the area if delivering to premises therein.

m. Village Green

Noted that the hedging work had been carried out. Agreed fill in the gaps in the hawthorn hedging using the contribution in funding received from the County Council. A quotation would be sought to provide hawthorn whips and tree guards to fill the gaps.

4. Public session

No members of the public attended.

5. Reports from the County and District Councillors

Report of the District Councillor

a. Electoral Boundaries

Noted that the Parish will not now be included with Southwell. Agreed to support the new Trentside ward.

b. Parish Precept

Noted that the Council Tax grant from the District Council will in future be cancelled and that it currently amounts to £30 p.a.

c. Warning bollards adjacent to the Pinfold

Noted that these have been virtually demolished by agricultural vehicles and agreed that the remains should be removed.

d. Water from the Racecourse

Noted that substantial civil engineering works have been taking place at the Racecourse which it is thought will have the effect of transferring flood water to property in the Parish. District Councillor R. Blaney undertook to investigate the matter.

6. Highways

a. Puddles on Station Road

Agreed to ask the Highways Department to consider the siting of the gullies and their effectiveness.

7. Footpaths

a. Stiles

Agreed that Cllr. Syme would report those needing repair to Nottinghamshire County Council and that Cllr. Milner would repair one of them.

8. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

13/01395/FUL – Beechwood, Gravelly Lane, Fiskerton

Householder application for proposed removal of car port and utility, and to construct new single storey side and front extension to dwelling. Proposed removal of existing rear flat roof and replacing with a pitched roof. Proposed solar panels to front elevation.

Planning decisions noted

There were none.

Tree works noted

There were none.

Other planning matters

a. Consultation on gypsy sites.

Agreed to put forward the Council's views that such sites were better placed where there are health, education, and police services available rather than in rural places where such services do not exist.

9. Community Matters

a. Carol Service

Agreed that the W. I. can hold it on the Village Green.

b. Village Fete

Noted that the event made £797.

10. Website

There was nothing to report.

11. Finance

Bank Statements

The bank statements had not been received by the time of the meeting.

Bills for payment

Parks & Playgrounds Solutions Ltd. – Playground inspection - £30.00

Agreed to retain the cheque until the playground report has been received.

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £35.15 was agreed.

12. Correspondence

a. Community Infrastructure Levy

Agreed to request from the District Council the amount standing to the credit of the Parish.

Agreed to ask District Councillor Blaney for a briefing on how the Levy will benefit the Parish.

b. Provision of a portable computer

Noted the ever increasing amount of documents emanating from the District Council which can only be accessed by computer. Agreed to ask the District Council if it will make a grant for such a computer in order to facilitate the transaction of business between the two bodies.

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

There was none.

14. Reports of delegates

a. Parish Councils' Conference

The Clerk's report was noted.

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 18th November 2013

Approved

Chairman

Date