

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th March 2013 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston

In attendance: - County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington, District Councillor R. Blaney and 3 members of the public.

Cllr. P. Merryweather chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Price and A. Syme.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Playground

It was reported that the Sports & Gala Association would attend to the grass cutting in future.

b. Flooding planning

It was agreed that responsibility for the siting of "Road Closed" signs should remain with the Highway Authority, but the Cllr. A. Milner will put out "Flood" signs as and when appropriate.

Newark & Sherwood District Council did not want back the unused sand bags so they will be disposed of.

The Environment Agency and the Newark Area Internal Drainage Board had not replied to requests for information and this will be followed up as appropriate.

The request to Nottinghamshire County Council for CCTV to inspect the drainage has not been replied to and will be followed up as appropriate.

The debris from the clearance of the Causeway Lane ditches has not been removed and this will be followed up.

Legal advice concerning the Morton Drainage Scheme has been received from the National Association of Local Councils and will be forwarded to the County Councillor and the County Council.

It was noted that the wall at the Bromley Arms has again been damaged and this will be reported to the Environment Agency with the recommendation that some bollards be erected in front of the wall to protect it.

4. Report from the County and District Councillors

County Councillor

a. No. 3 bus route

It was reported that service is under consideration in an effort to rectify some of the problems with it.

b. Trent Lane

It was reported that a contractor has been approached re the jetting of the culvert under Bleasby Road. Newark & Sherwood District Council will be approached regarding the trees.

c. Gorsey Lane

It was reported that the potholes will be repaired but no new surface will be provided.

d. Road repairs

It was noted that potholes had appeared in the recent road patching and that remedial work will be needed before re-surfacing. The County Councillor undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Highways Department.

District Councillor

There was nothing to report.

5. Public session

Comments from members of the public are incorporated into other agenda items.

6. Highways

There was nothing in addition to those items included in the agenda elsewhere.

7. Footpaths

a. Annual Footpath survey

It was reported that some surveys have been done.

8. Planning matters

Planning applications to be considered

12/01533/FUL – “Fairfields”, Station Road, Fiskerton

Householder application for construction of two-storey extension to the north-west elevation and single storey extension to the south-west elevation (including demolition of existing detached building and single-storey lean-to), block up three existing vehicular access points from Station Road and form new vehicular access from Claypit Lane.

The Council objected to the proposal because:-

1. The accesses on Station Road are adequate and there is no need for an additional one.
2. There is a safety issue in having vehicles accessing the property on to Claypit Lane, which is a very narrow road.
3. The house is considered to be too large being considerably larger than the existing house. The house is higher and has a huge facade, giving an adverse visual impact to the entry to the village and, taken in conjunction with the very large garage complex that has been built under permitted development rights, the plans represent an over-intensive development of the site.

Planning decisions noted

There were none.

Tree works noted

It was noted that there were no new tree works.

Other planning matters

It was noted that the Planning Authority's website may not be operating for a period of some hours whilst the system is upgraded.

9. Community Matters

a. Best Kept Village Competition

It was agreed to enter both villages.

b. Hedge laying on the Village Green

Cllr. Milner agreed to enquire at Brackenhurst whether the College could provide such a service.

10. Website

There was nothing new to report.

11. Finance

a. Bank statements

Current Account – statement to 28th February 2013

Deposit Account – statement to 20th February 2013

The statements were presented for inspection.

Bills for payment

RC Services – Village Green maintenance - £144.00

The Post Office – PAYE - £123.33

St. Denis Church – Hall rent – £60.00

Nottinghamshire Assoc. of Local Councils – Annual subscription - £141.96

(For payment on 1st April 2013.)

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £129.69 was agreed.

12. Correspondence

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

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

a. Broadband

It was reported that, because the Government money to extend high speed broadband to communities has not reached this area, a plan to form a community project to lay a high speed cable is being worked upon.

c. Allotments

It was agreed to ascertain whether there was any suitable, available land in the Parish.

13. Reports of delegates

There were none.

14. Date of next meeting – Monday 15th April 2013

Approved

Chairman

Date