

**FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall**

**Present: Councillors Rob Lancaster, Jo Blaney, Stephen Holloway, Hilary Gibbins, and Jacqui Holtam**  
**Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston**

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

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. C. Staite sent apologies.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved.

**3. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

a. Meter reading

Reported that the Clerk has advised Ovo that Cllr. Holtam would be the contact in future.

b. Power on the Village Green

Reported that a meter is needed. The fitting of the meter is free but a standing charge of 25 pence per day is payable. Agreed to sign up with British Gas.

c. Turf on the triangle

Reported that the turf has not been laid because it is not the season for turf. Network Rail has offered to plant bulbs and re-seed instead. Agreed to accept the offer.

**4. Public Session**

a. F4RN

Two representatives from the above Company reported to the Council that the private broadband system which the firm is installing is making good progress and is ahead of budget and time schedule.

**5. Reports from the County and District Councillors**

**District Councillor's report**

a. Signage at Fiskerton and Morton Railway Crossings

Reported that the design work needed to carry out remedial works is in progress. Network Rail claims that there is no cause for concern over the bank at the Morton crossing and that the works will settle down. However, remedial work is likely to be problematical.

Agreed to write to Karen Hurst at Viaem and Rob McIntosh at Network Rail.

b. Sunday railway service

Reported that a Sunday railway service is expected to commence in May 2017.

## **County Councillor's report**

### a. Flooding at Morton

Reported that an investigation is being carried to ascertain rights of way over land in order to carry out drain maintenance.

## **6. Highways**

There was nothing to report.

## **7. Footpaths**

### a. Footpaths Report

Reported that a new footpath survey is due to be undertaken. Agreed to complete the survey by the end of March.

### b. Footpath sign at the Railway Station

Reported that the sign on FP 2 has been restored.

### c. Letter of thanks

Agreed to send a letter of thanks to Rachel Rickell for her support in footpath matters.

## **8. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications considered**

#### **17/00146/TEL25 – Station Road, Fiskerton**

#### **17/00161/TEL25 – Cook's Lane, Morton**

Installation of DSLAM equipment

The Council noted the works.

#### **17/00086/CPRIOR – Poplar Farm, Middlefield Road, Morton**

Notification of prior approval for a change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings.

The Council opposed the application, noting that a building has to be capable of conversion and the Council considered that the building in question is not capable of conversion to habitable dwellings, being a steel framed building with an asbestos roof.

#### **17/00228/FUL – Old Malt Cottage, Main Street, Fiskerton**

Householder application to convert second floor into two bedrooms, demolish rear porch, add rear single storey extension and addition of a new front door.

The Council supported the application subject to the new front door not having a porch so that the front would accord with the fronts of adjacent cottages which do not have porches.

### **Planning decisions received**

None

## **9. Community Matters**

### a. Neighbourhood Plan

Reported that the Plan is now in a 6 week consultation period. Agreed that Cllrs. Holtam and Holloway would arrange a general meeting and invite people from the community who might be willing to help. Also, people would be sought who could give the meeting their experience of Neighbourhood Plans. All councillors would be involved in the planning.

### b. Playground report

Agreed to ask Andrew Milner if he would be willing to install 3 concrete bases for the new furniture to be installed on the Village Green.

Agreed to send Andrew Milner the monthly playground report and ask him to give a price for any work over £100.

The Clerk noted that much of the equipment was looking run down and that some of it needed re-painting and the woodwork treated with preservative.

c. Fiskerton Fayre

Reported that there will not be an event this year. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Boney and the small body of people who had run the Fayre over a number of years.

**10. Finance and Governance**

**a. Bank Statement**

Current Account – statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Deposit Account – statement to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The statements were presented for inspection.

**b. Bills for payment**

RC Services – Grass cutting - £936.00

St. Denis Church – Additional hall hire - £36.00

Mike Wood – Strimmer repair - £64.50

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £36.35 was approved.

**11. Correspondence**

a. Litter pick

A letter was received from Mr. Price suggesting a village litter pick. Noted that Mr. Vickers had litter picked every village road except Station Road and Bleasby Road because those roads are too dangerous. Agreed to hold a litter pick on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10.00 am.

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

a. Recruitment of the new Clerk

Reported that interviews had been held and the Council approved the candidate recommended.

b. Vacancy on Council

Reported a candidate had not as yet been found but that there were some possibilities.

**13. Reports of delegates**

There were none.

**14. Date of next meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Approved**

**Chairman**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**