

## FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 pm in  
Morton Church Hall

**Present: Councillors C. Price, Mrs. J. Blaney, S. Dickman, Mrs. J. Holtam, and  
Mrs. C. Staite**

**Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston**

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

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr. R. Lancaster sent apologies.

Following the resignation of a councillor, a statutory notice announcing the vacancy on the Council was placed in the notice boards. Because there has been no request for an election arising from that notice, the Council is now able to co-opt a new member. Agreed that a notice be put up inviting applications to join the Council.

### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was attended by insufficient members to give a quorum. Notes of the meeting and the actions of the meeting were ratified by the Council.

### **3. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

#### a. Waste bin at riverside

Noted that it has been delivered and will shortly be installed.

#### b. Power on the Village Green

A price is awaited from Western Power.

### **4. Report of the County and District Councillors**

#### **County Councillor**

##### a. Claypit Lane – overhanging vegetation

Noted that the County Council has the matter in hand and that a Highways Inspector would be reporting on the situation. Also noted that the property in question has a dump of tyres and the District Councillor would be reporting it to the Planning enforcement team for action.

##### b. Potholes

Noted that the potholes in the Parish would be repaired within the next 28 days.

##### c. Railway crossing at Staythorpe

Noted that the works to be done in October at the crossing involving a closure of two and a half weeks have been cancelled.

##### d. New Road repairs

Noted that the road is subsiding into the dyke in places. Agreed to report the fault to the County Council as an urgent repair.

**District Councillor** – nothing to report.

## **5. Highways**

Highway matters were dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

## **6. Footpaths**

There was nothing to report.

## **7. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications considered**

#### **16/00461/FUL – Middleclose Cottage, Main Street, Fiskerton**

Householder application for proposed ground floor and first floor extensions to dwelling.

The Council unanimously supported the application on the proviso that the red brick effect is retained to match the existing and that the new part blends in with the original.

### **Planning decisions received**

There were none.

### **Tree works**

Noted at Timbers, Main Street, Fiskerton – pruning of a beech tree.

### **Other planning matters**

#### a. Southwell Racecourse Flood Alleviation Scheme

A copy of a letter sent to Newark & Sherwood District Council by the Environment Agency was circulated to members for comment.

#### b. Planning checklist

Agreed to produce a checklist of points to be considered on each planning application.

## **8. Community Matters**

### a. Neighbourhood Plan

Agreed to continue to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

### b. Staythorpe Power Station

Noted that Cllr. Dickman would be going for a meeting at the above.

### c. Plan Review Consultation Event – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Agreed to ask Cllr. Lancaster if he would represent the Parish at this event.

## **9. Finance and Governance**

### **a. Bank Statement**

Current Account – statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

The statement was presented for inspection.

### **b. Bills for payment**

Newark & Sherwood District Council – Dog bin emptying - £287.70

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £36.58 was agreed.

### **c. Year end financial matters**

The accounts and Annual Return were approved. The Council agreed the Assertions in the Annual Return document. The Clerk drew attention to the external auditors report following the previous year's audit commenting upon the level of bank balances held by the Council. Agreed that the majority of the money was restricted in

use to the maintenance of the Village Green and the play area and the rest would be used to fund expenditure on, for example, the Neighbourhood Plan.

**10. Correspondence**

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**