

## **FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall**

**Present: Councillors Jo Blaney, Stephen Holloway, Hilary Gibbins, and Rob Lancaster**

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

**In attendance:** - County Councillor S. Saddington, District Councillor R. Blaney and 1 member of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllrs. J. Holtam, S. Dickman, and C. Staite sent apologies.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were approved.

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

#### a. Meter reading

Noted that this due to be done by the end of the month.

#### b. Power on the Village Green

Reported that the work has been paid for and is due to be carried out by Western Power.

#### c. Potholes at fishermen's car park

Cllr. Blaney agreed to check whether the work had been done.

#### d. Village Green and dog control

Reported that replacement dog control notices had been fixed to the Village Green notices.

#### e. Broadband

Reported that the F4RN Scheme is expected to go live by the end of September.

### **4. Public Session**

See Bleasby Bus below

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

#### **County Councillor's report**

##### a. Bleasby Bus

Reported that a free bus will run from Lowdham to Southwell via Hoveringham, Bleasby, and Fiskerton twice a week to provide a service to the doctors' surgeries. It will run for a trial period of 9 months and to be viable at least 6 people per journey must use it. The service will commence after the work on the railway crossings has been completed. A timetable is to be issued.

It was felt that the 300 bus service ought to run via Southwell instead of via Rolleston which is already served by the No. 28 bus.

Agreed to publicise this service on the Parish Council website and through social media.

##### b. Railway Crossing closures

Reported that a public meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 at Rolleston Village Hall to give an update on the railway upgrading. It will be a drop in event running from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

c. Flooding – Main Street, Fiskerton/Gravelly Lane

It is necessary to report it again.

d. Claypit Lane

Complaints have been received concerning overgrown vegetation. The Council was advised that, because this was in respect private land, the local authorities could not take any action.

e. Broadband

Reported that the installation of broadband will continue and that 200 more customers will be included by June 2017. Agreed to write to Nottinghamshire County Council to thank it.

**Report of the District Councillor**

a. New District Council offices

Reported that Citizens' Advice, the Department for Work and Pensions, and perhaps the Police will occupy the new offices. It is planned that, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, District Council staff will be available in Southwell Library to deal with enquiries.

**6. Highways**

a. Occupation Lane and Fiskerton railway crossing

Arising from a complaint, it would seem that, contrary to planning permission, the Lane is being used as an entry and exit route. Cllr. Blaney agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the District Councillor.

Also, the drains at the crossing gates need to have debris cleared out. The matter will be reported to the Highways Department.

A parishioner has suggested that priority at Fiskerton Station should be changed because the signage giving the precedence for traffic at the crossing is thought not to be correct. Agreed to wait and see what Network Rail finally do at the crossing but this would be a point to bring up at the public consultation referred to in minute 5b above.

b. Overflowing drains in Gravelly Lane

The matter has already been reported to Severn-Trent Ltd.

c. Footpath to the Station

This is becoming overgrown. Agreed to report the matter to the Highways Department.

**7. Footpaths**

a. Footpaths Surveys

Noted that the second survey of the year is in progress. The number of surveys through the year will be reduced to three and the footpaths will be allocated to four councillors.

Reported that on Footpath 7, which runs along beside the railway line, there is one in need of repair.

**8. Planning Matters**

**Planning applications considered**

There were none.

**Planning decisions received**

18, Marlock Close, Fiskerton – single storey extension for disabled person – application permitted.

**Tree works**

Noted that tree works have been approved at Fiskerton Manor, Main Street, Fiskerton.

**Other planning matters**

There were none.

**9. Community Matters**

a. Neighbourhood Plan

Reported that a meeting will take place with a planning officer and that NSDC will provide assistance in the compilation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

b. Play equipment

Following inspection of the surplus equipment at Southwell it was found that only 3 rockers would comply with current specifications when moved and installed elsewhere. Agreed to pay up to £200 for them if a charge is levied.

Noted that, following a meeting with the Chairman of the Sports and Gala Association, it was agreed that the Parish Council will take responsibility for the cutting of the grass at the play area.

c. Memorial bench

Agreed to support a request to place a memorial bench on the Village Green.

**10. Finance and Governance**

**a. Bank Statement**

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

Deposit Account – statement to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016

The statements were presented for inspection.

**b. Bills for payment**

Western Power – Power supply to Village Green - £1,159.56

Newark & Sherwood District Council – Play area inspections - £144.00

The Post Office – PAYE - £129.40

Andrew Milner – Treating benches and litter bins - £80.00

Grant Thornton – Audit fee - £120.00

R. I. Vickers – Defibrillator spares - £63.60

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £33.30 was agreed.

**9. Correspondence**

a. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

Agreed that the Clerk would represent the Council at the AGM.

b. Allotments Briefing

Agreed that Cllr. Gibbins would represent the Council.

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

Noted that Cllr. Dickman had previously circulated three submissions from consultants to undertake a feasibility study to develop hydro electricity at Hazelford Weir. The Parish Council will need to approve at its next meeting one of three

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consultants to produce a submission to the Rural Community Energy Fund for the £20,000 towards the cost of the feasibility study.

**11. Reports of delegates**

There were none.

**12. Date of next meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

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