

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th October 2016 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall

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

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Before the meeting commenced, Mathew Norton from the Planning Department of Newark & Sherwood District Council gave a presentation on the subject and how a Plan might be developed for the Parish.

1. Apologies

Cllr. S. Dickman sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2016 were approved.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Meter reading

Cllr. Holtam to ascertain the location of the meters and the access arrangements.

b. Power on the Village Green

Reported that the work is in hand.

c. Potholes at fishermen's car park

Agreed to check whether the work had been done.

d. Broadband

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

4. Public Session

Flooding on Station Road

Attention was drawn to the flooding on the road in times of rain. Some of the drain covers were above the level of the road causing the water to form large puddles or to flow along the road. The matter was drawn to the attention of the County Councillor and a report will be sent to the Highways Department.

5. Reports from the County and District Councillors

County Councillor's report

a. Grit bin

A blue grit bin is available if required but the Parish Council would be responsible for keeping it filled. The matter will be considered.

District Councillor's report

a. Railway works

Reported that the small grassed triangle at the Moor Lane junction has been destroyed by low loader lorries delivering plant and machinery in connection with the railway works. Agreed to send a complaint to Network Rail pointing out that, in addition to replanting or re-turfing, the soil will need to be replaced.

Apart from this matter, the works seem to have proceeded without too much trouble.

6. Highways

There was nothing to report in addition to other matters elsewhere in the agenda.

7. Footpaths

a. Footpaths Surveys

Reported that the survey was now complete and that notification of necessary repairs has been sent to the Footpaths Department of Nottinghamshire County Council.

b. Footpath 17

Agreed that councillors would trim the path.

c. Station Road footpath

Noted that the path is becoming overgrown and agreed to send a report to the Highways Department.

8. Planning Matters

Planning applications considered

Cllr. Hilary Gibbins declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting whilst it was being considered.

16/01570/FUL – Manor Cottage, Main Street, Morton

Householder application for proposed rear two storey extension and dormer windows to garage with new external access.

The Council unanimously opposed the application because:-

- a. The building is out of proportion.
- b. It is too close to the boundary of neighbouring properties.
- c. The external staircase imposes on the privacy of neighbouring properties.

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 Chestnut House and Westside House, both in Back Lane, Morton.

Other planning matters

There were none.

9. Community Matters

a. Village Amenities Survey

Reported that the street lighting at the Morton end of Gravelly Lane and nearly opposite the Full Moon was not operating. A report will be sent to the County Council.

The survey results were reviewed and the following points have arisen:-

- i. Consideration will be given to the existing play equipment, the possible siting and installation of additional play equipment and outdoor gym equipment by a sub committee made up of Councillors Hilary Gibbins, Stephen Holloway, and Rob Lancaster (sub-committee chairman) who will report back to the next Parish Council meeting.
- ii. The Parish Council will take over the responsibility for cutting the grass in the enclosed play area in the sports field.
- iii. Three small pieces of play equipment (“springies”), donated by Southwell Town Council, will be installed to replace two similar pieces of equipment in the enclosed play area, which are broken or damaged.
- iv. Cycle path to Rolleston – Councillor Staite will revisit and confirm original proposed route and identify potential sources of funding.
- v. Speed signs – Councillor Staite will investigate.
- vi. Village name signs – Cllr. Dickman will be asked to raise the matter of Power Station funding village signs at the Power Station Liaison Meeting.

b. Power generation on the Trent

Agreed to approve the scheme in principle and ask Cllr. Dickman to make a recommendation.

c. Xmas lights

Cllr. Staite agreed to ask Cllr. Dickman to investigate.

10. Finance and Governance

a. Bank Statement

Current Account – statement to 30th September 2016

Deposit Account – statement to 20th September 2016

The statements were presented for inspection.

b. Bills for payment

Andrew Milner – Repairs to playground equipment - £170.00

RC Services – Village Green maintenance - £1,116.00

Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) ltd. – Defibrillator spares - £282.00

Orion – Cabinet for Village Green Power - £486.00

Payment of the Clerk’s salary for the current month and expenses of £45.28 was agreed.

c. Council agenda

Agreed that the Briefing Note issued for each meeting would take the place of the agenda, which will be circulated two weeks before the meeting in order to give councillors the opportunity to add items to the agenda.

9. Correspondence

a. Flood Forum Questionnaire

Noted that the document was considered to be irrelevant to the Parish.

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

There was none.

11. Reports of delegates

There were none.

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12. Date of next meeting – Monday 21st November 2016

Approved

**Chairman
21st November 2016**