

**FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 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 and District Councillor R. Blaney.

**1. Apologies**

All members being present there were no apologies.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were approved.

**3. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

a. Meter reading

Cllr. Holtam reported that the meter had been located and a reading taken. The Clerk would submit the reading to Ovo and arrange a transfer of ownership.

The Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to the management committee of the Sports Pavilion in recognition of its hard work and commitment to the enterprise.

b. Power on the Village Green

Reported that a meter and a plug in box have to be installed. The supplier of electricity will be Robin Hood Energy and a Smart meter will be requested.

**4. Public Session**

No public were present.

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

**County Councillor's report**

a. Signage at Fiskerton and Morton Railway Crossings

Reported that Network Rail are reviewing the arrangements and it is believed that an alternative plan is in the pipeline.

b. Outstanding maintenance work

Reported that the flooding on Station Road will take some substantial work to resolve and is under consideration. The problem with Station Road street lighting is believed to have been caused by past road works.

c. Broadband

Reported that the first new BT cabinet is nearly complete so that residents will be able to place orders in January. 2 new BT cabinets are due to be completed by June. F4RN continues to be installing its provision throughout the village.

d. Rolleston Crossing

Closure is due from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

e. Mineral Plan

The Plan has been submitted to the Government for approval and there will be public hearings in Spring 2017.

f. Safer Nottingham Board Report

This is a consultation on rural crime. Agreed to obtain a copy of the Plan and circulate to members.

**District Councillor's Report**

a. Consultation on revised plan for housing in the District

Because of the Thoresby Colliery site becoming available for housing, this is relieving the number of houses required elsewhere and, for Fiskerton and Morton, no new development is proposed.

**6. Highways**

There was nothing to report.

**7. Footpaths**

a. Footpaths Report

Reported that repairs are in hand and that the Council's strimmer is to be repaired.

b. Footpath sign at the Railway Station

Reported that the sign has gone missing and it is suspected that it is as a result of the railway works. Cllr. Lancaster agreed to notify Nottinghamshire County Council and Network Rail.

**8. Planning Matters**

**Planning applications considered**

There were none.

**Planning decisions received**

**21, Longmead Drive, Fiskerton** – extensions to property – **APPROVED**

**Manor Cottage, Main Street, Morton** – extensions to property – **APPROVED**

**Tree works**

These were circulated to members.

**Other planning matters**

There were none.

**9. Community Matters**

a. Neighbourhood Plan

Agreed to set up a Neighbourhood Plan committee and Cllr. Staite agreed to produce terms of reference and a timetable leading to production of the final plan.

The funding arrangements for the Neighbourhood Plan would need to be checked.

b. Play area

Cllr. Staite agreed to resolve the matter of grass cutting at the play area.

Cllr. Mrs. Blaney agreed to review the recreation ground lease and ascertain the major provisions.

c. Village Green Fund

Cllr. Staite agreed to review the Section 106 agreement and the conveyance transferring the Village Green to the Council in order to understand the restrictions and covenants.

**10. Finance and Governance**

**a. Bank Statement**

Current Account – statement to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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

The statements were presented for inspection and noted that a donation £624 has been received to cover the cost of new seating equipment on the Village Green.

**b. Bills for payment**

St. Denys Church – Hall rent for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and contribution to church yard grass cutting - £600.

The Post Office – PAYE - £127.80

Classic Garden Furniture Co. – Deposit on new seats for Village Green - £100.

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £33.94 was agreed.

**c. Precept 2017-18**

The Council considered the accounts and the budget noting that, after allowing for expenditure for the rest of the financial year and retaining the recommended reserve of a year's precept, unencumbered reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 amounted to approximately £2,000. Agreed to request a precept of £7,300 for the above year.

**9. Correspondence**

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

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

a. Water turbines on the River Trent

Agreed that, whilst the Council supported the project, it was not able to take it further.

b. Retirement of the Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that he would like to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Agreed to a recruitment sub-committee of Cllrs. Gibbins, Lancaster, and Staite. The Clerk agreed to brief Cllr. Gibbins on what would be required of the succeeding Clerk.

c. Vacancy on Council

Reported that the statutory notice having been displayed for the statutory time, the Council is now at liberty to co-opt a new member.

d. Pension arrangements

Noted that pension arrangements have to be reported to the Pensions Regulator by May 2017.

**11. Reports of delegates**

There were none.

**12. Date of next meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**