



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting for Morton Parish Council held on Monday 13th June 2022, Morton Village Hall

15 minute public forum – no members of the public in attendance.

In Attendance - Cllr Parry (Chair), Cllr B Allison, Cllr Butroid, Cllr C Allison, Cllr Gott, Cllr Hammerton, Cllr Bull, Cllr Youngman, Cllr Snee, Cllr Rollings, C Graves (Clerk)

1. Apologies For Absence – no apologies for absence received.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2022 - Approved by all Parish Councillors. Proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Hammerton. Seconded by Cllr Butroid.
3. Declarations of Interest – No declarations of interest noted.
4. Matters Arising and Review of Outstanding Items
 - a) Crime Vandalism and Antisocial Behaviour – No police in attendance. Cllr B Allison noted that there appeared to be an increase in drugs/alcohol searches locally. No further items to report.
 - b) Councillors Update – Cllr C Allison advised that she had met with Simon Smoothey and a new dog waste bin had been positioned at the end of Trentside near the riverbank, and this would be added to the map that Cllr B Allison had devised of the locations of bins around the village. Discussion took place whether it would be possible to have the map linked to a QR code that would direct you to the website and location of nearest bin. To discuss with webmaster Pete Langford.

Cllr Parry raised concerns that had been received from a resident regarding inconsiderate parking around the West Street area making access difficult for the bin lorries and causing problems for residents. Cllr Snee reported that the local police had taken some action and given a warning to one driver who was parked across a pavement. However, this causes further issues as cars then park on the road making access and visibility worse as the road becomes even narrower. Cllr Gott informed the Council that parking was an issue all around this area including Cross Street as there were more cars than parking spaces and the roads narrow. Cllr B Allison suggested that the neighbours/residents get together and discuss how parking more respectfully could help resolve some of the issues and contacting Cllr Clio Perraton-Williams directly who may be able to help. Cllr Hammerton advised that he had had difficulty gaining access to his property on occasions when motorists park blocking his access, and when approached been verbally abusive. Cllr Parry suggested that the issue of parking within the village become a regular item on the agenda as it had also been highlighted that a QEHS school bus was parking up for the duration of school hours in the layby on Front Street. All in agreement. Clerk to action.

Cllr Rollings was pleased to inform the Council that funding had been secured for improvements to drainage and it was hoped that Morton would benefit.
 - c) SID Signage – Cllr B Allison reported that the solar sign was in place, however, the pole and brackets of the solar panels were incompatible and new brackets would have to be ordered.

- d) Bus Shelter Walkerith Road – Clerk advised that the order had been submitted for the shelter and she was awaiting confirmation from highways that they were happy for the new shelter to be positioned nearer the bus stop and raised curb. She had also spoken to the resident of the property behind the bus shelter regarding this.

5. Accounts

- a) Internal Audit Report and Statement of Financial Affairs 2021/22 distributed prior to meeting. No questions.
- b) Annual Governance Accountability Return 2021/22. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement, Section 2 Accounting Statement and Certificate of Exemption received by Council. Proposed Cllr B Allison. Seconded Cllr Parry. Approved by all and documents signed by Chairman. Clerk to submit Certificate of Exemption to external auditors PKF Littlejohn and arrange publication of documents on website and display on noticeboard along with the Notice of Public Rights.

6. Burial Ground

- a) Pest Control Contract – Quote received from Gainsborough Pest and Environmental Services. Due to the similarity of cost and service provided it was agreed that the Council would continue with the contract for this year from Axholme Environmental. However, consideration would be given in the future for the additional services from Gainsborough Pest and Environmental Services if needed.

7. Planning Matters

- a) 144873 -Siting of surface mounted ancillary storage building, HK Timbers, Laughton Lane, DN21 3ET. No objections.
- b) 144914 – Change of use of outbuilding to create summer house, bar, games room, garage and store at ground level and office at first floor, Burnt Bridge Farm, Morton Carr, DN21 3DD. No objections.

Cllr Rollings asked for an update on the storage lagoon, Carr Lane. Cllr Youngman responded that there had been little activity for some time and would make further enquiries and update at next meeting.

8. Playing Field and School Facilities

- a) Quote from A & AL Gelder & Son for Basketball hoops – quote distributed prior to meeting and consideration was given to the purchase of one or two hoops for the multi games area. Proposed that two hoops be purchased by Cllr Gott. Seconded Cllr Butroid. All in agreement. Clerk to action.
- b) Plaque to mark tree planting – Cllr B Allison suggested that this be purchased when the trees are more established. All in agreement.
- c) Playing Field Association update - Cllr Parry had requested the clerk to put together a notice advertising for members for the new committee and advise on constitution. Clerk to action.

9. Local Government Association Code of Conduct – It was resolved to adopt the revised code of conduct. Clerk to submit paperwork to WLDC.

10. Community Speed Watch - Clerk advised that Brian Gilchrist from Scotter Community Speed Watch would be happy to attend the next meeting to share their experiences with the programme and answer any questions.

11. Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

- a) Community Speed Watch
- b) Lagoon

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 18th July 2022 at 6.30pm, Morton Village Hall. Cllr B Allison to Chair in the absence of Cllr Parry.

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm.