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MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017 at 6.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Parry, Youngman, Butroid, Lightfoot, Panter, Bull, Jackson

In Attendance: Anne Cater (Clerk)

Fifteen minutes was allocated for a Public Forum prior to the start of the meeting.

ACTION

1. **APOLOGIES & WELCOME:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Allison.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2017:** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were accepted and approved and signed as a true record

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interest.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. **CRIME, VANDALISM & ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** It was reported that there had been a break in at an uninhabited property in the village, police are aware. It was reported that some secondary school pupils had been approached by male whilst waiting at the bus stop. This male made some inappropriate comments, this has been reported.

b. **PARISH WEBSITE:** It was resolved to remove this item as a regular agenda item. The website will be discussed only if there are decisions to be made.

c. **COUNCILLOR'S UPDATES:** Cllr Panter reported that Gainsborough Town Council were granting Freedom of the Town to WWII veterans. Council agreed that this is a good idea and that Morton work with with Gainsborough on this. Cllr Panter to speak with Gainsborough Town Clerk to establish what this entails for Morton Parish Council. Cllr Jackson reported that the street lighting on Trentside was inadequate, this should be reported to LCC, via their website.

d. **COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP:** Cllr Panter gave an update.

e. **LORRIES ACCESSING FERTILISER LAGOON:** Cllr Youngman reported the the lagoon is currently being emptied, she has spoken to Blyton Parish Council about the problems, especially the floating lid and the smell. It was reported that there is thick mud deposits being left on the road. To be reported to LCC Highways.

f. **GRASS CUTTING – VILLAGE VERGES:** It was agreed that the village verges were looking neater. Parish Council to thank the community via Facebook and the Newsletter.

**Cllr
Panter**

Clerk

NEW ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE:

5. a. **WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL: West Lindsey Stairlift Project:** information noted.

b. **SID Signage and road crossing near to the Co-op:** Notes received from Cllr Allison; Cllr Allison is currently looking into this. The Police will do some speed checks. It was agreed that there is a risk from speeding traffic on Front Street, especially around the crossing near to the Co-op. Cllr Allison is investigating current funding initiatives.

c. **School field – funding for fencing:** Cllr Lightfoot gave an update on the school and the fencing.

**Cllr
Allison**

6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:** Cllr Jackson reported that due to personal commitments he had resigned from the committee. It is hoped that someone will volunteer to take this forward. There was little response from the community after the last article in the Newsletter.

7. **ALLOTMENTS ON FIELD LANE:** After much discussion, and taking into account the work done, and time and resources spent over the past twelve months on this, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will give up the lease on this land, and hand back to Thonock & Somerby with effect from 1 April 2018. It is with much regret that the Council have had to take this decision, but it has become clear, that without vehicular access to the allotments, they are no longer viable. Council do not own the land, and are unable to rent access land from the landowners. Clerk to inform allotment holders and Thonock & Somerby.

Clerk

8. **ACCOUNTS:**
a. The November 2017 financial statement was approved and signed by the Chair.
b. The Budget for the year 2018/19 was approved and will be submitted to WLDC.

9. **BURIAL GROUND:** It was reported that some of the hedging is overgrown, and some of the bushes. Clerk to ask contractor to cut these back.

Clerk

10. **PLANNING MATTERS:**
a. **136296 Planning application to erect log cabin annexe to be sited in garden providing additional family accommodation:** 8 Trentside, Morton : permission granted by WLDC
b. **136276 Planning application to replace and reposition entrance, two new windows, additional plant and new car park lighting:** Lincolnshire Co-operative Ltd, 28 Front Street, Morton: permission granted by WLDC

11. **PLAYING FIELD AND SCHOOL FACILITIES: UPDATE FROM PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION:** The Playing Field Association met on 27 September, with good representation from field users. The constitution was adopted and the association will meet three times per year. There followed a discussion about current and future use of the field; about whether the school may fence off their part of the field; and how to access funding for improvements to the field facilities. There are some concerns about misuse and vandalism, including small fires in the youth shelter. It was RESOLVED that the old play equipment should be removed as it is unsafe. There are still issues with dogs being walked on the field. The PFA will look at a re-design of the play area and report back to the Parish Council.

PFA

12. **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA:** Items for inclusion on the next agenda should be forwarded to the Clerk at least one week prior to the meeting.

13. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on: **Monday 15 January 2018 at 6.30pm** in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm Signed Date

