

**MORTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2017**
at 6.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Parry (Chair), Youngman, Butroid, Lightfoot, Allison, Broomfield, Bull, Panter

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 Lightfoot
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 JULY 2017:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 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:** Cllr Allison reported that he had been looking at the crime figures on the Police 'Crime Map' website, the most up to date figures are from April 2016. All crimes are reported on the web site. He noted that more crimes had been reported this year. It was noted that there had been more reported burglaries for the year up to April 2016 than the whole of 2015. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the Inspector of Gainsborough Rural North police to request more information about crime in Morton. Councillors felt it useful to know if there are any patterns emerging with the burglaries; the ratio of crimes during the day/night, and whether it is felt that the reduction in street lighting has had an impact on local crime. Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner to be copied into the correspondence.
 - b. **PARISH WEBSITE:** Cllr Panter gave an update; Village Hall activities are included on the site. It was agreed to add an article about village verge grass cutting to the site. Clerk to forward to Cllr Panter.
 - c. **COUNCILLOR'S UPDATES:** Cllr Bull reported that a tree branch had fallen across the drain. There are a few fallen trees along the riverbank. Cllr Broomfield will report these to WLDC Tree Officer.
 - d. **COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP:** Cllr Panter reported that drivers are currently training on the Gainsborough Central to Lincoln line and extra trains will be on the route next year.
 - e. **LORRIES ACCESSING FERTILISER LAGOON:** Cllr Youngman reported that a large vehicle had been accessing the lagoon and damaging the road edge. She continues to keep a diary log of lorries to the lagoon. Damage to road edges to be reported to LCC Highways via their online reporting system.

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Cllr
Broomfield

5. **NEW ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **GRASS CUTTING – VILLAGE VERGES:** Lincolnshire County Council own and have responsibility for cutting the verges in the village. Due to economical cut backs, this work has been reduced to twice per year. It has been noted that the quality of the grass cutting has been poor and give the village a bad overall appearance. Morton Parish Council do not currently have a budget for verge cutting, but this can be considered for the next financial year, although this will have an impact on the Precept, and the village Council Tax rate. It was RESOLVED that as a first step, the Parish Council will ask residents if they would be prepared to cut the grass at the front of their properties. Council will ask that if any residents have any difficulties with

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doing this, to contact the Council and ask that the community come together to help to maintain an attractive village. This will be reviewed monthly.

- b. **LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: HIGHWAY NETWORK MANAGEMENT:** Highways contact details and information, noted by Council.
In order to report highways issues Parish Councils should initially use the online reporting system at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting. Additionally, general enquiries should be raised with the customer service centre by calling 01522 782070 or by emailing cshighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk.
- c. **WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL: Scotter and Blyton Ward By-Election:** Results of recent by-election, noted by Council and details displayed in the village.
- d. **SIR EDWARD LEIGH MP: Member of Parliament contact details:** noted by Council and poster displayed in the village.

- 6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:** No update report received from the committee for this meeting. Council expressed some concern that there had been no update regarding this matter for some months. Clerk to contact Cllr Jackson for most recent update.

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- 7. **ALLOTMENTS ON FIELD LANE:** Cllr Butroid and the Clerk had recently met with Ms Reed, agent from Thonock & Somerby who are the landowners of the allotments. Ms Reed has access to records relating to similar issues with access and will be speaking to the Board of Trustees with a view to resolving the issues.
Cllr Butroid reported that the contractor had done some work on Allotment 2; strimming and getting rid of the ragwort.
Concerns were raised regarding some criminal damage that had been done to pipe works on the allotment grounds. Some tenants have been disposing of animal waste on allotment land. These incidents have been noted and advice will be sought.

- 8. **ACCOUNTS:**
Monthly Statement: Payments of £2976.34 were approved and signed by the Chair. Bank balances were noted.

- 9. **BURIAL GROUND:** Nothing to report at this meeting.

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- 10. **PLANNING MATTERS:**
 - a. **136296 Planning application to erect log cabin annexe to be sited in garden providing additional family accommodation:** 8 Trentside, Morton: Awaiting decision from 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: Awaiting decision from WLDC

- 11. **PLAYING FIELD AND SCHOOL FACILITIES:**
 - a. **UPDATE FROM PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION:** The Playing Field Association will meet on 27 September at 6pm, Cllr Lightfoot will report back to Council.
 - b. **COMMUNITY AREAS:** Clerk has forwarded CCTV quotation to Cllr Lightfoot.

- 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 11 September 2017 at 6.30pm** in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed Date

