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MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24
APRIL 2017 at 6.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Anne Cater (Clerk), PCSO Thoma

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 Broomfield and Cllr Youngman.
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 FEBRUARY 2017:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2017 were accepted and approved and signed as a true record.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Cllr Bull declared an interest in Item 7
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a. **CRIME, VANDALISM & ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR / POLICE REPORT:** It was reported that a house in the village is constantly being broken into, the house is unoccupied for most of the time. Police are aware and have advised owner of the house re safety precautions.
There had been an incident at the Burial Ground with young people drinking and making a fire using the fence. The Police are aware, there is a crime number. Cllr Parry thanked those Councillors who attended the scene. The clerk confirmed that this has been cleared away now.
There was a discussion regarding recent burglaries in the village; a person has been arrested in connection with these.
PCSO Thomas said that reported crime figures were down in comparison to five or six years ago in the village. The allotments on Field Lane have been broken into, this happens every year, yet tenants continue to leave tools in view.
 - b. **PARISH WEBSITE:** The website can be found at www.mortonparishcouncil-lincs.co.uk
Cllr Panter continues to work on the website and is currently updating the information. Morton Community News is now on the site, and statistics for the site are being monitored. Cllr Panter will link the site to the Morton Facebook page.
 - c. **COUNCILLOR'S UPDATES:** It was reported that the hedge along Walkwirth Road, from Southlands to Field Lane needs to be cut back. Clerk to report to LCC.
 - d. **COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP:** Cllr Panter reported that WLDC have recruited an officer to work on this project.
 - e. **LORRIES ACCESSING FERTILISER LAGOON:** No updates received. To leave on the agenda
 - f. **VILLAGE LITTER PICK:** The Chair thanked those who helped at the village litter pick. It was reported that dog fouling is still a problem in the village, although it was noted that two new dog bins have been erected on Riverside/Mill Lane.
5. **NEW ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. **POLICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SAFETY:** There was a long and detailed discussion regarding how the Parish Council can work with the Police and the wider community to raise awareness of community safety. Council expressed thanks to the Police for the way that the recent aggravated burglary case was handled. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council continue to ask for regular reports re local crime initiatives from the Police. It was AGREED that PCSO Thomas and colleagues would inform Council of any crime prevention issues that arise and

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that these be circulated to residents via the Newsletter and Website. It was AGREED to publicise the Lincs ALERT service to residents, and to publicise the ALERT messages on the website and Facebook page. It was AGREED to publicise the 101 Police number and ensure that residents are aware of the reporting procedure. Clerk to invite the local Police Inspector to attend the Annual Meeting in May.

Clerk

- b. **LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Highway Grass Cutting 2017** : noted for information.

- 6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:** Cllr Jackson reported that he has feedback regarding the questions and some photos for the survey. Daniel from WLDC to obtain a quote for printing costs.

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Cllr Bull declared an interest in the following item:

- 7. **ALLOTMENTS ON FIELD LANE:** The Clerk reported that all letters and invoices to tenants had been posted out. Tenants had asked if they could erect an old second-hand container on the site to keep tools, in response to recent thefts. Council RESOLVED to refuse this request due to health and safety and insurance issues.

- 8. **ACCOUNTS: Monthly Statement:** Payments of £1849.89 were approved and signed by the Chair. Bank balances were noted.

- 9. **BURIAL GROUND:**
 - a. **UPDATE:** The recent incident of anti-social behaviour is reported elsewhere in the minutes. It was RESOLVED not to replace the wooden fencing at this time Council will liaise with local gardening contractor re hedge planting to replace this in the Autumn.

- 10. **PLANNING MATTERS:**
 - a. **135782 PLANNING APPLICATION TO ERECT ONE DWELLING: Plot 3, Land at North Street, Morton.** Awaiting decision from WLDC.

- 11. **PLAYING FIELD AND SCHOOL FACILITIES:**
 - a. **UPDATE FROM PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION:** There was a discussion regarding the keys to the area. Cllr Lightfoot reported that the PFA wish to look at security and bookings for the future. It was RESOLVED to allow Ms Katie Marshall to hold a charity cricket match on the field in July 2017, at no cost.
 - b. **COMMUNITY AREAS:** It was RESOLVED to put this on hold until the Summer, when the new Caretaker is established in post.

- 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 **THE ANNUAL MEETING** on: **Monday 22 May 2017 at 6.00om** in the Village Hall, followed by the Parish Council meeting at **6.30pm**

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed Date

