

**MORTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2017 at 6.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Parry, Youngman, Butroid, Lightfoot, Panter, Allison, Broomfield

In Attendance: Anne Cater (Clerk), PCSO Thomas

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 WLDC Cllrs Mewis and Rollings.
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22 MAY 2017:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 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:** PCSO Thomas had submitted a written response and also attended the meeting. He is prepared to set up a joint Police/Parish Council surgery for residents. He is happy to organise and engage with the public. PCSO Thomas gave a verbal report on incidents of crime reported in the village since 1 May.
It was RESOLVED that the offer of a joint surgery will be put on the Parish Council Facebook page to see if there is any interest. Police will attend Morton Feast to talk to the community and give out information.
 - b. **PARISH WEBSITE:** Cllr Panter gave an update; the website had been hacked but this has now been sorted out. Pages for 'dog fouling' and 'road closures' to be added.
 - c. **COUNCILLOR'S UPDATES:** There are concerns regarding the timing of and quality of grass cutting of the verges in the village. It was noted that this is a county-wide problem. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
Cllr Allison recently attended the Resilient Communities Conference and reported back. Parish Councils have an important role to play, funding is available.
 - d. **COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP:** Cllr Panter reported that the next meeting will be held on 10 July at WLDC offices. Cllr Panter is Vice Chair of the group.
 - e. **LORRIES ACCESSING FERTILISER LAGOON:** Cllr Youngman is keeping a diary related to this.
 - f. **PARKED CARS ON FRONT STREET:** Despite correspondence to the school this has not improved. PCSO Thomas stated that the cars are not parked illegally. This was acknowledged but Council feel that this is dangerous situation with potential for accidents to happen.
 - g. **TREES / NEW DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE MORTON:** Cllr Panter reported that the developer had attended a recent meeting of Gainsborough Town Council and had assured that the trees will not be cut until the Winter, and only to 8 -10 feet in height. They have taken professional advice with regards to birds nesting.
5. **NEW ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. **WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL:** Public Space Protection Orders: Information previously circulated to Councillors, and responses made.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:** No update report received from the committee for this meeting.

**Cllr Panter
(Facebook)**

7.

ALLOTMENTS ON FIELD LANE: Cllr Butroid reported that tenants are working together to access the allotments over the kissing gate. The Clerk and Cllr Butroid to meet with representatives from Thonock to look at how to move this forward.

Clerk

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ACCOUNTS:

Monthly Statement: Payments of £1643.99 were approved and signed by the Chair. Bank balances were noted.

9.

BURIAL GROUND: Nothing to report at this meeting.

10.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. **136296 Planning application to erect log cabin annexe to be sited in garden providing additional family accommodation:** 8 Trentside, Morton: Council have no objections and no comments
- 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: Council have no objections and no comments.

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. Clerk to issue invoices to the two Cricket Clubs c/o Cllr Butroid, £50 per club.
- b. **COMMUNITY AREAS:** Clerk to forward CCTV quotation to Cllr Lightfoot. It was suggested that the Playing Field Association should complete/fund the decoration of the community areas. The school have monitored the use of the field until 4.30pm, no incidents have been reported. It was agreed to discuss the grass at the September meeting.

Clerk

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.

Council resolved to exclude the public and press and go into closed session, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, to allow consideration to be given to matters relating to the allotments concerning personal financial matters, and concerning the Clerk's salary. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would continue to work with Cllr Butroid regarding access issues at the allotments. It was RESOLVED to award the Clerk a salary increase of 2% with effect from 1 July 2017.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on: **Monday 7 August 2017 at 6.30pm** in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed

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