

## **MINUTES of the MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at the Village Hall, Morston - 7.00pm.**

**Present:** J.Tibbetts (Chair), C.Bean, M.Harrison, J.Temple, C.Ward, R.Metcalf.  
Also present was V.Holliday (NNDC)

### **1a. To receive and consider apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.R.Hamond.

### **1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items**

None received.

### **2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 27.3.24.**

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record subject to one minor amendment. The amendment was at 3(c); in the final sentence delete the words "to discuss the scheme".

### **3a. Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)**

No requests to speak on agenda items.

### **3b. To receive reports from District/County Councillors and the Police**

V.Holliday (NNDC) had submitted a written report and referred to the following :- (a) the current phase of the new local plan is complete. It will hopefully be finalised by the autumn (b) extension to the Household Support Fund and £100k given to support tenancy issues (c) cabinet has just approved a new housing strategy (d) eligibility criteria for warm homes grant have been simplified (e) A new Economic Growth Strategy has been adopted (f) new waste rounds seem to have gone smoothly (g) Blakeney Surgery decision to be made on 7<sup>th</sup> May. (h) update re digital switchover.

### **3c. To receive report from NT.**

The Chair reported that she had been informed via email by V.Egan that (a) the new build project has been internally approved at Board level (b) going to meet as an internal project team to determine the next steps around detailed design and permissions (c) hope to be in touch with the PC at the next meeting and (d) the estates manager has now finalised the car park payment for last season.

### **4. Finance:**

#### **(a) To approve the following payments :-**

P.Bullimore £377.90 (clerks net salary), HMRC £94.60 (tax on salary)  
J.Tibbetts £149.82 (various exps), P.Bullimore £32.40 (clerks exp),  
Countrystyle Recycling £42.00 (glass collect), F.Newton £300.00 (grass cuts),  
P.Bullimore £551.25 (holiday pay 2023/4), NALC £94.99 (subscription),  
Anglian Water Business £877.70 (water chgs), M & M Business Systems  
£120.00 (payroll servs 2023/4), J.Tibbetts £687.99 (cooker & fridge),  
Ashtree Electrical & Security £78.00 (installation of cooker)

\*\*\* The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: JT, Sec: CB)

#### **(b) To receive further update re the Investment Plan**

Carried forward to next meeting.

## **5. Planning:**

**(a) To note decisions & information received from NNDC since last meeting.**  
Nothing to report

**(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed**  
None received

**(c) To consider mobile catering van (adjacent to bottle bank)**  
Members had no objections but the PC had no powers in this matter and would write to the van owner accordingly.

## **6. Highways and Footpath Matters:**

**(a) To receive report re future traffic survey**  
The Chair updated members and it was agreed to approach George Payne Traffic Surveys. The Clerk will contact the company with a view to conducting surveys in August and November on all three approaches to the village.

**(b) To receive report from S.W.A.M.P.**  
Following a report from SWAMP it was unanimously agreed to give permission for a shed in the south west corner on the pond site

## **7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)**

Nothing to report.

## **8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:**

**(a) To receive update re kitchen improvements**  
The Chair reported that the cooker, fridge, and crockery had all been received. There are still some sundry items still to be purchased.

**(b) To note/consider the Village Hall Inventory**  
The Chair said that the inventory was complete and was available to anybody interested. It was hoped to keep these recorded updated.

**(c) To further consider montage/collection of mementos for display.**  
Carried forward to the next meeting.

**(d) Update on Maintenance Log & Work (including west fence (Quay Lane)**  
The village hall window latches needed attention and the Clerk would arrange for these to be fixed. There is now a key safe in the village hall and a new internal notice board is ready to be installed. JT agreed to fix the 5 mph signs in Quay Lane. The electrical contractor had carried out the annual tests and would be carrying out any necessary work including replacing a faulty heating tube in the toilets. The replacement of the electric meters/supply box to all caravans would be completed a.s.a.p.

## **9. To receive update re proposed closure of Blakeney Surgery.**

Discussed at 3b.

## **10. To receive update on concerns re feral cats in the village**

The Chair gave a lengthy update and it was agreed that the PC would assist with the cost of neutering any captured feral cats. It was agreed the Chair would continue to liaise with the people concerned.

## **11. Governance:- To consider Action Plan (2024/25) and the Biodiversity Policy**

It was agreed to carry the Action Plan forward to the next meeting and the Biodiversity Plan was agreed and would be posted to the website.(Prop: CW, Sec: CB

**12. To receive correspondence (not included in agenda items above)**

The Chair reported that she had received the new defibrillator pads.

The Clerk had instructed Creak Pest Control Services to deal with the moles which had been reported by the grass cutting contractor.

**13. Public Participation (comments/other matters)**

It was noted that a village hall booking facility was now on the website.

**14. To confirm date of next council meeting & the Annual Parish Meeting.**

There would be a double meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm would be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting. The meetings would be in the Church on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.