

**FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30 pm in Morton Church Hall**

**Present: Councillors C. Price, Mrs. J. Blaney, S. Dickman, Mrs. J. Holtam, R. Lancaster, Mrs. C. Staite, and Mrs. A. Owen.**

**Clerk: Mr. R. J. Aston**

**In attendance: - County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington and District Councillor R. Blaney.**

**1. Apologies**

All members being present, there were no apologies.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were approved.

**3. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

a. Allotments

Reported that the matter has not progressed.

b. Broadband

Reported that there has been no further news.

c. Playground area and gates for Village Green

Reported that all repair work is now up to date and that the gates have been replaced.

d. Dog Control

Reported that a red dog bin with a lid has arrived and will be fitted shortly after the fitting kit has been received.

The Clerk will request two new dog control signs from the District Council.

e. Power on the Village Green

Reported that the matter is in progress.

f. New councillor training

Reported that NALC has scheduled no further seminars.

g. Nuisance quad bike

Reported that the problem has been reported to the Police who have followed up the matter. Should there be any further incidents, residents are asked to phone 101.

h. Potholes in the car park

Noted that potholes have appeared in car park near the River Greet and the Highways Department will be advised.

i. Electoral review of County Boundaries

Noted that the proposals will not really affect the Parish. Agreed to take no further action.

j. Twinning

Cllr. Dickman has made contact with a French community in Normandy, St. Ellier du Marne, and discussions are in progress.

#### **4. Public session**

There was no resident present.

#### **5. Report from the County and District Councillors**

##### **District Councillor's Report**

a. Noted that there had been a small fire in a building in Gravelly Lane under repair

##### **County Councillor's Report**

###### a. Broadband

This is still under discussion.

###### b. Funding

A small sum of money may be available from the County Council via the County Councillor for village improvement.

#### **6. Highways**

##### a. Morton drainage

Reported that a drainage scheme has been finalised but may not be in next year's budget and work plan.

##### b. High hedges on Bleasby Road

Agreed to write to Mr. Peter Cast of Bleasby Parish Council to ask in the interests of road safety if his Council could request that the hedges be reduced. Also, agreed to report the matter to Matt Duckworth of Nottinghamshire County Council.

#### **7. Footpaths**

##### a. Footpath survey

Reported that the survey has been done and will be forwarded to Stephen Tipping of Nottinghamshire County Council.

#### **8. Planning Matters**

##### **Planning applications considered**

###### **15/00977/ADV – Fiskerton Post Office, Main Street, Fiskerton**

Two Illuminated Fascia Signs. Two Window Graphic Signs.

The Council supported the application, 6 in favour and 1 against, but commented that it would prefer to see aesthetically tasteful signs and a reduction in the proposed size bearing in mind the conservation area location.

###### **15/01076/FUL – Far Hills, Station Road, Fiskerton**

New vehicular access and dropped kerb

The Council unanimously supported the application.

##### **Planning decisions received**

There were none.

##### **Tree works**

Noted tree works at the Secret Garden, Morton.

##### **Other planning matters**

There were none.

#### **9. Community Matters**

##### a. Request for memorial tree on the Village Green

The Council supported the request and Councillor Mrs. Staite will contact the resident.

b. Damaged waste basket at the riverside

Cllr. Mrs. J. Holtam agreed to look into the matter.

**10. Website**

A new structure was proposed and will be considered at the next meeting.

**11. Finance**

**a. Bank Statements**

Current Account – statement to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Deposit Account – statements to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The statements were presented for inspection.

**b. Bills for payment**

Sports & Gala Association – Donation – £200.00

Grant Thornton – Audit fee - £120.00

Glasdon UK Ltd. – New dog bin - £201.15

RCS Landscapes – Village Green maintenance - £972.00

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £84.23 was agreed.

**c. Transfer of funds**

Agreed to transfer £5,000 from the Skipton Building Society to HSBC.

**d. Skipton Building Society**

Agreed to re-invest in a yearly bond and that Cllrs. Price, Owen, and Lancaster would attend at the Society's office in Newark to effect the change of signatories and, at the same time, visit the HSBC bank for the same purpose.

**e. Audit result**

The external auditors have delivered a clean audit report but commented on the level of funds held by the Council. Agreed to devise a financial plan.

**12. Correspondence**

a. Request for funding

The local Citizens' Advice Bureau has requested financial support. Agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting.

**13. Any other business/AOB for which written notice has been given**

There was none.

**14. Reports of delegates**

a. Safer Neighbourhoods Group meeting

The report was noted.

**15. Date of next meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**Date**