

# **Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 21 March 2022**

**7.00 pm at Morton Church Hall**

**Present: Cllrs A Price (In the Chair), H Gibbins, S Holloway, R Lancaster, J Larwood, L Moakes.**

**In Attendance: Cllr S Saddington (Notts CC), Cllr R Blaney (NSDC)**

### **1. Apologies – acceptance and approval**

There were none

### **2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 February 2022**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **4. Clerk's update (if any)**

The locum clerk was unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that there was nothing to add under this item.

### **5. Reports from Parish, District and County Councillors**

Cllr Saddington reported that the Tour De Britain Cycle Race would again be visiting our area on 8<sup>th</sup> September although the precise route was not yet known. She also confirmed that she would be awarding £300 to FCMPC towards the Jubilee celebrations in June.

Cllr Blaney reported that, following recent repeated failures of the level crossing barriers in the parish and beyond he had written to Rob Mackintosh (Route Managing Director of Network Rail) and copied in HM Inspector of Railways and Robert Jenrick MP, to make three suggestions. Firstly, pointing out that lack of information was a major problem which could be resolved by having digital boards at each crossing, linked to Derby, informing the public which crossings were still usable. This could also be linked to a system giving information of train arrivals etc. Secondly, the restoration of pedestrian gates at the station would be a great improvement and prevent pedestrians being trapped on one side or the other. Thirdly, for the same reason, the construction of a footbridge at Newark Castle crossing. Cllr Blaney reported that he had received a very prompt reply from Mr Mackintosh agreeing that the situation was not acceptable and that these ideas would be explored. The parish council agreed with Cllr Blaney that this was a positive response and look forward to hearing what action Network Rail proposed to take.

Cllr Blaney also reported that, before launching their scheme to help Ukrainian refugees, N&SDC were waiting for guidance from central government.

## **6. Questions from Members of the Public**

None present

## **7. Planning applications:**

- a) 22/00349/HOUSE. 4 Manor Drive, Morton  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor side extension

This application was unanimously approved.

- b) To note any decisions

There were none

- c) Any other planning matters

There were none

## **8. Finance**

- a) To approve payment list

Payment list was approved

- b) To approve budget monitoring and bank reconciliation

These documents were circulated and approved.

## **9. Strategic Plan Update**

- a) Communications – including update of Website and approval of cost of next newsletter

AP reported that she is dealing with the update of the Welcome Pack for new residents and it was agreed that the website would be reviewed by the new clerk, possibly in conjunction with a local resident with IT /website skills.

- b) Community Spirit

AP reported that approximately 20 residents have expressed an interest in supporting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and a meeting was planned to progress this initiative.

- d) Residents Survey

A summary of the survey outcome has been placed on Facebook, the website and noticeboards. It was agreed to postpone the proposed Wine Tasting social event from July until September to avoid a clash with the school holidays.

## **10. Jubilee Celebrations – outline of events**

It was noted that progress is well underway for the three events planned to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June with at least 6-7 volunteers involved in helping to organise each event. It was agreed that the total budget for all three events would be £2,000 with a £500 contingency if needed. It was noted that £300 would be received from Cllr Saddington and there was the possibility of a further £200 grant. It was further noted that the Barn Dance, although involving some costs, estimated to be

£660, would be largely self-funding due to tickets sales at £5 per head. The Fete on the village green required minimal expenditure and that the major expense would be the Street Party in Morton.

It was further agreed that AP would investigate the possibility of constructing a willow tunnel on the village green as a lasting legacy of the Jubilee and also the possibility of obtaining a Town Crier outfit. The PC would also consider encouraging residents to 'light up the village' as a way of marking the occasion.

#### **11. General maintenance of the Parish:**

- a) Report from Councillor JL including update of kissing gates; to approve expenditure for installation, ground clearance and kissing gates

JL reported that three stiles on footpath 14 (between the villages) had had their top step removed, thus making them easier to cross.

- b) To consider new gates for Village Green, including approving expenditure  
LM reported that the new gates would be installed in May.

- c) Maintenance of public areas of parish – consideration of quotes received  
It was agreed that a quote would be obtained from Ulyotts.

- d) To approve installation of dog waste bins – location and costs  
It was agreed to purchase three green 25 litre bins at a cost of £100 each plus an additional £187 pa to N&SDC for emptying and £60 for fixing. It was noted that a local resident had offered to install the fixings. It was also noted that F4RN had expressed an interest in the possibility of 'sponsoring' one bin.

- e) OVO – reading solar panels meter at ARC before 2<sup>nd</sup> week March  
JL reported that the metre reading was 04894381.

#### **12. Village Entrance Signs – road from Bleasby to Fiskerton – Update with costs**

RL reported that the installation cost is the same as that quoted in 2020 and he is waiting to get the final permission from VIA before the sign can be installed.

#### **13. Correspondence**

None to report

#### **14. Recruitment of Clerk**

The chairman confirmed that Mr Darryl Flinders had accepted the offer of employment as Clerk to the parish council and his employment would commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. It was agreed that HG would take up a reference.

#### **15. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 25 April (NOTE – this is postponed by one week to avoid the Easter Monday Bank Holiday). It was agreed to put consideration of a new gate for the Morton Pinfold and repairs to the playground at Arthur Radford Centre on to the agenda.

RL announced his resignation from the council after seven years, including several as chairman. He was thanked by AP and all present. It was noted that once his written resignation had been received the procedure for filling a casual vacancy would begin.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.03 pm.

Signed as a correct record

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Chair  
25 April 2022