

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st September 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 17th August 2015 were approved.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Broadband

Reported that there has been no further news since 7th July 2015.

b. Dog Control

Cllr. Holtam produced some sample dog control signs and it was agreed to make two of them with a view to displaying the signs.

A request for more dog bins was received but it was agreed that, as

it is now permissible to use litter bins for dog waste,

further dog bins were not necessary.

Reported that dog bins are now regularly being emptied.

c. Power on the Village Green

Reported that quotes amounting to £1,484 had been received but a further quote is needed to fulfil the work.

d. Twinning

Reported that 25 families in the Parish would be needed to accommodate French families coming on a twinning visit. A response would be sought from the community.

e. New bench

Agreed to ask for a date by when the seat would be sited.

f. High hedges on Bleasby Road

Noted that the Highways Department had caused the hedges to be reduced with the exception of one owner who was proving to be unco-operative.

g. Hedging on the Village Green

Reported that there had been an approximate 25% loss of the new hedge planting. Agreed to use the County Council grant to replace the loss and a price for the work would be requested.

h. Memorial tree

Cllr. Staite reported that there had been no further indication from the prospective donors as to the location of the tree.

i. Waste bin at riverside

Reported that of the two bins alongside the river the smaller one needs a liner. The measurements are 43 x43 cms, but the depth measurement is needed which Cllr. Holtam agreed to obtain.

j. First Aid seminar

Agreed that the Council will pay for the hall hire for the seminar.

k. The Village Green Fund

The Chairman explained that the Fund could not be used to purchase playground equipment for the Village Green and that there were covenants as to where such equipment could be located on the Village Green if alternative funding was found to provide such equipment.

l. Parking on Main Street, Fiskerton

Reported that the Highways Department had suggested an elongated H. Agreed to ask for a plan of the scheme.

m. Neighbourhood Watch

The contact details of the new co-ordinator are not known. Agreed to ask the local PCSO for the details.

4. Public session

There was no resident present.

5. Report from the County and District Councillors

Report of the District Councillor

a. District Council Planning Review

The District Councillor reported that the Plan covers housing requirement up to 2033. The Parish is currently viewed as not available for further development except for small scale infill and specific local needs. In the new Plan, further housing could be allocated to the Parish because it has a shop, a bus and train service, and is only 2 miles from Southwell leading to there being limited development becoming allowable in the Parish.

Gypsy sites were another concern because, on appeal, an unauthorised gypsy site had been allowed and this could be a precedent for other sites to arise which the Planning Authority would not normally allow.

b. Southwell Racecourse

Reported that there had been a general meeting of all the planning and drainage bodies to deal with the water flowing towards Fiskerton. One problem is that the sluices at Fiskerton Mill are in private hands and their operation depends on one elderly gentleman. The Environment Agency needs to maintain the sluices and work up a planned response to sluice operation. It was noted that the drainage authorities are not even aware of the location of some sluices.

Report of the County Councillor

a. Winter service

Reported that the County Council will supply up to 5 bags of grit free of charge. Noted that the grit bin on New Road needed re-stocking and that another bin could be provided to the Parish but it would have to finance the stocking of it.

b. Broadband

Reported that a new contract has been signed. The Newark and Sherwood District may not achieve 95% coverage but it is hoped that the Parish will be included.

Implementation of the contract is currently held up until State Aid provisions are agreed.

6. Highways

a. Bends on Main Street, Fiskerton

Reported that the white lines need some adjustment because, at present, vehicles tend to mount the footpath. Agreed to bring this to the attention of the Highways Department.

7. Footpaths

a. Footpath repairs

Cllr. Lancaster reported that materials to carry out repairs had been provided.

8. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

15/01471/FUL – Glendale, Gravelly Lane, Fiskerton

Householder application for inter connecting passage between dwelling and hydrotherapy pool for a person with disability

The Council supported the application – 6 in favour, 1 against.

15/01589/FUL – The Plantation, Station Road, Fiskerton

Householder application to fully enclose existing partially open timber framed garage, to include sectional overhead doors to the front. Open wall area to be infilled in feather edge boarding to match that elsewhere on the building.

The Council unanimously opposed the application and considered that the original permission should be adhered to

Planning decisions received

None

Tree works

Noted tree works at Broad water House, Main Street, Fiskerton

Other planning matters

There were none.

9. Community Matters

a. Community Plan

Noted that Cllr. Staite would report on this matter at the next meeting.

b. Sports & Gala Association

Noted that the Village Fair had made a profit of £132 at the recently held event.

10. Website

There was nothing to report.

11. Finance

a. Bank Statements

Current Account – statement to 28th August 2015

Deposit Account – statements to 20th August 2015

The statements were presented for inspection.

b. Bills for payment

The Post Office Ltd – PAYE - £127.40

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month and expenses of £34.57 was agreed.

12. Correspondence

a. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils' AGM

The Clerk will attend.

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

There was none.

14. Reports of delegates

There were none.

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 19th October 2015

Approved

**Chairman
19th October 2015**