

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th August 2015 at 7.30 pm in
Morton Church Hall**

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

In attendance: - None

1. Apologies

Cllr. Mrs. J. Blaney, County Councillor Mrs. S. Saddington, and District Councillor R. Blaney sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2015 were approved.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Allotments

Reported that contact could not be made with the owner of the prospective allotment site and it may be necessary to look for an alternative site. However, it was noted that allotments are available in Rolleston so it was agreed to leave the matter for the time being.

b. Broadband

Reported that there has been no further news.

c. Dog Control

Cllr. Holtam agreed to make some laminated posters and Cllr. Owen agreed to ask Bleasby School if the children would make some posters.

Reported that the new dog bin on Station Road has not been emptied and the Clerk will arrange the emptying service with Newark & Sherwood District Council.

d. Power on the Village Green

Reported that the matter is in progress.

e. Twinning

Reported that there had been no further progress – the French are on holiday in August.

f. New bench

Agreed to ask for a progress report from the manufacturer.

g. High hedges on Bleasby Road

Agreed to ask Matt Duckworth of the Highways Department for a progress report and for Bleasby Parish Council to respond to correspondence.

h. Memorial tree

Cllr. Staite reported that a flowering cherry tree would be planted but the location is to be decided.

i. Waste bin at riverside

Reported that the bins alongside the river are satisfactory but that in the car park across the road needs replacing. Cllr. Holtam agreed to take the measurements with a view to replacing it.

Cllr. Owen agreed to ascertain who might own the fishing rights on the bank alongside the River Greet road bridge.

j. Policy on donations

Agreed that the Council will give funding support only to Parish matters within the Parish. Accordingly, it was agreed not to donate to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

k. The Village Green Fund

The Chairman explained that the Fund had been set up as part of the housing development undertaken by Bloors. The money could only be used by virtue of the conveyance contract to maintain the Village Green and to maintain the playground equipment at the recreation ground in Cook's Lane in perpetuity. Should the Parish Council default on the contract terms, then the District Council would be entitled to recover the Fund from the Parish Council. The Fund has been used only for the specified purposes since the Parish Council received it.

4. Public session

There was no resident present.

5. Report from the County and District Councillors

Neither was present at the meeting.

6. Highways

a. Parking on Main Street, Fiskerton

Reported that the extent of the parking outside the Bromley and the Post Office can create a potential hazard to road users when vehicles are leaving the Bromley because the parked vehicles reduce the sight line and it is necessary for the vehicles leaving the Bromley to pull out into the road before an adequate sight line can be achieved. The placing of yellow lines was discussed but these tend only to move the problem further on and enforcement would be necessary. Moreover, the problem arises mainly on Saturdays and Sundays. Agreed to ask Matt Duckworth of the Highways Department for advice.

7. Footpaths

a. Footpath repairs

Cllr. Lancaster reported that materials to carry out repairs can be provided if local people will undertake the work. Agreed to request the materials which could be delivered the Cllr. Price's address and that he or Andrew Milner could undertake the necessary work.

b. Cycle track from Rolleston to Bleasby

Noted that, if paths and bridleways could be joined up, a cycle track/bridleway as above could be set up. Cllr. Owen agreed to contact the British Horse Society to ascertain how this might be done.

8. Planning Matters

Planning application considered

15/01282/FULM – Southwell Racecourse, Station Road, Rolleston

Flood alleviation Scheme

The Council objected to the application. The scheme proposes to re-route water around the race course and the Council was concerned that an increased water flow would be directed towards the Parish, over charge the water courses in the Parish, and lead to flooding in the Parish. The Council wishes to learn whether the race course would indemnify any properties in the Parish who would be affected and will seek valid assurances from the Planning Authority that the implementation of the proposal has no adverse results whatsoever on the Parish.

Planning decisions received

The following applications were approved by the Planning Authority:-

Far Hills, Station Road – new access

Ejidos, Back Lane, Morton – new conservatory

Fiskerton Post Office - advertising signs

Larksfield, Wilson's Lane – extensions and new access

1 & 2, Church Lane, Morton – change of use of existing buildings to form separate dwelling

Tree works

Noted tree works at Chestnuts, Station Road

Other planning matters

There were none.

9. Community Matters

a. Litter picking

Noted that the next session will be on Saturday 12th September 2015 starting at 10.30 am at the Full Moon.

b. Sports & Gala Association

Agreed that Cllr. Owen would join the management committee as the Parish Council representative and would inspect the picket fencing recently erected around the play area.

10. Website

a. New website

Reported that this now alive and going well.

b. New Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator

Reported that a new co-ordinator has taken over. Details would be obtained.

11. Finance

a. Bank Statements

Current Account – statement to 31st July 2015

Deposit Account – statements to 20th July 2015

The statements were presented for inspection.

b. Bills for payment

Glasdon UK Ltd – Dog bin fitting - £16.64

Price Partnership – Rocking horse repair and fit gate - £252.00

Andrew Milner – Rocking horse repair, gate repair, and strimming - £230.00

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the current month, re-imburement of £350.00, and expenses of £37.81 was agreed.

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12. Correspondence

There was none not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

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 21st September 2015

Approved

Chairman

Date