

Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 8th April 2015

PRESENT:	Chair	Cllr K Dews	Cllr B Stevenson
		Cllr P Barker	Cllr C Winter
		Cllr G Allanson	Cllr R Winter
		NYCC Cllr J Blackburn	
		SBC Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff	
		7 members of public were present.	
	Clerk	C Adnitt	

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| 15/53 | The Annual Parish Meeting was opened at 19:00 hours by the Vice Chair. |
| 15/54 | <p>Notice of Meeting</p> <p>Resolved: That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Para 10 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> |
| 15/55 | <p>Apologies</p> <p>Apology was received from Cllr J Town.</p> |
| 15/56 | <p>Report from County Councillor</p> <p>Cllr J Blackburn explained that NYCC have made budget cuts amounting to £93million with a further £40million to save. Repairs were being made slower than before as a result of these cuts. He highlighted that NYCC were responsible for Highways, Education and Care of the Elderly.</p> |
| 15/57 | <p>Report from Borough Councillors</p> <p>Budget cuts have been implemented by SBC. The Economic & Development Committee has created over 200 apprenticeships and has assisted 500 people into work to date. The Sustainability Committee has given advice on the reduction of fuel bills, home insulation etc. It also oversees group purchase of fuel oil. Governance Committee was modernising the structure of the council and a further £2.5million were to be cut from the budget.</p> |

A number of assets have been transferred to other organisations to run, thus saving money.

Cllr G Allanson gave a list of various outside organisations in which he was involved on behalf of SBC.

Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff advised she was involved in planning issues Safer & Stronger Communities with some issues highlighted, including liaison with Police. She was involved with community grants, and also involved in setting up "Leader" funding and was ensuring that this area obtains a fair share.

A resident asked if SBC were supporting the Potash Mine. Cllr G Allanson highlighted

that SBC supported the mine, but the decision was not in their power to make. He agreed that employment for local people was required. Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff explained that NYCC were the planning authority although it may go the National Government for a decision.

15/58 Chairs Report

The Vice Chair read out the Chairs report. Two items stood out from the past year. The proposal for the children's play equipment on the village green following a public meeting and a ballot was closely defeated with a majority against the proposal.

The withdrawal of funding by NYCC for grass cutting left the parish council with a shortfall of £2000. Given that the grass still had to be cut the parish council had no choice other than to increase the precept by 24% which resulted in an additional £1000 being generated, and the number of grass cuts reduced by two each year. County Cllr J Blackburn was thanked for his efforts to have the decision overturned.

Entries for the Best Kept Garden Competition appear to be dwindling and may require rethinking to encourage more people to take part.

Grant applications have been made for fencing on the village green and for additional Christmas Tree lights.

The chair thanked Parish Councillors, County and Borough Councillors, Village Hall Committee, Muston In Bloom and the Millennium Committee for their invaluable support.

15/59 Police Report

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. P Sgt. C Gosling gave an overview of a recent incident and advised that three people had been arrested. It was explained that the increase in incidents reported in the Hertford Ward over the last year was due to a change in Home office reporting procedures, however it was noted that Muston was one of the safest villages in the country.

He advised that PCSOs would now be operating speed guns. The increase in crime was due to 30 instances at Primrose Valley Caravan Park, with the culprits being arrested.

A resident referred to instances during the Scarecrow Festival in previous years and the Police confirmed that they would patrol again this year. A resident praised the Police for being proactive in alleged drug offences.

Concerns were raised about the exit from "Pets R Wright" with safety concerns voiced. Options were discussed. A recent accident was discussed.

It was noted that there would be rolling road closure during the Tour de Yorkshire, and the Police were awaiting the final details.

15/60 Reports of Local Groups

Monday Club

The Monday Club was formed 20 years ago and meets on the first Monday of each month, with membership being £10. An overview of the various activities was given. New members were always welcome.

Village Hall Committee

A management committee runs the village hall and the facilities available for hire by local groups. Details of recent expenditure on the hall and its facilities were provided. Funding was received from the Millennium Committee. Overall income is down on previous years and running costs are increasing. Future funding was a cause of concern.

Muston In Bloom

The group had 10 members who maintained the various facilities throughout the village, a detailed breakdown of the work undertaken by the group was given. A project was undertaken each year. Details of their fundraising activities was also outlined. Items of life expired equipment were being replaced. They won an award in the "Borough In Bloom". Councillors thanked the group for their hard work.

Millennium Committee

The group was now in its 15th year and hoped to continue. Funds raised were used to support the Village Hall and other local organisations. People who were willing to assist during the festival were being sought and also plenty of residents who are able to make scarecrows.

15/61 The Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 2005 hours and the ordinary business commenced.

15/62 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Stevenson declared an interest in correspondence received from Muston in Bloom Group.

15/63 **Public Comments**

The pot holes outside Appleby Cottages still required repair. It was agreed that the parish council would write to NYCC given the damage that is being caused to the property.

A resident felt that the speed limit on the A165 by the Muston turnoff should be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

15/64 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2015 as circulated be approved and were signed by the chair.

(15/42) The owners of the property in West End have engaged a contractor to deal with the issues of concern.

15/65 **Planning Applications**

Two planning applications were received. 15/00569/FL application to extend existing general purpose agricultural building following demolition of existing "lean to" at Pilmoor Farm, Malton Road, Hunmanby.

15/00457/HS application to erect a car port to side at Eric House, King Street, Muston.

The lack of documentation available from SBC prevents a decision being made and more time was required to assess the details once the full information was forthcoming.

- 15/66 Village Issues**
Beck Cleaning – The cleaning of the beck on the village green was underway. The drainage board has made a start on the River Hertford clean up.

Funding Options (Yorkshire Coast Homes) – Applications have been made for village green fencing and for additional Christmas tree lights.

Entrance to Pets R Wright – The owners have erected a “No Exit” sign.

Seamer Fair – A meeting has been arranged at Malton on 20th April to discuss the issues of concern.
- 15/67 Finance**
The schedule of payments for March was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £377.99 would be paid. No payments were received.
- 15/68 Reports**
No reports were received.
- 15/69 Correspondence**
A letter was received from Muston in Bloom requesting permission to replace the stones around the flag pole. Everyone was agreeable to this.
- 15/70 Confidential Item**
Cllr G Allanson moved that members of the public should be excluded for this item, seconded by Cllr B Stevenson.
- 15/71 Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting, including the Annual General Meeting, was arranged for 13th May 2015 starting at 1900 hours.
- 15/72** The meeting was closed at 2035 hours.

Signed **Date**