

Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 12th November 2014

PRESENT:	Chair	Cllr J Town	Cllr B Stevenson
		Cllr P Barker	Cllr C Winter
		Cllr R Winter	Cllr K Dews
		Cllr G Allanson	
		NYCC Cllr J Blackburn	
		11 members of public were present.	
	Clerk	C Adnitt	

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| 14/161 | The meeting was opened at 18:45 hours. |
| 14/162 | <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> |
| 14/163 | <p>Apologies</p> <p>Apology was received from Borough Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff.</p> |
| 14/164 | <p>Resident's Survey</p> <p>A total of 135 survey forms, one to every household were delivered to determine views on the provision of children's play equipment. A total of 50 completed forms were returned. Following the count the result was 21 in favour, 26 against with 3 not giving a clear answer. Overall the view was against providing children's play equipment.</p> |
| 14/165 | <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr G Allanson and Cllr P Barker declared an interest in item 14/178.</p> |
| 14/166 | <p>Police Report</p> <p>PCSO D Mainprize highlighted the main points contained in the written report that was previously circulated. An incident outside the pet store on the A165 was highlighted with the view taken that a "no exit" sign was required to improve safety. Another incident was highlighted involving dangerous driving around Cross keys corner.</p> |
| 14/167 | <p>Public Comments</p> <p>A resident observed that a tree in West End was obstructing a light. Concerns were raised on proposed tree cutting in the Vicarage Garden, and in the Church Yard, both of which were subject to planning permission.</p> |
| 14/168 | <p>Report from County Councillor</p> <p>Cllr Blackburn confirmed that he was arranging for a date to be set to review the footpaths with the Chair.</p> <p>Concerns were raised that the "chain footpath" by Mount Pleasant was cracked and the risk of water ingress, highlighting the proximity of nearby houses.</p> |

A date for the work to repaint the white lining on Mount Pleasant was awaited.
Comments were made about a groove that is appearing in the A165 near the Muston turn-off, in the southbound direction.

14/169 Report from Borough Councillor

It was highlighted that Scarborough Council were making £3 million of cuts in the next year. It was also noted that the tourism aspect required consideration.
Strong opposition to charge for emptying the brown bins was expressed, and it was felt such a move would lead to an increase in fly tipping.
The clock in Muston was working well following its conversion last year to electric operation.
Horses on the A165 were a problem, however it was noted that M.P. Julian Sturdy was presenting a bill to prevent fly grazing.

14/170 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2014 as circulated be approved and were signed by the chair.

14/171 Funding for Grass Cutting

The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow the public to discuss this item. The chair read out a letter received from NYCC highlighting the reductions being made in grass cutting, and noting that NYCC payments to the parish council would reduce from £1655 to £67 per year. County Cllr J Blackburn advised that he wished to receive comments relating to this by 28th November.

Following a detailed discussion in which a number of points were raised, the chair asked the residents who were present if they would be willing to pay an extra £15 to assist in paying for the grass cutting in the village, to which everyone indicated their approval.

14/172 Precept for 2015/16

The clerk presented a budget forecast for the next three years taking into account the reduction of funding for grass cutting by NYCC, together with other factors. It was noted that the reduction in funding would have a severe negative effect on the parish finances. Following a discussion during which various options were considered, Cllr J Town proposed that the precept should be increased by £1000 to £5700 and that the number of grass cuts should be reduced by two per year, seconded by Cllr G Allanson and approved by all.

14/173 Revised Standing Orders

Following recent changes in legalisation, the clerk presented revised Standing Orders to take account of these changes and to ensure that the parish council was legally compliant. Cllr K Dews proposed that they should be adopted, seconded by Cllr C Winter, and approved by all.

14/174 Planning Applications

Three planning applications were received: 14/01898/HS application to demolish existing garage, single story extension and porch and erection of a two story side extension and new porch at, The Bungalow, West Street, Muston. No objections were received.
14/01856/TCA application for crown reduction and crown lift to a number of trees at St. Marys Priory, Muston. Following discussion tree nos. T1, T2, T3 & T4 which were

close to the road and concerns were raised that the proposal work could alter their appearance. A letter was to be written to SBC expressing concerns.

14/01944/FL application to install ground mounted PV solar array at, Allinson Fields Farm, Scarborough Road, Muston. No objections were raised.

APP/H2733/A/11/2151950 appeal decision to allow planning permission to erect a new dwelling incorporating site of existing outbuilding at, The Bungalow, West Street, Muston.

14/175 Village Green Amenities

Following the outcome of the residents survey, no further action will be taken to provide children's play equipment.

14/176 Village Issues

War Memorial – A list of approved contractors was to be supplied by the Diocesan Architect, following which quotations were to be obtained.

Trees on King Hall – The trees have been cut back from the road, however further planning permission was required to round the crown, and a formal planning application has been submitted to SBC.

Village Pond – Work was expected to start shortly.

Beck Cleaning – The drainage board have confirmed that they were in the process of clearing the River Hertford towards Muston. An estimate was to be obtained for cleaning out the beck on the village green. Concerns were raised that horse muck was being dumped near the beck and was washing into it.

Christmas Tree – It was agreed to purchase a 15 foot Christmas Tree.

Fence on Village Green – It was suggested that a fence should be erected along the edge of the village green to prevent vehicles from parking on it. Following a discussion on funding issues it was agreed to review this at a later date.

John Fouldings Property – Environmental Health at SBC have been investigating, and have traced a relative who has agreed to cut back adjacent trees, clear rubbish and to clean up the area. A further update was to be provided in due course.

Trotts Charity – Following discussion it was agreed that the recipients should be: Gill Paulger, Pat Gould, Philip Winter & Mick Owen.

14/177 Southern Cluster Grant

It was understood that £500 was available and that new organisations would get priority. It was agreed that a grant application for the drainage work on the beck on the village green should be made. The chair agreed to make the application.

14/178 Finance

Cllr G Allanson left the room whilst this item was discussed. The schedule of payments for November was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £2248.41 would be paid. No payments were received.

14/179 Reports

Cllr K Dews provided an overview of a recent Safety Committee meeting.

Cllr G Allanson highlighted NYCC proposals to switch off selected street lights between midnight and 5 am, expressing concerns at the number of parked vehicles and the volume of heavy vehicles using the road during the night. It was agreed that these concerns would be raised with NYCC.

14/180 Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

14/181 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 14th January 2015 starting at 1900 hours.

14/182 The meeting was closed at 21.35 hours.

Signed **Date**