

# Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**PRESENT:**

|              |                                        |                         |
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| <b>Chair</b> | <b>Cllr J Town</b>                     | <b>Cllr B Stevenson</b> |
|              | <b>Cllr P Barker</b>                   | <b>Cllr C Winter</b>    |
|              | <b>Cllr R Winter</b>                   | <b>Cllr K Dews</b>      |
|              | <b>Cllr G Allanson</b>                 |                         |
|              | <b>NYCC Cllr J Blackburn</b>           |                         |
|              | <b>SBC Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff</b>    |                         |
|              | <b>1 member of public was present.</b> |                         |
| <b>Clerk</b> | <b>C Adnitt</b>                        |                         |

**15/01** The meeting was opened at 19:00 hours.

The Chair Cllr J Town had temporarily lost her voice, and Cllr K Dews took the chair for this meeting.

**15/02 Notice of Meeting**

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.

**15/03 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**15/04 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr P Barker declared an interest in item 15/16.

**15/05 Police Report**

PCSO D Mainprize highlighted the main points contained in the written report that was previously circulated. Details of three traffic accidents were discussed together with another incident criminal that occurred in Muston.

**15/06 Public Comments**

Pot-holes in the road were highlighted and County Cllr J Blackburn agreed to follow up. A question was asked about the cleaning of the grips to which it was highlighted that NYCC funding was in doubt. Residents complained of garden bushes growing over the footpath on Mount View and hedge trimmings left next to No. 1 Mount View on village half of grass. The hollow in the road on the A165 near the Muston turnoff was highlighted, Cllr J Blackburn confirmed that he has reported this for action. A resident observed that a tree in West End was obstructing a light.

**15/07 Report from County Councillor**

Repairs to the gate have been completed. Following a meeting of NYCC the decision to reduce the grass cutting remains, however where a public right of way runs along the verge NYCC may decide to cut that section.

In response to a question Cllr J Blackburn agreed to chase up the repainting of the white lining through the village. He also agreed to follow up on the pot-holes on the

A165 outside the pet shop, and the kissing gate on the footpath by the Church Yard.

**15/08 Report from Borough Councillors**

SBC have decided not to levy charges for the emptying of Brown Bins for the foreseeable future. Scarborough Council has decided not to undertake the cutting previously done by NYCC. Cluster Grants would remain for 2015.

To date there is no evidence of any work being undertaken on the derelict building in West End, and SBC were pursuing the matter.

It was highlighted that the Government were consulting on a proposal to cap parish council precept increases.

Questions were asked about the areas that SBC would cut during 2015 as there was confusion on this issue with concerns raised that some areas were being unfairly treated. Further information was to be sought from SBC by the parish council.

Concerns were raised at the number of wind turbines approved in the Hertford Ward and the lack of them in other areas, together with the apparent lack of a clear planning policy by SBC.

**15/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 as circulated be approved and were signed by the chair.

**15/10 Planning Applications**

One planning application was received: 14/01693/FI application to removal of agricultural occupancy following marketing of the property for sale to allow unrestricted occupation of the property at Carr View, Carr Lane, Muston. Councillors were split on their views.

The parish council has submitted two planning applications for trimming back the trees on King Hill and the Weeping Willow Tree on the village Green. A decision was awaited.

**15/11 Village Issues**

War Memorial – A list of approved contractors had not yet been received from the Diocesan Architect, and a further request was to be made so that quotations could be obtained.

Trees on King Hall – Work was waiting for planning permission to be granted.

Village Pond – The work has been completed.

Beck Cleaning – No evidence of the drainage board cleaning the River Hertford. Cllr A Allanson agreed to discuss this with the Drainage Board. A contractor has been consulted about cleaning the beck on the village green, and finance was being arranged.

**15/12 Finance**

The schedule of payments for November was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £778.06 would be paid. No payments were received.

**15/13 Survey by Police Commissioner**

Email was received containing a survey from the Police Commissioner. Councillors

and residents were urged to go on line and make their comments.

**15/14      Reports**

Cllr K Dews attended a CaP meeting at which the new Chief Inspector confirmed that he was fighting the cuts.

**15/15      Correspondence**

Invitation was received from Filey Town Council to attend a finance committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at which financial advice was to be provided.

**15/16      Confidential Items**

Cllr A Allanson proposed that members of the public should be excluded from these items, seconded by Cllr C Winter.

**15/17      Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 starting at 1900 hours.

**15/18      The meeting was closed at 21.15 hours.**

**Signed .....**      **Date .....**