

Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 9th September 2015

PRESENT:

Chair	Cllr G Allanson Cllr G Barnett Cllr J Walker	Cllr B Stevenson Cllr K Cole Cllr D Walker
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NYCC Cllr J Blackburn

2 members of public were present.

Clerk C Adnitt

15/131 The meeting was opened at 19:30 hours.

15/132 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.

15/133 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr P Colling and SBC Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff.

15/134 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

15/135 Police Report

A written report was received and the contents were noted. The growing problem with “legal highs” being sold in Scarborough area was highlighted by a councillor.

15/136 Public Comments

A resident provided details of an accident outside “Pets R Wright” that occurred in July requiring attendance by Ambulance & Police officers.

15/137 Report from County Councillor

Cllr J Blackburn provided an overview of the various items that were waiting for action by NYCC. It was highlighted that NYCC were experiencing problems with their contractor. Resurfacing of the road between Bow Land and King Hill was planned for 2016.

The Highways Custom Liaison Officer has expressed a wish to visit and discuss matters with the parish council. It was agreed that he could come to the October meeting if available.

NYCC have reviewed their winter maintenance plans and will be reducing the number of grit bins and salt piles provided. A letter was expected shortly providing details affecting the Muston parish.

NYCC have submitted their devolution proposals to Government for consideration. It was understood that this would have an impact of development funding.

Community Speed Watch was asking for volunteers to operate speed guns and report offences to the Police.

“Stronger Communities” was involved in understanding the need on community residents, and assisting them to be healthy and independent. The team would also assist in setting up voluntary groups, e.g. to run local libraries, community transport etc.

15/138 Report from Borough Councillors

SBC have agreed to support the 2016 Tour de Yorkshire following the considerable revenue attracted by this year’s event.

Work on the new sports & leisure building was expected to start shortly, and would include an all weather football pitch and a swimming pool.

Two University Colleges were keen to move into the area.

The wind turbine development on the Dogger Bank when completed will be maintained from Whitby Harbour.

It was highlighted that SBC needed to make £2.5million savings next year. The possibility of charging for emptying the brown bins was a possibility. It was also highlighted that there may be an increase in fly-tipping as a result.

The market for recycling has fallen considerably and is now costing SBC money to operate as a result.

SBC has also submitted their devolution proposals to government for consideration.

15/139 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2015 as circulated be approved and were signed by the chair.

(15/125) The kissing gate on the footpath to the church is rotten and out of use. NYCC have been requested to provide an estimate for a replacement.

15/140 Planning Applications

One planning application was received. 15/00457/HS application withdrawn for a car port to side of, Eric House, King Street, Muston.

15/141 Village Issues

Village Green Fencing – An application was to be made to the Southern Cluster for funding.

2015 Garden Competition – A review of this year’s competition was undertaken with a variety of views expressed. It was noted that only 13 entries were received. The cost of running the competition was also considered. The Millennium Committee was thanked for their contribution for the prizes. Cllr G Barnett was also thanked for organising the event. Following discussion it was agreed to consider the ideas raised and a decision would be made at the October meeting.

Pets R Wright – Cllr P Collins has previously offered to supply a “No Exit” sign, which Pet R Wrights have agreed to erect when supplied. The owner of the land at the exit was to be contacted to see if he would agree to it being blocked off to prevent further accidents from occurring.

Grass Cutting

An email was received from a resident concerning the grass cutting outside the village hall. However it was noted that this area was the responsibility of the village hall to maintain.

Christmas Tree

New lights were to be purchased following receipt of a grant for this purpose. A resident was seeking permission to cut down large three conifer trees, and if granted has agreed to provide one of them for the Christmas Tree this year.

15/142 Finance

The schedule of payments for July was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £1369.01 would be paid.

The following payments were received: Yorkshire Coast Homes (For Christmas Tree Lights) £170, Muston Millennium Committee £700, NYCC (Grass Cutting) £811.37 and Southern Parish Cluster (beck cleaning) £500.

15/143 Reports

Cllr G Burnett attended a Fire & Safety Committee meeting and provided an overview of the items discussed, including the offer by Yorkshire Air Ambulance to provide courses in First Aid.

Cllr D Walker reported that two street lights have been reported to NYCC for repairs to be made. It was understood that the underground connects were at fault and Northern Powergrid were to be contacted to make the repairs.

15/144 Correspondence

The clerk advised that he had received a telephone call that day from Image Creation that work on the Website was almost complete. A link was to be emailed to the clerk when completed, which would be passed to the councillors for them to examine it and from them to make comments prior to it going live.

15/145 Confidential Item

Cllr G Allanson moved that public & press should be excluded for this item, seconded by Cllr B Stevenson.

15/146 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting 14th October 2015, starting at 1930 hours.

15/147 The meeting was closed at 2230 hours.

Signed **Date**