

Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 14th October 2015

PRESENT:

Chair	Cllr G Allanson Cllr P Colling Cllr J Walker	Cllr B Stevenson Cllr K Cole Cllr D Walker
--------------	--	--

NYCC Cllr J Blackburn

1 member of public was present.

Clerk C Adnitt

15/148 The meeting was opened at 19:30 hours.

15/149 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.

15/150 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Barnett and SBC Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff.

15/151 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

15/152 Presentation by Mr A Santon NYCC Highways

Mr Santon provided an overview of NYCC's on line reporting system for faults and explained how the system worked. He also advised that accounts would be set up to facilitate parish councils to make multiple reports.

He also outlined the winter service arrangements for 2016, and advised that £10million was spent last winter. He provided details of the equipment used and the management of the service. He also discussed the details of the grit bin review undertaken and the rationale used to determine which ones would remain. Muston grit bins were discussed and it was highlighted by councillors that the bin on King Hill should remain.

15/153 Police Report

The Police were unable to attend due to operational requirements. A written report was received and the contents were noted and discussed by councillors.

15/154 Public Comments

No issues were raised.

15/155 Report from County Councillor

Views were expressed about the poor performance of NYCC's contractor Ringway and the details were discussed.

Details of the “locality budget” was explained by Cllr J Blackburn who advised that he

had a limited sum of money available that parish councils may apply for, for specific purposes.

A quotation from NYCC Footpath Officer for a replacement Kissing Gate by the church was still awaited.

15/156 Report from Borough Councillors

Two universities were moving into Scarborough, Coventry University has started building work, and the other one was involved in training engineering skills.

£2.5million of savings were required by SBC for next year and it was highlighted that charges were being proposed for emptying garden waste bins & bags, with a £15 charge for the first year and £35 each year thereafter for each brown bin. The potential knock-on effects of this decision were discussed.

SBC Environmental Health Dept. were progressing matters concerning the empty property on West End.

15/157 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2015 as circulated be approved and were signed by the chair.

15/158 Planning Applications

No planning applications were received.

15/159 Village Issues

Village Green Fencing – Cost estimates were discussed and it was agreed to make a funding application via NYCC Cllr J Blackburn's Locality Budget.

Kissing Gate by Church – It was agreed that a cost estimate was to be obtained, following which a funding application would be made to the Southern Cluster.

2016 Garden Competition – A detailed discussion took place on whether or not the competition should take place next year and the details if it did. It was agreed, with one councillor voting against, that it would be held in 2016. It was also agreed, with one councillor voting against, that details would be circulated in early May, including the Judges details, with the competition being held in late June. It was further agreed by a majority, with two councillors voting against, that certificates would be issued next year. The clerk was asked to confirm with the Millennium Committee if funding would be available for the competition as in previous years. Councillors were also asked to consider the wording of the letter to be sent out, for discussion at the next meeting.

Christmas Tree

Cllr D Walker confirmed that the conifer would be cut back in the first week of December. Mr & Mrs Walker were thanked for donating the tree.

Dog Fouling – An increase in dog dirt on the village green and footpaths has been observed. It was felt that a letter should be sent out to residents with a draft to be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. It was agreed to obtain three "No Dogs" signs.

15/160 Finance

The schedule of payments for October was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £1329.86 would be paid.

The following payments were received: 2nd Instalment Model Agreement £1399.19 and 2nd instalment Precept £2850.

15/161 Reports

An issue was raised at the Cluster meeting concerning complaints received from farmers about a caravan parked on Carr Lane, however it was highlighted that it was legal for it to be parked there.

A “No Exit” sign was presented to “Pets R Wright” for them to erect, however they were unwilling to put it up. Following discussion it was agreed to set up a site meeting with NYCC Highways to discuss what can be done to improve safety.

15/162 Correspondence

No issues were raised.

15/163 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 11th November 2015, starting at 1930 hours.

15/164 The meeting was closed at 2205 hours.

Signed **Date**