

Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 13th January 2016

PRESENT:

Chair	Cllr G Allanson Cllr G Barnett Cllr J Walker	Cllr B Stevenson Cllr P Colling Cllr D Walker
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NYCC Cllr J Blackburn
SBC Cllr M Donohue-
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16/01 The meeting was opened at 19:30 hours.

16/02 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.

16/03 Apologies

Apology was received from Cllr K Cole.

16/04 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

16/05 Police Report

The Police were unable to attend due to operational requirements. A written report was received.

16/06 Public Comments

The need to repair pot holes outside a residents property was highlighted, County Cllr J Blackburn confirm that repairs were programmed within the next two weeks.

The wooden bridge was slippery and it was noted that it had been cleaned and painted last year.

Complaints were received about a caravan parked permanently in Carr Lane. Whilst the parking of the caravan was legal, there was an electric wire running over the pavement presenting a tripping hazard. County Cllr J Blackburn agreed to follow this issue up.

Complaints were received about the condition of the car park behind the village hall, It was noted that this was the responsibility of the Village Hall.

Comments were made about the hedge overgrowing the footpath at Rakes Corner.

A cherry tree close to Weir bridge Cottage required cutting back as it was obstructing light from the street light, It was agreed that an application would be made to SBC for permission to prune it back.

A question was asked about the reasons for fencing off the village green, which were explained by councillors.

A resident commented that the hedge on the Chain Link Path was starting to overgrow the roadway.

16/07 Report from County Councillor

NYCC are required to make a further £11million cut in their expenditure for 2016/17, with a further £9million for 2017/18, with a total of £64million of savings to achieve over the next four years. As a result they have decided to increase the Council Tax by 3.99%.

A grant of £750 has been approved towards the cost of providing fencing alongside the village green. In addition a £700 grant has been made to Muston in Bloom. The chair thanked Cllr J Blackburn for the grants.

The bollard on the corner of King Street is to be painted black with luminous paint.

NYCC have confirmed that the vehicle entrance to the village hall car park is the responsibility of the village hall.

The chevron signs on the A165 were awaiting action by the contractor. Some repairs were to be made on the chain link footpath.

Recent flooding issues were discussed, and it was noted that the gullies were last cleaned out in April. Cllr Blackburn confirmed that NYCC will clear out blocked gullies.

Parish councillors highlighted a number of pot holes which required repair.

16/08 Report from Borough Councillors

SBC have decided to charge £38 per bin for emptying the brown bins from April onwards. Large savings were required to be made next year and various areas were under review to achieve the savings required.

16/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

16/10 Matters Arising

(15/176) Cllr P Colling was thanked for organising the removal for the tree from the pond.

(15/176) Mr P Barker and Mr C Day were thanked for erecting and removing the Christmas Tree. Cllr P Colling was thanked for arranging the lights.

16/11 Planning Applications

No planning applications were received.

16/12 Village Issues

Village Green Fencing – It was understood that a grant of £750 was to be made towards the cost of the fencing. The need to provide for wheelchair access was

highlighted and it was agreed that Cllr B Stevenson would investigate the cost of providing a lockable bollard.

Kissing Gate by Church – An application has been made to the Southern Parish Cluster for a contribution towards the cost. An alternative estimate was being obtained by Cllr B Stevenson amounting to £247 plus VAT. Cllr D Walker proposed that if successful in obtaining a grant the work should proceed, seconded by Cllr G Barnett and approved by all.

2016 Garden Competition – The clerk to produced a draft letter which was discussed and the wording agreed. A date in June would be agreed at the next meeting. Suggestions were requested on an independent judge, and Cllr D Walker agreed to arrange.

Dog Fouling – SBC have produced a letter for distribution to residents.

16/13 Finance

The schedule of payments for January was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £563 would be paid.

Payment received: YLCA grant for setting up Website £592.81.

The clerk highlighted the legal requirement to provide workplace pensions. Given the complexities the clerk recommended that a payroll supplier should be used. By doing so the parish council would be using a professional service provider to achieve the correct results. Cllr B Stevenson proposed that a payroll supplier should be used for both Auto Enrolment and Payroll, seconded by Cllr P Colling and approved by all.

A quotation for £150 has been received to clear out the pond and to remove a number of overgrowing branches from the dead tree. Cllr P Colling also advised that a resident, who wished to remain anonymous, had offered to pay half towards the cost. It was agreed to proceed with the work. Cllr P Collins was asked to thank the resident for his/her kind offer on behalf of the parish council.

16/14 Reports

The Chair gave a report on the flooding that occurred on Boxing Day and the difficulties he encountered in trying to contact people on a bank holiday, together with the absence of emergency contact numbers. The clerk was asked to obtain out of hours/bank holiday emergency contact numbers for NYCC, for future reference.

16/15 Correspondence

The chair advised that he has received a letter was received from Mr G Jackson expressing his appreciation for the Trotts Charity award.

16/16 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 9th March 2016, starting at 1930 hours.

16/17 The meeting was closed at 2105 hours.

Signed **Date**

