

Muston Parish Council

Meeting held on 12th April 2017

PRESENT:

Chair	Cllr G Allanson	Cllr J Walker
	Cllr G Barnett	Cllr B Stevenson
	Cllr D Walker	Cllr K Cole
	Cllr P Colling	
	NYCC Cllr J Blackburn	
	SBC Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff	
	1 member of public	
Clerk	C Adnitt	

17/35 The Annual Parish Meeting was opened at 19:30 hours.

17/36 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.

17/37 Apologies

No apologies were received.

17/38 Report from County Councillor

Cllr J Blackburn advised that he was standing down in May. He advised it had been a difficult year but most things had been achieved. He noted that there had been a large turnover of Parish Councillors at the last election.

17/39 Questions for County Councillor

Cllr J Blackburn was thanked for the work he has done for the community with councillors expressing their gratitude.

17/40 Report from Borough Councillors

Cllr M Donohue-Moncrieff and Cllr G Allanson highlighted that shrinking budgets were posing problems in getting things done for the community.

A number of caravan sites were expanding which was good for the local economy, but not so good for the local environment. It was noted that the Community Stadium was almost ready for use. £500,000 grant has been received from the Environment Agency for work at Flats Cliff, Primrose Valley. New water park has proved successful, University Training College is operating and training engineers, Coventry University is also opening. Planning permission has been approved for a multiplex cinema, and a further application for another multiplex cinema has been submitted for a site in Newborough. The Wind Farm development underway on the Dogger Bank is believed to be the largest in the world. Section 106 funding is now being paid by the owners of the Potash Mine. Scarborough Market Hall was about to reopen after refurbishment.

The public toilets that are to remain open were to be revamped and to become “pay on entry”, others were to be closed.

The Boundary Commission were looking at reducing the number of Borough Councillors and their decision was awaited.

Cllr G Allanson advised that he has been trained to serve on the Licensing Committee.

Some effort was being made to control the seagull problem. New legalisation was introduced on fly-tipping with offenders being forced to clear up their mess.

17/41 Questions for Borough Councillors

A question was asked about the toilets at Hunmanby Gap and it was advised that these were now owned by the cafe.

17/42 Chairs Report

The kissing gate by the church has been replaced using grant money. A grant has been applied for to enable the War Memorial to be cleaned. The light in Carr Lane has been repaired. Fencing around the village green has been erected. A grant has been obtained to renew the Tarmac at the entrance to the Village Hall. Trotts Charity money was distributed at Christmas.

No progress has been made in getting the caravan moved off Carr Lane. Dog fouling remains an on-going problem. A lack of progress has been made to reduce traffic speed on Hunmanby Street due to a lack of support by NYCC. Little progress has been made to overcome the flooding problem at Round Lodge Corner.

It was hoped to adopt the disuse telephone box in which a defibrillator could be installed. The light in West End has been removed by SBC following a complaint by the property owner, with a replacement required in a suitable location. Some work has been done to improve the village pond.

The Village Hall Committee applied for Lottery funding for the new hall, which has been refused.

Cllrs J Walter, M Walker and P Collin were thanked for their efforts in organising last year's Garden Competition. The chair thanked the councillors for their support, he thanked the Clerk for his support, and also thanked the Vice Chair for standing in when necessary. He advised that he was standing down as Chair in May.

17/43 Questions for the Chair

No questions were asked.

17/44 Police Report

The Police were unable to send a representative, however a written report was submitted.

17/45 Questions for the Police

The chair enquired if anyone had any questions to be passed to the Police, but no issues were raised.

17/46 Reports from Community Groups

Bloom Group – A busy year with two litter picks undertaken. Some self watering tubs were purchased. A great deal of time and effort was made by Bloom Group

members, for which Councillors expressed their appreciation. Concerns were raised about the delivery charges made by SBC on the plants purchased from them, noting that Whitby and Filey paid no such charges.

All Saints Church – A big expense was incurred in felling trees. A new Vicar, Rev. Tim Parker, has been appointed. Quinquennial Inspection has been undertaken of the church with repairs identified, with a major structural survey required. An asbestos survey was required, although none was believed to exist. The Parish Council obtained a grant of £500 towards the cost of tree felling.

Scarecrow Festival – The festival will take place between 29th July and 6th August 2017 to raise funds for use in the village. The church is to hold a “Jig-saw” display this year. The Festival Committee funded the Village Hall’s funding application. Improvements to the kitchen are required for its use during functions. A new carpet is to be provided in the meeting room.

17/47 Questions on Other Issues

No questions were raised.

17/48 The Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 2025 hours, and the ordinary business commenced.

17/49 Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

No declarations were made.

17/50 Public Comments

It was highlighted that the road sweeper only swept one side of the road when in the village on Monday. The Chair agreed to investigate this.

The footpath between the Cross heading westwards was becoming overgrown. It was agreed to use a contractor to get the work done.

A resident expressed his concern about dead tree branches at a property in the village.

The hedge by the telephone box required cutting back.

17/51 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2017 as circulated be approved and were signed by the Chair.

17/52 Matters Arising

(17/26) It was noted that Filey Library does not accept payment by cash for brown bin collections, which was to be reviewed for next year.

(17/32) The quotation from the Grass Cutting contractor was approved. Cllr B Stevenson was to liaise with the contractor.

17/53 Planning Applications

No applications were received from SBC.

The parish council was made aware of an application by “Caravan and Camping Club”

for a caravan and camping site at The Heights, Mount Pleasant Farm, King Hill, Muston. Following a discussion it was noted that SBC have formally objected to it for a number of reasons. Councillors noted representations of a local resident affected by the application, and were of the view that the entrance was very narrow with a restricted turning area to/from a busy road with limited sightlines. Concerns were also expressed about the negative impact the proposed site would have on neighbouring properties. It was agreed to formally object to this application.

17/54 Village Issues

Cleaning of War Memorial – A decision on the funding application as awaited from the War Memorials Trust.

Speeding on Hunmanby Street – NYCC have ignored requests to meet on site to discuss concerns about speeding. It was felt that an advanced sign highlighted the approach to a 30MPH area should be erected 100 meters in advance of the existing signs.

Village Pond – repairs have been completed.

Telephone Box – A decision was awaited from British Telecom on the adoption of the telephone box.

2017 Garden Competition – Following a detailed discussion it was felt that given the very low number of entries last year it was not worth while continuing with it, therefore it was agreed not to hold it this year.

Light in West End – Following removal of the light from the property wall, it was agreed that a replacement was required with a suitable alternative location identified.

Village Green – It was felt that one Chestnut tree required crown lifting to remove overhang branches. It was also noted that another Chestnut tree appeared to be diseased and it was felt that it required inspection by a qualified expert. A planning application was to be submitted to SBC for approval once the facts are known.

17/55 Finance

The schedule of payments for April was circulated prior to the meeting. It was Resolved that the figure totalling £1411.80 would be paid.

Payments received: None.

17/56 Reports

Cllr G Barnett attended a meeting of the Filey Safety Committee. He advised that it was agreed to formally close the group.

Cllr G Barnett attended a CaP Meeting which discussed the on-going seagull problems. It was noted that this was a low crime area. In future Primrose Valley is to be included within Filey for Police reporting purposes.

17/57 Correspondence

A letter was received from Muston Monday Club seeking permission to use the area around the flagpole during the Scarecrow festival, which was agreed.

Letter received from NYCC advising that the flooding problem at Round Lodge Corner is not within their area of responsibility.

Cllr K Cole advised that he would not be standing for the positions of Chair or Vice Chair in May due to health concerns.

17/58 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting (including the Annual General Meeting) on 10th May 2017 starting at 1930 hours.

17/59 The meeting was closed at 2155 hours.

Signed **Date**