

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2019

Present: Cllr. G Allanson, Cllr. G Barnett, Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. S Chalmers, Cllr. J Mcmillan. Borough Cllr. M Donohue – Moncrief, Borough Cllr. P Riley, County Cllr. R Swiers. Mrs B Williamson (Clerk). Police representative A Skillbeck. 2 members of the public.

Notice of meeting: 19/342

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.

Apologies: Cllr. J Walker 19/343

Declarations of Interest: 19/344

Cllr. Barnett – King Hill footpath.

Open Forum: 19/345

- Resident expressed concerns related to trees in the graveyard area which he felt needed pruning & were in a dangerous condition.
- Resident felt hedges in the West End area of the village needed pruning & trimming as they were encroaching onto the road causing damage to vehicles.
- Concern expressed about Muston being in a conservation area since 1976 & now causing residents difficulties when seeking to install solar panels. Issue will be explored further with the Planning Department & clarification determined.
- Damage to the Coronation tree raised. Resident asked if other trees in the area had been checked for safety.
- Installation of a ramp suggested for King Hill area to make access easier.
- Hedge encroaching onto road at the brow of King Hill.
- Clarification requested on payment of tree work in the village.

Resolved:

- Tree in graveyard being dealt with by Church.
- Coronation tree an item later in the agenda.
- King Hill footpath an item later in the agenda.
- Tree works & maintenance in the village open spaces / land owned by the Parish Council paid for by Parish Council
- Extensive tree work had been undertaken by the Parish Council in the Spring.
- Some of the hedge areas mentioned were in private ownership & maintenance work responsibility of the owner.

Reports: 19/346

Police: No report received this month. Representative outlined that no theft, drugs, anti-social behaviour occurred. Will request replacement of chevron signs be made.

County Cllr. Swiers:

Confirmed the need for chevron replacement had been requested numerous times & promises made that the work would be undertaken but had not happened due to when contractors in the area they had run out of time on one occasion & forgotten on another. Suggested writing to Barry Mason NYCC, support with press releases & any other relevant information.

Scarborough Hospital has been graded as inadequate & requires improvement.

Resurfacing work will take place in Muston.

Will contribute £800 towards the purchase of VAS signs.

Suggestion to approach Community Speed Watch via Police to deter speeding through village.

Borough Cllr. Donohue – Moncrief:

Confirmed will action removal of bushes on Hunmanby Street.

Working closely with SBC & transport organisations on Disability Access issues. Would welcome any examples of people who have been affected by this in order to take the issue further.

Borough Cllr. Riley:

Confirmed new Chief Executive now in position with SBC who is aiming to visit all the areas in the Borough.

Attending a variety of training courses.

Clerks Report:

- Application made for pruning of cherry tree.
- The email sent from Highways in July relating to various issues in the village had not been received by the clerk as sent to an incorrect email address. Highways once again informed of correct address.
- In communication with local MP & his PA in relation to King Hill footpath. He wishes to be kept informed of progress.
- Individual letter sent to all residents in Mount Pleasant area affected by the footpath issue. One response received & this resident is keeping non-resident owner informed of all developments.
- Decision on Trotts Charity will be required by November meeting.
- Issue of purchase of Poppy Wreath needs to be confirmed. RESOLVED: The Parish Council wish to purchase a wreath on behalf of Muston & will donate £20 towards this. Proposed Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. McMillan. Cllr. Allanson will contact Filey representative of British Legion to order.
- Details of VAS sign purchase forwarded to all Councillors.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:**19/347**

Minutes circulated prior to meeting & assumed to be read.

Cllr. Chalmers stated he was not happy with item 19/334. He did not feel the need to personally update Cllr. Walker on the grass cutting issues as he had kept all Councillors informed of all actions sending regular reports of all contact & arrangements. All Councillors felt he had been very proactive with the monitoring of the entire contract & liaising with the contractors on a regular basis

to resolve any issues. **RESOLVED:** Cllr. Allanson expressed his thanks to Cllr. Chalmers on behalf of the entire Council for his hard work stating it was very much appreciated and he had been successful in improving all aspects of the grass cutting contract. Proposed to accept Cllr. Allanson, Seconded Cllr. Waters.

19/336 – Cllr. McMillan was not happy with the recording of Cllr. Barnett’s speaking independently on the King Hill footpath topic. Resolved – Amended to Cllr. Barnett had earlier expressed a Declaration of interest on the King Hill Footpath item. Comments he made were done so as a resident of the village in a personal capacity & did not reflect the views / opinions of Muston Parish Council at all. Cllr. McMillan agreed to accept this.

Proposed to accept amended minutes – Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Waters. Signed by Chairman Cllr. Barnett.

Finance Report:

19/348

Monthly finance report – October 2019

Income - £5234.70 (2nd instalments from SBC Model Agreement & Parish Precept.
This money is used for the annual maintenance of the village, fees, grass cutting etc)

Unpresented cheques - £125.60

Accounts to be

approved this month - £931.32 (which included subscriptions, fees, salary, grass cutting.)

Proposed to accept Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. McMillan. Accepted by & Signed by Cllr. Barnett.

Planning: No applications received.

19/349

Grass Cutting:

19/350

Cllr. Barnett expressed further thanks to Cllr. Chalmers for his continued efforts with the grass cutting contract. Cllr. McMillan suggested that Cllr. Chalmers continue his liaison with the grass contractor until the end of this contract year (April), seconded Cllr. Waters. All in agreement.

Cllr. Chalmers has & continues to present regular reports of any contact with the contractor in an attempt for the contractor to reach the specific standard that MPC are aiming for. All agreed the standard of work had improved. A recent setback had occurred as a result of a different team working in the village.

Eight grass cuts have been completed. Some additional flail cutting is required at a cost of £120 when combined with a grass cut which would mean an additional cut. In previous years additional cuts had been paid for by the Millennium Committee.

Revised costs for any additional work will be presented at November meeting.

Proposed for 9th cut & flailing – Cllr, McMillan, seconded Cllr. Allanson.

Request from resident for cutting of grassed area at West End. It was stated that this is privately owned land & is the responsibility of the resident / homeowner to do this.

Badger Bend:

19/351

- Police requested to report the missing chevrons again as Highways have no record of this being done. Police will action.
- Cllr. Owen proposed once a response from the Police / Highways has been received a letter be sent to Barry Mason about the issue & safety aspects. Seconded Cllr. Chalmers. All in agreement.

King Hill Footpath:

19/352

- An earlier email response from NYCC Highways did admit that action was required but no timescale or finance in place.
- Cllr. Owen would like to continue pushing for action – all in agreement.
- County are looking at ownership of the land.
- Clerk has written to all residents in the properties suggesting a meeting to discuss ideas to move the project forward. Response to meeting favourable.
- Clerk will contact all residents & invite to meeting on Wednesday 23rd October @ 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will be private & last approximately one hour. All in agreement. Cllr. Barnett will not attend, Cllr. Owen will chair the meeting.

Trott's Charity:

19/353

Recipients will be decided upon at the November meeting.

Village Issues:

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Emergency Plan – Organisations & individuals will be invited to an open meeting on Wednesday 5th February 2020. A letter will be hand delivered to all properties in the village in January inviting residents to the meeting. Proposed Cllr. Chalmers, seconded Cllr. Waters. All in favour.

VAS Signs – Cllr. Swiers conformed her contribution to the purchase would be £800 from the Locality Budget. Clerk will write to her to request. Purchase price will be £2600 + VAT. Other funding sources will be explored, Millennium Committee suggested.

Proposed to purchase & seek funding – Cllr. Cllr. Owen, seconded Cllr. Waters. All in agreement. Clerk will contact D Griffiths with intention to purchase.

VE Celebrations – Decision required on what the Parish Council might do. Cllr. Barnett suggested a picnic / party on the Village Green. Cooperation from other village organisations will be requested & ideas developed further over the coming months. All in agreement.

Wildflower Beds – Cllr. Barnett confirmed Muston in Bloom had decided to abandon the idea of developing areas after the recent accidental cutting by the grass contractors. Deferred to next meeting.

Church Yard Tree – Informed by Cllr. Allanson that when the tree is removed there will be traffic lights & it is likely the road will be closed. No date yet for the work.

Christmas Tree – Cllr. Owen stated she had sourced a Christmas tree 16' tall & 9" trunk which will require wedging. Mr Andrew Marston will cut down & deliver. Proposed to accept – Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Waters. Mr Colling is currently storing the old lights & electric key but thinks new ones will need to be purchased, multi coloured lights likely to be around £200. Cllr. Owen suggested that when the lights are switched on the Parish Council put on a Christmas event for residents the first weekend in December. Seconded Cllr. McMillan. A subcommittee will be formed. Carried forward to next meeting.

Pruning of damaged cherry tree – Clerk applied for permission to work on the tree to SBC. After inspection advised that the tree is very badly diseased & would advise complete removal. Proposed to accept advice – Cllr. Barnett, seconded Cllr. Allanson. Once official notification received clerk will seek quotes.

Meeting closed @ 10.10pm

Date of next meeting:

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2019 @ 7.30