

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2020.

Notice of meeting – Public notice 1972 of the meeting has been given in accordance with schedule 12 Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act. Public recording of meetings - it is requested that the Clerk be notified of the intention in advance.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. G Allanson, Cllr. S Chalmers, Cllr. J McMillan, County Cllr. Swiers, Borough Cllr. Donohue Moncrief, & Cllr. Riley, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk).

Welcome from Chairman to all for the first physical Parish Council meeting since March. One way system in the Village Hall, sanitizers to be always used, kitchen not in use.

All Village Hall Health & Safety regulations & risk assessment complied with & Parish Councils own risk assessment adhered to, Track & Trace system introduced in case of any future outbreak of Covid 19. Social distancing & masks worn throughout this meeting and future meetings.

Apologies: Cllr. F Warters.

Declaration of Interest: None **20/322**

Open Forum: No public present **20/323**

Reports: **20/324**

a) Police - No representative present & no report circulated.

b) County Cllr. Swiers - After the four month break of normal services NYCC aimed to continue to provide essential services. Hoped schools reopen in September. Pupils from disadvantage backgrounds / deprived areas provided with IT facilities. As time continues other underlying issues emerging & having to be dealt with e.g. mental health issues. All vulnerable individuals contacted during the period offering help & support. Highways continues to do road improvements. Locality Budget for Covid related issues not greatly accessed.

Devolution update – A quick consultation & decision period. Open meetings will be held for all to attend. Important for all reports to be considered & analysed & Parish Councils urged to attend meetings as they will likely have more involvement in the future. Urged to notify County & Borough Cllrs of concerns.

Cllr. Allanson expressed concerns about the distance of communities from Northallerton & wondered if Parish Councils will be consulted by letter. Response – Area Committees will make representation & Parish Councils need to raise issues with them. Parish Councils will be able to view & observe but not participate in meetings hence the need for any concerns to be passed on by Parish Clerk to County Councillors. Cllr. Swiers requested all ideas & views be passed onto her via Clerk as this will assist her own decision.

Cllr. Donohue Moncrief stated that if Devolution goes ahead a Mayor will be appointed & become a powerful elected politician. Restructuring of Local Government aiming to streamline services. Likely Parish Precept would be raised to streamline services.

Cllr. Allanson stated the white lining on roads near Cross Keys Corner were obliterated. He requested these be repainted for safety reasons. Cllr. Swiers will report.

Cllr. Allanson raised objections to responses received from Highways related to the caravan parked on Carr Lane. He requested a meeting be held with a senior representative to rectify misconceptions & seek ways forward. Cllr. Swiers will again request a site meeting & liaise with the Parish Clerk.

Cllr. Owen asked if it was possible to request a second instalment from the next Locality Budget towards the VAS signs. Cllr. Swiers will explore & inform of outcome.

c) Borough Cllr. Riley

Replacement streetlight at West End has been explored but currently on hold due to Coronavirus related lock down. Clearing of pathway & pruning of trees also being explored. Cllr. Allanson thanked Cllr. Riley for his help in this area.

SBC currently facing a £12 million deficit.

Covid implications also resulted in Scarborough Spa, Cliff lift, Scarborough Sports Village, Pindar Leisure all suffering from organisations pulling out of contracts to run the facilities. SBC aim to attempt to run the facilities in the short term.

Negotiations continue with Coventry University related to the redevelopment of the area of the former Argos building.

Devolutions would result in the removal of one layer of local government. A feeling of undue haste over the matter. SBC functions likely to be transferred to Northallerton. Neighbouring villages have circulated the letters from Cllrs. Siddons & Les to residents to keep them informed. Cllr. Owens urged all to view at the online seminar. Important that Parish Councils do contribute to the decision-making process.

Borough Cllr. Donohue – Moncrief

As a result of devolution, it is likely that Model Agreement money would be reduced meaning Parish Councils could be paying for more services to be administered. Little detail released on financial implications.

More communities aiming to be self-sufficient, volunteer Community Hub still functioning. In future Environmental Health will be part of Track & Trace teams.

d) Clerks Report

- Two Councillor vacancies advertised on notice boards & website.
- Councillor contact details updated
- Letters of thanks sent
- Application for speed watch training made & details supplied
- Issues related to Carr Lane & traffic reported now being dealt with by Cllrs Allanson & Chalmers.
- New bank mandate to be completed by all signatories.
- Unitary Authority / devolution papers circulated

- Grant suggestions required from Locality Budget
- Schedule of future meetings needs to be established
- Muston in Bloom paid £330 towards planting scheme & letter of thanks received
- Quotes for maintenance work to be discussed in private
- Thoughts on ideas for Christmas celebration & purchase of new lights suggested
- Track & Trace must be completed at every meeting
- Contract issues related to employment to be discussed in private

Minutes of Previous meetings:

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Circulated prior to the meeting.

Minutes of meetings held in March & July. Proposed to accept Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Chalmers, vote taken, all in agreement.

Finance Reports:

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Summaries of spending for April, May, June & July circulated to all Councillors. Proposed to accept Cllr. Chalmers, seconded Cllr. Allanson. Vote taken, all in agreement to accept.

Planning: No planning applications received this month.

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Speed Watch Update:

20/328

15 residents have volunteered to participate, Cllr. Owen has the details. Awaiting to hear from Police Speed watch for next issues on training.

Muston In Bloom:

20/329

Cllr. McMillan is now the Parish Council representative & will report back after each meeting. Thanks, were expressed for the recent donation. Both the Parish Council and Muston in Bloom are eager to work together in future on collaborative projects which include potential flood issues to move projects forward. It was suggested two members from each group discuss possible projects for the future to be discussed at full Council meeting.

Lighting Duty:

20/330

Cllr. McMillan volunteered to undertake the task of checking lights on a regular basis. Number on streetlight must be included in any report. Proposed Cllr. Chalmers, seconded Cllr. Allanson. All in agreement.

Items for the next Agenda:

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- Speed watch update
- Locality Budget
- Standing Orders
- Emergency Plan
- Carr Lane / West End
- Commemorative Tree

At Cllr. McMillan's suggestion Cllr. Owen will order a wreath to mark VJ Day 15th August. It will be laid @ 3.00pm at the Church War Memorial on Saturday 15th August 2020.

Date & Time of Next Meeting:

20/332

Meetings will now take place on the **second Tuesday of each month commencing @ 7.00pm** in the Village Hall. Clerk will supply schedule.

Next meeting –

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020 @ 7.00PM MUSTON VILLAGE HALL