

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 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, Cllr. Warters, County Cllr. Swiers, Borough Cllr. Riley, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk).

Welcome from Chairman to everyone reminding all to observe the Covid Risk Assessments of the Village Hall & Parish Council. Track & Trace system in place. Social distancing & masks to be worn always.

Apologies: Cllr. M Donohue – Moncrief.

Declaration of Interest: None **20/329**

Open Forum: No public present **20/340**

Reports: **20/341**

Police: Circulated prior to meeting along with Crime Prevention booklet. No incidents reported in Muston. PCSO now in village on a weekly basis. Notified of new meeting dates & venue.

County Cllr. Swiers:

- The re painting of white lines on the bend at Cross Keys Corner is now on the schedule of work.
- Two representatives from NYCC / Highways will attend the next Parish Council meeting on 13th October. Questions to be addressed to Richard Marr. Request to be an early agenda item.
- Expressed concerns about the entrance / exit arrangements at a local restaurant. Raised with Highways as considered a danger. Concerns have been expressed to owner previously. Highways to be asked to look at the junction at meeting & request improved signage / warnings at junction as currently confusing.

Borough Cllr. Riley:

- Better Borough survey open for comments.
- White paper on planning consultation being considered which is likely to change the planning process / laws.
- SBC applied for £25 million pounds separately for both Scarborough & Whitby. Includes bid for £6 million – cycle ways, £5 million Harbour regeneration studies & public spaces, £2 million – Wild Eye sculptures along seafront, £4 million Technology museum / centre, £5 million Scarborough Fair- for festival events from station to sea shore, possible use of old Post Office building as a central venue, £2 million Media centre – money for Station Gateway housing retail units & refurbishment, money to Cricket Club, £1 million towards expansion of

Skills Village focusing on renovating old properties. There had been suggestions of demolishing Pavilion building & redeveloping, no plans currently proposed.

Cllr. Allanson raised the point that all the emphasis was currently on money being spent in Scarborough & Whitby & no mention of Filey & surrounding areas. Concerns also expressed about planning reorganisation & that in future with devolved powers Parish Councils would have little input. The large budgets applied for left little for smaller projects like new street lamps as requested numerous times in Muston at a cost of £1000.

Cllr. Owen thought the forward looking plans were refreshing. However, the loss of the Futurist & now the closure of the Spa raised concerns. Cllr. Swiers stated that investment preference was for permanence rather than temporary measures. Investment has gone into conference facilities & events marketing as well as making the venue more user friendly. The Cliff Lift will continue to operate. Money is being spent on theatre refurbishment.

Clerks Report: Circulated prior to the meeting.

Additional points were that the Insurance company had been contacted for clarification on specific points in the schedule. Clarification requested on specific roles & responsibilities. Cllr. Allanson agreed to order the Poppy Wreath & a donation of £25 to be made. All in agreement – Proposed Cllr. Chalmers, seconded Cllr. McMillan.

Devolution:

20/341

Cllr. Riley – 2 offers, County or East – West Split. County option makes services very distant, split means SBC would address local issues as demonstrated by successful response to Covid crisis & easy access to local services. County option could see loss of local representatives through reorganisation as well as delegation of powers to Parish & Town Councils - ability to deliver by smaller councils.

Cllr. Swiers – A difficult choice for all. Regular briefings & press releases. Likely that York will stand alone & not collaborate with County. 144 minimum Councillors would be required in the County option with 2 County Councillors for each area (72). County provide 80% of services overall – e.g. planning, transport, schools, NYMNP. Currently Parish Council assist in delivery but Parish Councillors are not paid, issues of training & individual identity would need to be addressed. County unlikely to identify with smaller parishes & not all Councillors attend regular meetings which would be an issue. Important to retain identity of villages & communities.

Open Forum: Both Councillors thanked for their input on the complicated issue. All considered it to be a very rushed process & concerns that whatever issues raised not likely to be considered.

Current process allows spending of Model Agreement money to be spent locally. Would a similar process be allowed in future?

If Parish Council were given more responsibility would it mean more money?

Cllr Owen did not find the online forum informative & felt it unfair that Whitby had its own individual voice / representation.

The next steps will be resident's engagement sessions. How will awareness be raised with residents? Will there be further consultation / information with Parish Councils?

Chairman's Report:

20/342

Cllr. Owen reported that the laying of the wreath on VJ day had gone well resulting in a photograph in the local paper who are eager to hear of more local news.

Minutes of previous meeting 11th August 2020:

20/343

Circulated prior to meeting & assumed as read.

Proposed to accept as a true & accurate record – Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Chalmers. All in favour. Cllr. Allanson expressed thanks to Borough Cllr. Riley for his assistance in road sweeping in West End.

Finance Report August & September 2020:

20/344

No income during August or September.

Expenditure in total for both months - £1064.46 which includes grass cutting, salary, expenses & donation to Muston in Bloom. Proposed to accept – Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Waters. All in favour.

Planning: No applications received this month.

20/345

Standing Orders:

20/346

Councillors met prior to the meeting to consider changes. Clerk will update the amendments & circulate to all. Proposed- Cllr. Allanson seconded Cllr. Waters. All in agreement.

Roles & responsibilities clarified for Clerks purposes. YLCA – Cllrs. Owen & Allanson, Grass – Cllr. Chalmers, Muston in Bloom – Cllr. McMillan, Defibrillator – Cllr. Chalmers, Finance – Clerk, VAS – Cllr. Owen, CAP – Cllr. Waters, Village Hall – Clerk, Street Lighting – Cllr. McMillan, Church – Cllr. Allanson, Maintenance – all.

Speed Watch Update:

20/347

Request made for training & followed up, but nothing heard back. Clerk will follow up again.

Locality Budget:

20/348

As no further progress made with VAS purchase request made for £1250 towards purchase of memorial seat. Proposed – Cllr. McMillan, seconded Cllr. Waters. County Cllr. Swiers agreed to this.

Parish Issues:

20/349

Lighting - Nothing to report.

Notice Boards – Cllr. Chalmers has looked at alternatives & does not feel aluminium replacement would be in keeping with the village. Will arrange repairs to make current boards safe & will obtain quotes for new alternatives. Site meeting to be arranged to discuss requirements. Proposed Cllr. McMillan seconded Cllr. Allanson.

Carr Lane & West End – West End has been swept. Letter to be sent to resident requesting overhanging branches be cut down. Carr Lane will be discussed at next meeting with Highways. Proposed to accept both actions Cllr. Allanson seconded Cllr. Chalmers.

Commemorative Tree – Clerk will gain quotes for replacement & report back at next meeting.

Maintenance Work – Work on the repainting of the pump & benches will commence next week followed by the bridge work. SBC requested to repaint the street signs. Insurance policies to be checked for all future work carried out for MPC.

Emergency Plan – complete.

Items for Next Agenda:

20/350

- Christmas
- Speed watch update
- Maintenance work
- Devolution

Request for public and press to leave to discuss confidential items.

Date of next meeting:

20/351

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER @ 7.00PM IN MUSTON VILLAGE HALL