

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021 via Zoom.

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 recordings of meetings – it is requested that the Clerk be informed of the intention in advance.

Apologies: Cllr. K Barnett.

Present: Cllr. Owen, Cllr. Waters, Cllr. Allanson, Cllr. Chalmers, Cllr. Frodin, Cllr. McMillan, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk), County Cllr. R Swiers, Borough Cllr. M Donohue - Moncrief, Borough Cllr. P Riley.

Cllr. Owen welcomed everyone to the meeting. On behalf of the Parish Council, she congratulated Cllr. Allanson on being awarded the status as Honorary Alderman of Scarborough Borough. She stated he was much appreciated for all the wisdom, support, and guidance he offered to all colleagues who also considered him a friend. It is hoped that once restrictions are lifted the occasion will be suitably celebrated.

Declarations of interest: None declared.

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Open Forum: No public present.

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REPORTS:

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a) **Police Report** – Circulated as received. Cllr. Warters will continue to attend the monthly Teams meeting and update on information received. Next meeting 27th January. Will obtain further information on Operation cracker.

b) **County Cllr. Swiers** – Happy New Year to all. Appreciation was expressed for the letter of thanks received for her contribution towards the commemorative seat for the village.

- Locality Budget will hopefully be in place for a further two years. New applications for projects can be made from February.
- Likely to be a difficult year financially and plans in progress for the future budget.
- NYCC staff deployed to various areas & continue to make calls to vulnerable & offer support as required. Many working seven days per week.
- Likely budget increase of 3% towards adult social care.
- NYCC now established own company for Highways maintenance, many of former Ringways staff have been employed.
- Reported loose road sign has been inspected & a new replacement ordered.
- Cllr. Allanson expressed thanks for support offered related to caravan parking.
- Cllr. Allanson asked if a similar Model Agreement process would be adopted if single unitary authority established. Cllr. Swiers thought this likely as the aim was that no Parish would be financially worse off. She will monitor the situation.

c) **Borough Cllr. Donohue Moncrief** – Happy New Year

- Dealing with current situation & issues as they arise.

- Vaccination input increased & faster process.
- SBC have recommended freezing the Council Tax for the forthcoming year.
- Charges to be frozen – no increase in parking rates or brown bin charges. The aim is to encourage more users in these areas.
- If Parishes were to merge a full public consultation would be required and Parish Councils would need to work together to retain full benefits as currently covered in Model Agreement.

Borough Cllr. Riley:

- Benchmark, the company administering North Bay attractions have asked for an extension to lease offering to pay back some of £8 million finance deal.
- Cultural quarter merger between Museums & Creative Industry quarters. Aim to reduce running costs & launch partnership working with SJT & other creative sectors.
- Awaiting result of £25 million application for Town Fund for Scarborough & Whitby.
- Market Square grant refused as did not meet all specific criteria.
- Spa in Scarborough once again being run by Scarborough Borough Council.
- Personal congratulations to Cllr. Allanson & appreciation for personal support expressed.
- Cllr. Allanson expressed concerns about specific areas of Muston without footpaths not being swept. Requested clarification. Cllr. Riley will explore the ruling with Street Cleansing department, he thought it likely that if there was not a kerb could make the area difficult to negotiate. Cllr. Chalmers will photograph areas of concern & share.

d) Clerks Report: Circulated prior to meeting.

- Clarification on street lighting issues given. Information on how to report will be placed in the notice boards. Inspection of lighting will be made. Proposed Cllr. McMillan, second Cllr. Chalmers. All in agreement.

e) Chairman's Report:

- Letters of thanks sent for Christmas tree & its delivery sent.
- Suggestion that additional new lights be purchased to put on nearby fence in future. Cllr. McMillan will look for any appropriate lights.
- Clerk raised the issue of electricity supply. It is unclear who pays for this as not from nearby residences & no account ever been received. Clarification required as could affect Council Insurance. Cllr. Chalmers will supply a photograph of connection point & Clerk will contact electricity supplier to establish for insurance purposes once details received from Cllr. Allanson.
- Thanks to Cllrs. Frodin, Chalmers & McMillan for work undertaken on ditch / gully clearing.
- Letter of thanks requested to be sent to Millennium Committee for purchasing the selections boxes given as gifts to the children of the village (30).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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Circulated prior to meeting & assumed as read.

Proposed to accept – Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Warters. Vote taken, all in agreement.

Finance Report / Parish Precept:

21/381

Circulated prior to meeting.

Income of £1200 from Locality Budget.

Accounts paid from November 2020 to date £2156.00.

Proposed to accept – Cllr. Chalmers, seconded Cllr. McMillan. All in agreement.

Parish Precept – information & calculator circulated. General discussion on all aspects.

Cllr. Chalmers proposed that the precept should remain the same with no increase / decrease.

Seconded Cllr. Warters. Vote taken all in agreement that no increase be requested. Clerk will inform SBC.

A1039 / A165 Junction @ Muston:

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- Response received from local MP considered as positive. Response from Highways less so stating not many reports of accidents over the years. The aim of MPC is to move forward on improvements without upsetting anyone & encouraged discussion on the topic.
- With the current situation traffic is likely to increase again over the coming year.
- Increased use of café entrances resulted in more “near misses”.
- Layout of junction confusing especially those unfamiliar with the area.
- Suggestion of new road markings like the ones near B&M on Seamer Road.
- A165 only place in area with this type of confusing junction.
- Recent fatality raised the issue as a higher priority for many in the area.
- Suggestion of a speed reduction to allow more awareness to exit.
- Junction considered not fit for purpose.
- Request for Clerk to write to Highways again outlining concerns & next steps & ask what investigations had been made. No feedback received from site visit with an engineer & Cllr. Allanson in October - response required. Clerk will action & circulate prior to sending.

Planning: No applications received during this period.

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Parish Issues:

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Speed Watch

- No update received from Speedwatch. Probably not a good time to implement due to different road flow traffic now.

Woodland Trust Trees

- Next application period is in the autumn. Free trees & hedgerow planting available to public organisations if accessible to the public. Cllr. Frodin will monitor for next round of applications.

Tree Preservation

- It was noted that large areas of trees have been removed outside the conservation area. It was thought that the area behind Muston Lodge is worthy of protection. Clerk will contact Tim Burkinshaw of SBC for advice on how to progress this with the aim of protecting natural habitats which are currently outside the conservation area for further advice.

Commemorative Bench:

Currently being stored on a local farm. Once restrictions lifted new date will be arranged for relocating old bench and fixing new one. Paul Wilson cleared & cleaned old base free of charge. Thanked by Clerk. Cllr. Owen would like to use siting of new bench as a press opportunity with Cllr. Swiers.

Notice Boards:

Cllr. Chalmers inspected & a replacement required for the one outside the pub. Similar type to purchase commercially is between £1100 - £2000. He will provide a design & local tradesmen contacts for clerk to obtain quotes.

Maintenance Update:

Anne's Bridge & water pumps will be painted in spring. Request that Mr B Stephenson be informed.

Repainting / refurbishment of road names requested.

Standing Orders:

Carried forward to next meeting.

Items for next Agenda: Inform Clerk 10 days prior to meeting.

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Meeting closed @ 9.00.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

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TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2021 @ 7.00PM VIA ZOOM