

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 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: None received.

Present: Cllr. Owen, Cllr. Warters, Cllr. Allanson, Cllr. Chalmers, Cllr. Frodin, Cllr. Barnett, Cllr. McMillan, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk), County Cllr. R Swiers, Borough Cllr. P Riley. One member of the public – Mr C Day.

Declarations of interest: None declared.

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Open Forum:

21/399

- Mr Day informed MPC of the tasks he had undertaken around the village which included sweeping areas, clearing chippings & moving soil deposits on paths. He stated he would be invoicing the Council for work he had undertaken & wanted to know who to send his invoice to.
- He asked what MPC had been doing and mentioned mud on the road, chevron signs on Badger Bends, the A165 junction & accident that happened. He considered a new notice board was not required and existing one could be repaired.

Response to Open Forum:

21/400

- Councillor Owen stated that meetings had been held regularly and minutes could be read on the notice boards or website. Many of the issues were being dealt with behind the scenes and beyond the remit of the monthly meetings as discussed on the agenda. Some issues were complex by their nature and the Parish Council were acting efficiently and appropriately within the powers held by the authority and in conjunction with other agencies and departments.
- Cllr. Owen had contacted the Police about the mud on road. No warning signage currently available. Request for sweeping made.
- MPC were not prepared to discuss the accident at the junction. Communication was in place about the area with Highways, MP, Police, County and Borough Councillors and this was an agenda item.
- The notice board had been inspected and considered no longer suitable for repair. The decision to replace had been made at an earlier meeting.
- Highways were dealing with Badger Bends and new chevrons being sourced.
- Cllr. Chalmers agreed to meet Mr Day and deal with invoice issues.

REPORTS:

21/401

- a) **Police Report** – Circulated as received.

Cllr. Warters attended the recent Teams meeting and reported back. Sunny weather increases visitors to the area at weekends resulting in tickets being issued for not adhering to Covid rules. There is a greater Police presence during the restrictions.

There has been an increase in burglaries in the area, but the thief responsible had recently been apprehended.

The Filey area Facebook page is to be replaced by a general Scarborough Area page soon.

Concerns about the A165 junction were expressed of which they were aware. Suggested continued persistence, raising the concern with the local press. Inform Cllr. Warters if any issues need to be raised at the next Teams meeting.

b) County Cllr. Swiers

- NYCC budget approved.
- Will have a Locality Budget for the next two years. Applications invited from May.
- Will forward any future information on hospital review as likely to be more regular reports.
- She had received a response from recent letter sent to Highways. Design for replacement chevrons will be implemented once new ones sourced & purchased. Awaiting results of finance funding application in relation to King Hill footpath issues. Traffic Safety Team have requested clarification and update on Muston Junction issues. Will forward email to Clerk.
- Decision on reorganisation expected around July.
- Cllr. Swiers stated that the persistence of MPC was showing results.
- Cllr. Allanson enquired if there had been any developments with Carr Lane & West End issues. None to date but will explore.
- Cllr. Owen on behalf of all the Council thanked Cllr. Swiers for her ongoing support on the various issues. It was much appreciated.

c) Borough Cllr. Riley

- Current Council charges being held to support local Covid economic recovery.
- Borough Councillors will have their own Locality budget of £2000 each for small projects.
- Central Government money has been received for tree planting in Newborough & Westborough, seating & Wayfarer signage for Cultural Quarter.
- £22.5 million secured for Scarborough Area for Town Deal funding. Not for Filey area.
- As new plans developed for North Side he would welcome ideas of what should be built in the North Side of Scarborough Sands Development.
- Cllr. Allanson will continue to arrange a meeting re West End issues. He expressed concerns about the Mill Hill development encroaching onto Muston Parish highlighted in Local Plan.
- Cllr. Owen asked he make a request for the road to be swept from Cross Key Corner through the village.

d) Clerks Report: Circulated prior to meeting.

- Finance Regulations circulated for acceptance at next meeting.
- Amendments to website requested.
- IS a response to Local Plan review required? Details to be sent to Clerk.

e) Hospital Review – Cllr. Warters (recent attendance at virtual meeting of Care Quality Commission Review & was thanked for attending at short notice).

This is to review the provision of future local NHS services.

- Problems recruiting staff to the Scarborough area.

- 45 miles to the next A & E department.
- £47 million to be spent on a new Emergency Service facility in Scarborough to open Spring 2024.
- Stroke care unit had to close in 2015 due to staffing challenges. Now specialist care dealt with at York or Hull with patients returned to Scarborough as intensive care demand recedes.
- Maternity service will continue in Scarborough. More complex cases will be referred to Hull or York, as necessary.
- 30 new nurses are being trained at Scarborough campus of Coventry University.

e) Chairman's Report:

Adopting the Financial Regulations would be put on the next agenda & would be proposed to adopt. Please read.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 9th February 2021: 21/402

Circulated prior to meeting and assumed as reads. Proposed to accept as a true record Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. McMillan. All in agreement & accepted.

Finance Report: 21/402

Circulated prior to meeting.

Income – no income.

Accounts paid from during the previous month £403.66. Vat refund claim made for £1552.47.

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

For information Clerk circulated Income & expenditure for previous year.

A1039 / A165 Junction @ Muston: 21/403

Letter written with statistical analysis to Highways & MP, Police, R Marr, Borough & County Councillors & circulated to all MPC Councillors. Awaiting responses.

Planning: No applications received during this period. 21/404

Employment of Village Caretaker: 21/405

Discussed the possibility of employing an individual to undertake specific tasks in the village including general housekeeping, routine maintenance & projects. Payment, public liability insurance and the need for specific instructions from MPC for tasks to be undertaken prior to commencement all need greater clarification. To be put on the next agenda for further consideration.

Footpath Maintenance Muston – Hunmanby: 21/406

The pathway has become overgrown with grass & in places starting to grow over. Ways of resolving this considered. It is not a task Community Payback can be involved in because of speed / safety restrictions. A task force with Hunmanby suggested to share the work as both communities would benefit. Cllr. Allanson will speak to Chairman of Hunmanby PC. Concerns expressed about any damage that might be caused to the existing tarmac area & liability issues. Cllr. Riley will take photographs of the area. Cllr. Swiers agreed to contact Mr Santon @ Highways to establish liability & seek possible solutions. Cllr. Owen proposed this plan of action, seconded Cllr. Frodin.

Parish Issues:

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Notice Board – No update.

Maintenance Update – Work on Anne's' Bridge will not take place until Spring, Cllr. Chalmers will assess need for any repair. The pumps will be painted.

Memorial Bench placement – suggested that the base required be completed ready for placement of the bench around 7th, 8th or 9th May. Proposed to place near VE Day anniversary Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Warters. All in favour.

Parking issues – Cllr McMillan expressed concern about visitor parking in grassed areas & suggested chain link fence, rocks, flower bed as a deterrent. Discussed. It was felt a joint initiative might be considered with Muston in Bloom to develop flower beds. Clerks suggested that if additional help required Skills Mill could be considered as competitive in this area of work. Cllr. McMillan proposed to deter parking & liaise with Muston in Bloom & identify specific areas, seconded Cllr. Allanson. All in agreement.

Lighting King Hill – Cllr. Barnett expressed concern raised by residents in the area about poor lighting in the & it being a danger to pedestrians. Will be put on the next agenda.

Woodland area & trees in the village – Meeting will be arranged by Cllr. Allanson with Alan Tomlinson. Despite numerous efforts contact has not been possible with Mr Tomlinson. Clerk will contact again.

Meeting closed @ .845.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

21/408

TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021 @ 7.00 via ZOOM.