

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 @ Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: None received

Present: Cllrs. G Owen, G Allanson, F Warters, S Chalmers, J McMillan, D Frodin, County Cllr. R Swiers
Borough Cllrs. P Riley & M Donohue - Moncrief, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk). Two members of the public.

Notice of Meeting: **21/27**

Cllr. Owen declared public notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Public Notice 1972 schedule 12 Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act. Covid measures in the Village Hall outlined. Welcomed Cllr. McClusky to his first Parish Council meeting.

Declarations of Interest: **21/28**

Cllr. Warters declared an interest on issues related to hedge trimming in West End.

Open Forum: **21/29**

- Frustration expressed by resident related to lighting issues in West End.
- Streetlight had not been replaced after the original was removed from a house at a resident's request. It was requested that the light be replaced & stated that residents' concerns were not being addressed.
- It was stated that the general condition of the West End area was in a poor state of management. The overhanging canopy of trees were making the area darker in an unlit area, verges were overgrown & encroaching onto the road, grass was now growing in the centre of the road making the area look very unkempt, hedges required cutting back. Vehicles were now being damaged by overhanging branches. Request for arrangements to be made to attend to the maintenance of the area.
- Second resident supported all these comments & expressed concern about the area being very dark for anyone walking in the area at night. Wondered why the streetlight had not been replaced.

Open Forum Response: **21/30**

Chairman Cllr. Owen thanked the residents for their comments which will be considered & consulted upon.

REPORTS: **21/31**

Police: Circulated as received. Dates of all future meeting dates supplied to Police. No future Teams meetings currently arranged.

Teams meeting representative Cllr. Warters stated that issues related to A165 junction were discussed at the last meeting & Police will support MPC actions, 36 reported incidents. Filey Town Council offered support on actions. It was suggested the volume of traffic be monitored.

County Cllr. Swiers:

- Ward boundaries changing with new unitary authority. Issues related to small villages discussed as there will be fewer councillors covering larger areas – likely one per area. Working groups exploring this & outcomes required by November. Village representation essential to include consideration related to distance, sharing facilities / common goals. Important that people register to vote as the number related to local representation.
- Return of Cluster Village approach discussed. Face similar problems with common concerns making a bigger impact.
- Concerns expressed about little direct contact with officers based afar.
- Financial issues raised. If more responsibility for services going to Parish Councils both finance & legal issues need to be addressed.
- Letter to MP raising concerns about the changes & requesting support for fair representation. – Clerk will action.
- Highways department launched new in-house contracting system. Is now attending weekly online open meetings with Highways to discuss issues. Raises all MPC concerns every week. Regular contact from MPC recognised & suggests this continues. Is raising the lack of public charging points in car parks weekly.
- Concerns related to vaccination of care workers in North Yorkshire – 50% refusing to have the vaccination resulting in implications for the delivery of services.

Borough Cllr. Riley:

- Locality Budget funding is still available & requested support for ideas. Has awarded £400 to Muston in Bloom.
- Cllr Allanson suggested SBC purchase a Christmas tree for the village. Discussion & agreed that the three Councillors will arrange financial support for the purchase of lights & tree in Muston.
- West End Street condition discussed. He had arranged for the large sweeper to attend this week but agreed the area still required further attention round the corner area. Discussion on the area. As the trees causing issues are in private ownership it is the responsibility of the owner to cut back – Clerk will write to the two residences & make the request.

Borough Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:

- Suggested the Police Commissioner be approached for support related to the A165 junction. State the actions of MPC, speed surveys undertaken, safety issues, accident data, lack of promised road improvements, local support from the community.
- Issues relate to representation of villages in the new unitary authority expressed.
- Support for local funding of Christmas tree & lights agreed.

Clerks Report: Circulated & assumed as read.

Chairman's Report:

- Tipping of grass cuttings on Carr Lane reported. Cllr. Chalmers will put up a notices requesting people refrain from doing this.
- Residents at the bottom of Carr Lane request bank be cut. Contractor finding this difficult to action because of parked cars in the area. Date of next visit will be requested so request for cars not to park in the area & grass can be cut.

- Christmas Event – at residents’ request & support of all Councillors it was agreed to hold the event on Friday 3rd December. Clerk will book the Village Hall, tree to be erected the previous week, Cllr. McMillan will approach Hunmanby Brass band to see if any members can participate. Suggestions include lantern Walk, carols on the Village Green. Cllr. Owen will explore funding for the Christmas celebrations with Cllrs. Riley & Donohue – Moncrief.

Other reports: Cllr. Allanson thanked everyone for their recent support and kindness shown to him and his wife. It is very much appreciated.

Approval of June minutes: Circulated. **21/32**

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

Finance reports: **21/33**

September Finance report – Income - nil, Outgoings - £1443.17 over a two-month period. Proposed to accept – Cllr. Chalmers, seconded - Cllr. McMillan, all in agreement. Accepted.

Speed Watch Survey A165; **21/34**

As a result of Police & residents’ conversations & requests for action on A165 junction Councillors met to discuss possible action. To determine factual data MPC voted to implement a speed watch survey on the road at the MPC expense. Proposed to accept – Cllr. Owen, seconded Cllr. Warters. All in agreement.

Data strips will be installed 15th September for one week.

Village Speed Watch & VAS signs – next steps: **21/35**

Data analysed by all Councillors.

No action from Highways to reduce speed in the village. Cllr. Warters will make a request for speed monitoring vans & speed checks in the village at the next Teams meeting & present the statistics gathered.

Prices obtained from companies for Vas purchase – approximately £2050.

Cllr. McMillan proposed to purchase one sign for the Hunmanby Street site, seconded Cllr. Owen. Vote taken & all in agreement. Carried. County Cllr. Swiers offered to fund the purchase through her Locality Budget which was gratefully accepted. Cllr. McMillan will explore pre purchase information before ordering.

It was proposed that MPC will explore the purchase of a second VAS & seek funding support though other sources. Cllr. McMillan & Chalmers will compile findings from the study group – email any comments to them.

Planning: No New applications received. **21/36**

A1039 /A165 Junction update: **21/37**

Clerk will ask for an update from Highways on the action promised at a previous meeting – new bollards, road painting.

Cllr. Swiers has spoken to local businesses who are in support of preventative measures.

New Notice Board:**21/38**

Clerk contacted local firms with drawing plans & specifications of new noticeboard & quotes requested. Only one response at a cost of £2500 approximately & commencement in November.

Alternative readymade options circulated @ approximately £1800 plus fitting. Further investigation before decision made.

Parish Issues:**21/39**

Bin update -No update. Clerk will explore again.

Road signage – Carr Lane sign is refurbished & should be back in situ as soon as possible. Other signs in need of refurbishment will be completed in order of priority. West End will be addressed next. Photos helpful to identify type of maintenance required.

Anne's Bridge & water pump – completed.

Bench @ Mill Hill - Cllrs. McMillan & Chalmers will resolve.

Green Clean / Litter Pick:**21/40**

This will take place on **10TH COTOBER 2021.** MPC will act as MIB requirements.

Items for next Agenda:**21/41**

- VAS signs
- Junction update
- Christmas arrangements

Meeting closed @ 9.30

Date of Next Meeting:

TUESDAY 12th October 2021 @ 7.00PM IN MUSTON VILLAGE HALL