MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. Chalmers

Present: Cllrs. G Owen, F Warters, G Allanson, J McClusky, J Bailey, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk), 1 members of the public,

Notice of meeting: Cllr. Owen declared public notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Public Notice 1972 schedule 12 para 1-(2) of the Local Government Act.

Declarations of Interest: None declared **22/170**

Open Forum: **22/171**

Residence expressed pleasure that the chain link footpath had been trimmed.

Reports: **22/172**

a) **Police** – Circulated as received. Cllr. Warters attended a recent Teams meeting & met Adam Marshall. He will follow up Speed Watch application

b) **Cllr. Donohue – Moncrief & Cllr. Riley**: Nothing to report.

c) **Clerks report** – circulated in advance.

- Dog fouling reported to warden who will put up additional signage.
- Highways contacted about issues raised at previous meeting.
- Councillor vacancy advertised.
- Drainage Board contacted about issues near Village Green.
- Christmas events need planning & purchase of Christmas tree needs to be considered.
- Ideas for a memorial required.
- Vice chairman needs to be elected.
- Muston crossing will be closed 25 October.

d) **Reports from other councillors:**

Cllr. Allanson attended the local Let's Talk event related to reorganisation. He raised issues related to Model Agreement payments, local area committees and retention of a local public office.

e) **Chairman's Report & Election of Vice Chairman**:

- Request for volunteers / nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr. Allanson and Cllr. McClusky volunteered. After leaving the room a private confidential vote was taken. Clerk counted & announced the vote was won by Cllr. McClusky. Cllr. Bailey proposed that Cllr. McCluskey be asked to accept the position of Vice Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Warters. Cllr. McCluskey accepted the position. Carried.
- Cllr. Chalmers has produced more anti dog fouling signs.

- Requested that NYCC be contacted to clear gullies on Flotmanby Lane & Round Lodge – Clerk will action.
- Fly tipping occurred on Flotmanby Lane.
- Request for Clerk to contact resident at Arden Cottage to cut back the hedge further behind the bus shelter to allow maintenance.

Approval of Minutes from meetings held on 26th September 2022: **22/173**

Circulated in advance & assumed as read.

Proposed to accept Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Bailey. All agreed – carried. Signed by Chair.

Finance Report: Circulated in advance. **22/174**

Income – £5314.60 (includes second instalment of precept & Model Agreement)

Outgoings - £954.35

Proposed to accept – Cllr. Warters, seconded Cllr. McClusky. Vote taken, agreed. Carried. Signed by the chair.

Clerk pointed out that finances need to be monitored closely with continued rising costs and several maintenance issues which need to be addressed. A schedule of management and expenditure needs to be developed. All in agreement.

Speed Watch – A165: **22/175**

Cllr. Bailey continues to chase up. Cllr. Owen requested that this be removed from the monthly agenda and Cllr. Bailey will update as developments arise. All in agreement.

A1039 / A165 Junction: No update **22/176**

This will be removed from the monthly agenda and councillors updated as issues arise.

Clerk requested to contact Highways about concerns related to Halloween decorations being erected as they are a distraction to drivers. SBC to be contacted to request bollards to be placed on the grass verges to deter parking on the grass verges during Halloween celebrations. Clerk will action both.

VAS Sign: **22/177**

To be removed from the monthly agenda now that it is in situ.

Inspection on 28th October to address the early activation of the device.

Planning: No applications received. **22/178**

Parish Issues: **22/179**

- More dog signage will be put around the village.
- Ideas for a memorial for Queen Elizabeth II will be promoted on the noticeboards and social media and discussed at a future meeting.
- Village Green drainage – Cllr. Allanson stated the sides of the land on the Village Green needed clearing. The water flow is slowing and requires maintenance action. Suggestions for contractor requested. Cllr. Owen declared an interest and did not participate in the discussion. Cllr. Allanson proposed to obtain a quote from Michael Owen and seconded by

Cllr. McCluskey. A second quote will be obtained from Darren Newland. All in agreement. Cllrs. Allanson & Chalmers will liaise with the contractors.

- Gripper maintenance & pond clearance – The pond requires clearing as it is silted, willow tree and hedge in the area needs maintenance. Permissions required. Advanced Trees to be approached for advice and quotes on maintenance of the area and a schedule of work produced. Clerk will contact & Cllrs. Owen, Bailey or McCluskey have agreed to meet with the contractor. Once agreed photos required and Clerk will then apply for the necessary permissions.
- It is likely that a Christmas tree will have to be purchased this year. Cllr. Owen will explore possibilities with Mr Marsden. If a donation of a tree is not possible Red Cliffe Farm will be explored.
- Friday 2nd December will be the date for the Christmas Village festivities.
- Nominations for the recipients of Trott's Charity will have to be decided upon. Clerk will circulate previous recipients.
- Clerk will inform of date for a closed meeting related to the current councillor vacancy.

Date & Time of Next meeting: **22/180**

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed @ 20.43pm