

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. J McClusky, Cllr. R Hambridge.

Present: Cllrs. G Owen, G Allanson, S Chalmers, Cllr. J Bailey, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk), Borough Cllr. P Riley, Police Volunteer A. Skillbeck (part meeting), 1 member 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.

Chairmans' opening address: 19/23

Cllr. Owen welcomed all to the meeting.

Declarations of interest: None declared. 20/23

Open Forum: 21/23

- The bench opposite Harrys' Diner is in need of repair.
- Representing the Village Hall Chairman Mr Barnett commented that having read MPC minutes it was noted that there was a suggestion that the outdoor shed might be used to house a village fruit press. He informed the Parish Council that the building was currently being rented out and there had been enquiries from a local artist to use the area as an art studio and host an art exhibition. Housing a fruit press would not be possible.

Action on Public Open Forum: 22/23

- Cllr. Owen apologised for not attending the February meeting and aims to attend the March meeting on 28th March.
- MPC will explore alternative ideas to commemorate Queen Elizabeth 11.

Reports: 23/23

- a) Police – Alan Skillbeck.** An overview of events in the area. Advised for all to be vigilant and aware of on going scams being used. Any larger events planned should explore 'Martins Law'. A policy to deal with any acts of terrorism.
 - b) Borough Cllr. Riley** – This is the last meeting prior to Scarborough Borough Council dissolving on 31st March. Many agency staff are being used in the various departments. Remaining staff will be TUPEE'D over to the new NY Council. Regeneration projects are all in place, no money was awarded from the levelling up awards. The next round of financial awards will be in July. Cllr. Owen expressed her appreciation for all the hard work and advice he has offered the Parish Council over the last four years. All agreed.
 - c) Clerk's Report:** Circulated in advance.
- £300 from Locality Budget awarded. It has been approved that the money can now be spent on drainage work on the Village Green.
 - Local Ecology firm has been approached about undertaking an ecology survey around the dew pond area. To provide an estimate for the work photographs of the pond, surrounding area and grid reference is required. Cllr. Owen will arrange this.

- Cllr. Chalmers has met grass contractors to discuss tenders.
- Form from the insurance company circulated. Councillors requested to check for omissions, additions, changes & notify of any amendments required.
- d) **Chairmans Report:** An alternative for a commemorative idea is required. To be carried forward to next agenda.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 14 February: 24/23

Circulated and assumed read. Proposed to accept- Cllr. Chalmers, seconded Cllr. Bailey. Vote taken, carried, signed by Chairman.

Finance Report: Circulated. 25/23

Income - £2621.51, includes £300 Locality Budget grant & £2321.51 from VAT refund.

Outgoing - £390.70.

Proposed to accept – Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Bailey. All in agreement. Signed by Chairman.

Grass Cutting Tenders: 26/23

Cllr. Chalmers met with two contractors and toured the village to discuss the schedule. Quotes received and very similar. General discussion. Private ballot taken. Mr Adam Flinton was selected to undertake the contract. Clerk will inform him. All in agreement.

Planning: No applications received. 27/23

Parish Issues: 28/23

Dew Pond – Quote to be requested when photographs and grid reference received.

Village Green Drainage – Cllr. Chalmers will contact Mr Flinton to obtain quote for required work and related work at Sheep Wash.

Memorial proposals – Carried forward to next agenda.

Coronation celebrations – MPC does not have any proposals to lead on any events. However it will support any other groups that wishes to lead on the event.

Items for next agenda: 29/23

- Memorial ideas for Queen Elizabeth 11.
- Ecology report – Dew pond area.
- Village Green Drainage.

Date of Next Meeting: 30/23

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023 @ 7.00pm