

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: N.Y. Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief.

Present: Cllr. G Owen (part meeting), Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. J McClusky, Cllr. J Brigham, Cllr. J Baily, Cllr. R Hambridge, Cllr. G Allanson (part meeting), B Williamson (Clerk), Police volunteer Alan Skillbeck (part meeting), 1 member of the public (part meeting).

Notice of meeting: Cllr. McClusky 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:

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Cllr. McClusky welcomed all to the meeting & thanked everyone for attending. He would chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Owen initially.

Declarations of interest: None declared.

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Open Forum & action to be taken:

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- Resident Mr P Winter requested clarification on the recent notices relating to wildflowers.
- Cllr. Brigham explained they were to explain to residents the reason for longer grassed area in the hope of encouraging the development of wildflowers.
- Mr Winter explained his experience in this area and made suggestions of how such a project could be developed.
- Mr Winter agreed to develop a plan for the area, management and maintenance required and bring it as an agenda item to the September meeting. He will be asked to send the plan to the clerk for circulation to councillors prior to the meeting ready for discussion.

Reports:

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a) Police Report: Circulated in advance.

- Police volunteer A Skillbeck reported that scam incidents in the area had recently declined & it was suggested the community messenger app has had an impact on this.
- Approval has been granted for Community Speed Watch in Muston he is one of the officers involved in the delivery. It will take place on random days, random times, and locations. Appreciation was expressed for him following this up on behalf of the council.

b) N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:

- Appreciation expressed from MPC to Cllr. Donohue Moncrief for having arranged the meeting with Highways in relations to junction issues.
- Thanks to Cllr. Warters for arranging for the Police to attend. Andy Short, Matt Hazelwood, Darren Griffiths, Andrew Santon, Cllrs, Allanson & Warters all attended to discuss the concerns raised.

- All were sympathetic to the concerns related to the junction. Costs for a roundabout or traffic lights were astronomical. There are other junctions in the county of greater concern which would be prioritised for funding.
- It was agreed one of the bollards was a hazard and will be removed.
- Agreement to keep raising the issues of safety in the area in the hope of eventually having major changes made.
- Issue will be pursued with local MP.
- Residents on King Hill have been contacted by Highways aiming for a compromise on the initial suggestions. Once agreement has been reached work can commence. Cllr. Brigham declared an interest and made no comments.

c) Clerk's Report: Circulated in advance.

- All issues raised of concern at the June meeting have been reported.
- Dog fouling signs produced. To be positioned during the summer.
- Mr Chalmers has completed all the agreed tasks and handed over his responsibilities.
- New battery purchased for defibrillator which has also been serviced at a cost of £267. This needs to be replaced every 4 years. Funding needs to be explored.
- Notification received that the defibrillator had been used on 2 July. Change of Guardianship has now been completed.
- CaP meetings will resume on 19 July & Cllr. Warters will attend.
- Precise location of horse rider warning sign required. Clerk will be informed of required location.
- Model Agreement monies paid.
- Ecological report & DNA testing for great crested newts completed. Confirmation that there are no great crested newts in the pond.
- Parish Charter adopted by NY Council today.
- Draft plan of commemorative noticeboard received & circulated. Cllr. McClusky will gain quotes for September meeting.

d) Chairmans report:

- To comply with legal regulations the VAS sign needs to be disconnected for twelve days. Lock to be cut off and new one purchased. Cllr. McClusky will action.
- Cllr. Warters & Owen will determine location for horse riding signs.
- It was suggested that a budget be set for expenditure on any Christmas event.

e) Other reports:

- Wold Ecology will be requested by Cllr. Brigham to produce a report on the pond area for the September meeting ready for actioning in October.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 20th June:

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Circulated and assumed read. Proposed to accept- Cllr. Owen, seconded Cllr. McClusky. Agreed.
Signed by Cllr. McClusky.

Finance Report: Circulated.

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Income - Nil

Outgoing - £3486.50.

Proposed to accept Cllr. McClusky, seconded Cllr. Warters. All in agreement. Signed by Vice Chairman.

Clerk pointed out that there was still more than £4000 to be debited from the account. This will reduce the required annual reserve. It is important that no unnecessary or additional spending is incurred, and expenditure is monitored.

Christmas finance plan: It was agreed the Christmas tree was essential and MPC would purchase this. Cllr. Warters offered to purchase selection boxes for the children, Cllr. Bailey offered to purchase mince pies. It was agreed other groups in the village would be approached about supporting a Christmas event nearer the time, but MPC financial contribution would be limited.

Planning: To consider any applications received by the council. **68/23**

None received.

Parish Issues: **69/23**

Jubilee / Coronation Noticeboard

Councillor Brigham declared an interest.

Cllr. McClusky circulated draft plan produced by resident Mr Brigham & information for consideration. Cllr. McClusky will gain two estimates and mock-up of the proposed board for the September meeting.

Junction / commercial project: Concerns raised about the possible opening of a shop / kennels near Harrys Diner. No planning application has been raised and the Parish Council would not be consulted over licensing issues. Concerns expressed and received about increased traffic and access onto the junction area. Cllr. Bailey will follow up with NYC to determine if any plans have been submitted. No further information available. Will carry forward to next agenda.

Items for next agenda: **70/23**

- Dew pond & ecological report
- Jubilee / Coronation Information board project.
- Plans for commercial venture.
- Wildflower area management plan
- Outcome of maintenance tour.

Notify the Clerk of any additional items ten days in advance.

Date of Next Meeting: **71/23**

TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed @ 8.10pm