

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: N.Y. Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief, Cllr. J McClusky, Cllr. R Hambridge.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. J Bringham, Cllr. J Baily, Cllr. G Allanson, B Williamson (Clerk), 2 members of the public + 2 members of the public (part meeting).

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:

72/23

Cllr. Owen welcomed all to the meeting & thanked everyone for attending. She stated the agenda would be adjusted to accommodate a later item (9d) being explained in the Open Forum. All in agreement.

Declarations of interest:

73/23

Cllr. Warters – Wildflower project report.

Cllr. Bringham – King Hill footpath

Open Forum & action to be taken:

74/23

- Resident reported that the enamelling on the stone sign entrance required enamelling to be repaired. Clerk will report.
- Weed spraying needs to be undertaken near the church. Cllr. Warters reported this is likely to be undertaken this week.
- Residents from Muston Farm Store attended to clarify entrance issues mentioned in the agenda. This is not connected to the issues at the main junction. It was explained no accidents had occurred there and was not related to any other accidents in the vicinity.
- A letter was read out from the owner of Wood Cottage and the possible opening of a kennel business. Planning permission has been applied for. Development would be on an original stable block area. Not open to the public. Fully aware of access issues and admittance would be by arrangement with owner & client. Required licenses would be applied for once planning permission gained.
- The kennels development & Farm Store are unrelated issues but in a similar location.
- Suggestion that speed limit to be reduced to 30 MPH. This is a Highways and Police issue and not something MPC can instigate.
- Branches obscuring A165 junction signs – Clerk will report.
- Sign repair required at West End.
- Noticeboard outside the Ship in a poor state of repair. Cllr. Baily is trying to resolve this.
- Repairs to kissing gate required. Clerk will report to PROW.
- Large amounts of litter in the village.

Reports:

75/23

a) Police Report: Circulated in advance.

- Community Speed Watch has taken place in Muston. Two drivers caught speeding.
- Cllr. Warters will express appreciation for Alan Skilbeck's support in this at the next TEAMS meeting. She will enquire what the next steps will be. Cllr. Warters will continue to attend both CAP & TEAMS meeting.

b) N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:

- Thanks were expressed for recent updates on local issues and drawing attention to junction issues with relevant officers.

c) Clerks Report: Circulated in advance.

- All issues raised of concern at the July meeting have been reported.
- Wildflower report received from Mr Winter & circulated to councillors. Thanks were expressed.
- Major issues have been experienced with the website developer. Recently informed that the business has been closed. Clerk in consultation with alternative providers to try and resolve the situation.
- Highways have been communicating with the Clerk about the King Hill footpath issues. Informed that the issue is now out of the Parish Councils remit. It is an issue between the resident and Highways, NYC. Clerk will inform the resident.

d) Chairmans report:

- Letter from Mrs Bourne related to kennels development will be circulated.
- Concern expressed about the state of Annes Bridge. Very slippery, splits in some areas of wood, a lot of algae on the bridge. Repairs clearly required and costs are of concern. Requested permission to seek advice on repairs from Mr Chalmers and report back to the next meeting. All in agreement. The bridge will be closed off to avoid anyone injuring themselves on the bridge. Cllr. Owen will speak to Mr & Mrs Stevenson to inform them of the reasons and action to be taken.
- Dog fouling signs have been put in place, the problem continues. Cllr. Bailey will look at alternative signage.
- Cllr. Owen expressed appreciation to Mr Winter for the extensive and comprehensive report produced on wildflowers and preservation. She suggested sharing the report with Muston in Bloom and the Village Hall as MPC financial resources are limited. Clerk will contact Mr Winters.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 18th July 2023:

76/23

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

Finance Report: Circulated.

77/23

Income - Nil

Outgoing - £1451.85.

General discussion on the likelihood of not receiving the Model Agreement money next year and possible ways of saving money to build a financial reserve.

Proposed to accept Cllr. Bailey, seconded Cllr. Warters. All in agreement. Signed by Cllr. Owen.

Planning: To consider any applications received by the council. **78/23**

None received.

Parish Issues: **79/23**

Wildflower areas – Previously agreed.

Horse signage – Cllr. Owen will determine placement & inform Clerk.

Jubilee / Coronation Noticeboard – Cllr. McClusky has provided the details to sign maker and awaiting a preview of the suggested artwork and prices. To be carried forward to next agenda.

Ecology Report: Clerk informed that a report will be produced by the next meeting. Cllr. Brigham will arrange a meeting with Mr Flinton & Cllrs. Owen, Warters & herself to discuss some branch clearing near the pond.

Items for next agenda: **80/23**

- Dew pond & ecological report
- Jubilee / Coronation Information board project.
- Wildflower area management plan

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

Date of Next Meeting: **81/23**

TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2023 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed @ 8.25pm