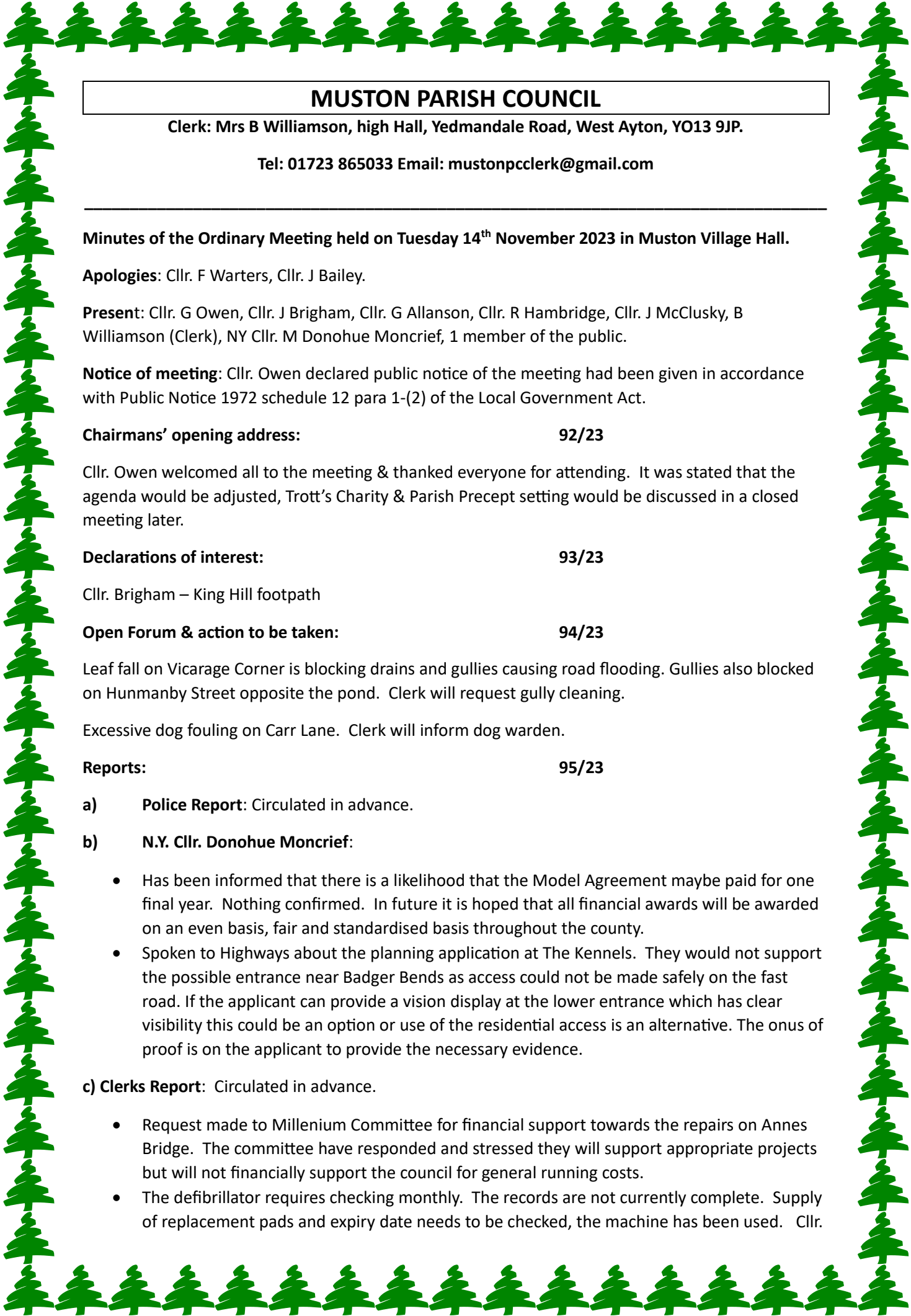




MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Apologies: Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. J Bailey.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. J Brigham, Cllr. G Allanson, Cllr. R Hambridge, Cllr. J McClusky, B Williamson (Clerk), NY Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief, 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: 92/23

Cllr. Owen welcomed all to the meeting & thanked everyone for attending. It was stated that the agenda would be adjusted, Trott's Charity & Parish Precept setting would be discussed in a closed meeting later.

Declarations of interest: 93/23

Cllr. Brigham – King Hill footpath

Open Forum & action to be taken: 94/23

Leaf fall on Vicarage Corner is blocking drains and gullies causing road flooding. Gullies also blocked on Hunmanby Street opposite the pond. Clerk will request gully cleaning.

Excessive dog fouling on Carr Lane. Clerk will inform dog warden.

Reports: 95/23

a) **Police Report:** Circulated in advance.

b) **N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:**

- Has been informed that there is a likelihood that the Model Agreement maybe paid for one final year. Nothing confirmed. In future it is hoped that all financial awards will be awarded on an even basis, fair and standardised basis throughout the county.
- Spoken to Highways about the planning application at The Kennels. They would not support the possible entrance near Badger Bends as access could not be made safely on the fast road. If the applicant can provide a vision display at the lower entrance which has clear visibility this could be an option or use of the residential access is an alternative. The onus of proof is on the applicant to provide the necessary evidence.

c) **Clerks Report:** Circulated in advance.

- Request made to Millenium Committee for financial support towards the repairs on Annes Bridge. The committee have responded and stressed they will support appropriate projects but will not financially support the council for general running costs.
- The defibrillator requires checking monthly. The records are not currently complete. Supply of replacement pads and expiry date needs to be checked, the machine has been used. Cllr.

McClusky will ensure the machine is checked and ready for use and collect equipment from Cllr. Owens house.

d) Chairmans report:

Cllr. Owen stressed the importance of councillors ensuring they committed to the roles and responsibilities they had agreed to undertake. If they were unable to attend scheduled meetings, please ensure appropriate apologies are made and any tasks required are completed as arranged.

Pond Work: Commencement has been delayed due to the excessive recent rainfall. Water levels need to reduce. It has been advised that the pond be included in a maintenance programme and reviewed every five years. The work is being undertaken to improve the environmental quality of the pond area. There has been no suggestion that the ducks or duck house are to be removed. Muston in Bloom informed.

Annes Bridge: Cllr. Owen has closed the bridge for the safety of the public and to avoid any accidents. She has witnessed a member of the public removing the tape. She spoke to the individual and explained the reason for closure. The resident did not agree and responded that the bridge was safe to be open to the public. Similar incidents have happened five more times. Unauthorised cleaning of the bridge has also taken place. A recorded delivery letter will be sent to the resident stating no further work to take place, the bridge is to remain closed until made safe by the authorised contractor. If any accidents do happen the resident will be held financially responsible for any claims as the Parish Council have taken the necessary remedial action and unauthorised action is not covered under the Parish Council insurance policy.

Cllr. Owen met with Mr Chalmers to survey the bridge and plan a course of action for repair. Cllr. Allanson declared an interest in this item. The Millenium Committee have pledged to donate financially for the bridge repairs. The boards will be replaced with anti-slip material. Much of the bridge required tightening and some replacement work is required. A great deal of cosmetic work is necessary, this will be undertaken in spring. Cllr. Allanson offered to donate materials to conserve the bridge, it was suggested that the Parish Council offer manpower for cleaning the bridge in the spring. The aim is to open the bridge within the next two weeks, this will be weather dependant. Mr Chalmers to be thanked for his help, support, and assistance.

Christmas tree – There has been an offer of a seven foot Christmas tree. Further enquiries to be made. Suggestion to put Christmas lights in other trees. Cllr. McClusky & Cllr Owen will liaise over this. Clerk will explore cost of planting a real Christmas tree for the future.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 10th October 2023: 96/23

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

Finance Report: Circulated. 97/23

Income - NIL.

Outgoing - £692.03

Proposed to accept Cllr. Allanson, seconded Cllr. Hambridge. Agreed. Signed by Cllr. Owen.

Parish Issues: 98/23

Jubilee / Coronation Noticeboard – At the present time this will not go ahead due to financial restrictions. It was suggested that if a tree is planted a commemorative plaque be placed to commemorate the jubilee and coronation.

Items for next agenda:

99/23

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

Date of Next Meeting:

TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024.

Meeting closed @ 9.00pm

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL OUR RESIDENTS**

