

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. R Hambridge, Cllr. J McCluskey.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. J Brigham, Cllr. G Allanson, B Williamson (Clerk), NY Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief, 1 member of the public, Police Volunteer Alan Skilbeck (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: **8/24**

Cllr. Owen welcomed all to the meeting, thanked everyone for attending.

Declarations of interest: None **9/24**

Open Forum & action to be taken: **10/24**

Resident suggested contacting the owners of Muston Grange about the possibility of donating / buying a rooted Christmas tree growing on their land for planting on the Village Green.

It was noted that the area in West End was a burglar's paradise as there is no public lighting. Previously a survey of residents had been undertaken by MPC asking for their views and opinions about the topic. There was a unanimous decision that they did not want a public streetlight.

A streetlight was reported as faulty. Clerk advised a number & ideally a picture of the location required to report. Cllr. Brigham will action.

Reports: **11/24**

a) Police Report: Circulated in advance. Update by A Skilbeck.

- Police contact details require updating on noticeboards -Clerk will action.
- Increase in rogue trading. Advised not to respond to notifications on social media. Use a trusted source.
- Speed watch once again in operation. Due to parked cars difficult to implement in Muston.
- Advised that if cars are parked on footpaths restricting access to prams, disability scooters etc. this ideally should be photographed and reported. This is currently a problem on Hunmanby Street (12 – 18) causing pedestrians to walk in the road. Will be followed up.
- Will clarify if TEAMS meeting is to resume.

b) N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:

- Final budget meeting next week. Likely increase of 4.99% in Council Tax.
- Locality Budget of £10000 has been retained for the forthcoming year for councillors to award to local projects.

- Cllr. Brigham requested permission to replant snowdrops in the verges. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief will clarify & report back.

c) Clerks Report: Circulated in advance.

- There will be a 3% increase in grass cutting for the forthcoming season.
- Safety check on willow tree on Green has been declared safe, the lean on the tree is a result of the way it has been planted.
- Various sources explored for the purchase of a rooted Christmas tree. These have proved costly with no guarantee of survival. Other options are being explored.
- Work on the King Hill footpath will commence soon & is likely to take two weeks to complete. Residents notified.
- Questions asked if the noticeboard is to be replaced.
- No interest received in current Councillor vacancy.
- The AGM will be held in April. Councillors need to consider what duties / positions they are willing to undertake as last year there were issues filling some positions.

d) Chairmans report:

- Concern expressed about the excessive dog fouling around Muston. Carr Lane, approach to Pitt Lane & Church Yard path badly affected.
- Sandbag store door damaged. Clerk will request repair / replacement.
- Clerk will report excessive flooding again at White Lodge corner. Street cleaner will help avert this.
- Debris on roadside on Muston – Hunmanby road is now at a level with the verge causing excessive flooding – Clerk will report.
- The large noticeboard near The Ship is unfit for purpose as it cannot be opened. Clerk will speak to joiner to assess the issues and clarify if it is possible to repair and report back.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 9TH January 2024: **12/24**

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

Finance Report: Circulated. **13/24**

Income - NIL.

Outgoing - £924.48

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

Parish Issues: **14/24**

Pond Maintenance update: Rainfall has deterred commencement of pond clearance.

Discussion of undertaking the suggested tree work was discussed as previously deferred. Cllr. Allanson proposed to commence the work, seconded by Cllr. Warters. All in agreement. Clerk will request Mr Wilson commence the work ASAP.

Annes Bridge: All the work has been completed. Mr Chalmers will prepare an invoice & issue to The Millenium Committee for payment. Thanks, and appreciation to be expressed to Mr Chalmers for his proactive approach and help given to MPC with the project and to The Millenium Committee for their financial support.

Christmas Tree: Cllr. Owen will ask Cllr. McCluskey to follow up the suggestion of resident approaching the owners of the trees at Muston Grange.

Items for next agenda:

15/24

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

Date of Next Meeting:

TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2024.

Meeting closed @ 8.25pm