

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Muston Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: None.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters. Cllr. J McClusky, Cllr. J Brigham, Cllr. G Allanson, Cllr. G Barnett, Cllr. D Frodin, NY Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief, B Williamson (Clerk).

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.

Declarations of interest: **48/24**

Cllr. Owen – Will not participate in discussions related to the grass contract as the contractor is known.

Open Forum: No public present. **49/24**

Reports: **50/24**

- a) **Police Report:** Circulated in advance. No issues raised. Report any suspicious activity immediately to the Police. Please report any unusual activity related to rented houses with occasional visits by individuals. There have been four major local drug raids recently.
- b) **N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:**
 - Update on Filey bus route service provided.
 - Clarification provided on the Green drainage issue.
 - Support on continued issue of Highways failure to cut the grass verge on the footpath between Muston & Hunmanby which has now become an annual occurrence. She has raised the issue with the director of Highways.
- c) **Clerks Report:** Circulated in advance.
 - NY have appointed an officer to the position of Parish Officer to support Parish Councils. He will visit some Parish Council meetings and aim to attend the next YLCA branch meeting.
 - A serious issue related to bullying of councillors and Clerks has arisen in the area with many councillors resigning and Clerks being off sick because of intimidation. If anything is experienced by anyone like this in a meeting the clerk or Chair is advised to close the meeting immediately. If anything occurs outside a meeting it should be reported to the Police, Clerk & YLCA at once.
 - Bollard damage @ Cross Keys Corner reported.
 - Raised inspection cover on Carr Lane reported.
 - Damaged footpath reported.

- Draft letter related to bus service assisted by Cllr. Donohue Moncrief will be sent.

d) Chairmans report:

- Cllr. Owen introduced Cllr. Dave Frodin as the new Parish Councillor.
- The bench near Pond Farm has been removed for repair and will be returned once completed.
- Quoted for the various repairs and painting tasks have been received @ £1600. Discussed at length. Proposed to accept Cllr. Barnett, seconded Cllr. Bringham. All in agreement. Cllr. Owen will contact the contractor and ask him to proceed with the work.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 11th June 2024: 51/24

Circulated and assumed read.

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

Finance Report: Circulated. 52/24

Income – Nil.

Outgoing - £573.79.

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

Planning: 53/24

ZF4/00178/FL – Proposed conversion of existing barns to form holiday rental property @ Blacksmiths Cottage, Hunmanby Street.

ZF24/00910/LB – Proposed conversion of existing barn to form holiday rental property @ Blacksmiths Cottage, Hunmanby Street.

Both applications were discussed at length. Concerns were expressed about further holiday properties in the village and major concerns about parking. Potentially six cars could be at the property and there does not appear to be sufficient space behind the property resulting in further parking on Hunmanby Street. Vote taken. 2 opposed to the development & 5 abstentions. Clerk will inform Planning authority that Muston Parish Council do not support the development of the two barns.

Parish Issues: 54/24

Christmas Tree:

All options have been discussed including a modern illuminated structure, a traditional Christmas tree, which is becoming a difficult option due to escalating cost, health and safety issues in putting up the tree and dwindling volunteers to assist, a smaller Christmas tree but this is likely to have little impact in the proposed location. The idea of decorating the existing trees with the lights already owned was the preferred option. Proposed to accept this option as it was cost effective, Cllr. J Bringham, seconded Cllr. G Barnett. All in agreement. To enhance the area a nativity scene will be created on the Green. Details and design to be confirmed at a future meeting.

Bollards @ Cross Keys Corner: The damage has been reported. Cllr. Barnett suggested additional warning signs warning of potential hazard. Clerk will explore.

Inspection cover, Carr Lane: Clerk has reported this as a trip hazard & will be repaired.

Bus service: Clerk will send letter to MP.

Muston – Hunmanby footpath: This is not the responsibility of Muston Parish Council, but numerous complaints have been received which the Clerk continues to report to Highways. Recent communication state the grass will be cut once a contractor can be secured. Clerk will contact Highways & Carl Battersby (Director of Highway Services) to complain about this annual issue and request that the footpath be put on a grass cutting schedule to avoid future complaints and make the area safer for pedestrians.

Items for next agenda:

55/24

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

Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER @ 7.00PM

Meeting closed @ 8.17 pm