

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Muston Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th October 2024 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. J McClusky, Cllr. J Brigham, NY Cllr. Donohue Moncrief.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. G Barnett, Cllr. D Frodin, Cllr. G Allanson, B Williamson (Clerk), 2 members of the public, 6 members of Muston in Bloom group (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.

Declarations of interest: 67/24

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

No other declarations.

Suspension of agenda: 68/24

Cllr. Owen announced the format of the agenda would be suspended for the initial part of the meeting to allow members of the Muston in Bloom group to provide feedback from the recent Bloom competition.

Mr Stephenson expressed appreciation to Muston Parish Council for their support and payment of the entry fee to enter the Bloom competition.

A summary of the recent report was read out. Chair of the Bloom Committee, Mr R Burnett was impressed by the hard work completed by the small group of Muston volunteers to ensure the village looked impressive, by the warm welcome offered to the judges. Muston was awarded 5 roses which was the maximum award available.

A copy of the comments was circulated. Points raised to consider for the future was that the pond area should be tidied. This is already underway and had been delayed due to weather conditions. A discussion on drainage in the area took place and will be reviewed once the pond work has been completed. A shrub is obscuring the village pump on Hunmanby Street, attempts to remove this are to be made. It was thought that the railings around the Church needed painting. The Church will be given a copy of the report in the hope this will be addressed.

Cllr. Owen expressed appreciation to all members of the Muston in Bloom group for all their hard work which had resulted in such positive comments. She stated the Parish Council will always aim to support the group. Copies of the certificate will be placed in the noticeboards and on the website. A framed certificate will be placed in the Village Hall. Well done to everyone.

Members of the group left the meeting.

Resumption of scheduled agenda.

Open Forum:

69/24

The two remaining members of the public were asked if they wished to make any comment, both declined but said they were there to listen.

Reports:

70/24

a) Police Report: Circulated in advance. There has been some change in staffing. No major incidents in the area over the last month.

b) N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:

Hunmanby P.C. are seeking traffic calming / control near the school.

c) Clerks Report: Circulated in advance.

- Poppy wreath purchased.
- The tree surgeon has completed the tree work near the pond.
- Environmental Health have been alerted to the rubbish burning and are seeking further clarification.
- Highways were alerted to the issues near Cross Keys corner, more specific information requested. Contractor attended for two days putting up cones & traffic lights ready for work to commence. No contractor arrived so the lights and cones were removed. No update available. Clerk will seek clarification at the future Highways meeting.
- There will be a new system for requesting sandbags. A new / repaired store required. Clerk will again request a replacement.
- Consideration for this year's Trott's Charity recipients to be decided upon. List of previous nominees circulated, and decision required at the next meeting. Cllrs. Warters and Allanson will decide on delivery schedule.
- Timetable and budget for Christmas display required.

d) Chairs report:

- Mr Gibson will commence the Beck work on Thursday. Mr Sutton has agreed that the silt can be tipped on his land.
- Warning road signage has been requested. No update.
- The public will **NOT** be allowed on The Green whilst the work is taking place to comply with H & S regulations.
- Contractors to be alerted to a flagstone beyond the bridge which assists with drainage issues.
- The tree work over the pond has been completed. In future when any tree maintenance occurs members of the public will **NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMOVE THE WOOD. PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED.** The recent tree work resulted in all wood being removed without any consent from the Parish Council, the grass has been damaged, and reports of altercations. This type of work is costly and an attempt to recoup payment must be made to assist in offsetting this with payment / donations for the wood.

- The pond work will commence next week. Silt from the pond will be spread on the cricket field.
- Flaying work near the pond will take place on Wednesday.
- Attended the Village Hall meeting to discuss Christmas display in conjunction with the village Hall Committee. Will join a voluntary working group.

e) Other reports:

- Cllr. McClusky has reset the defibrillator after it had been used.
- Cllr. McClusky has turned the VAS sign back on.
- Weather permitting Cllr. Frodin will clear the channels near the pond once the work has been completed.

To approve minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2024: 71/24

Circulated and assumed read.

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

Finance Report: Circulated. **72/24**

Income – £6434.55 (precept).

Outgoing - £1550.38.

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

Information of the forthcoming years precept were circulated. Councillors requested to consider this in preparation for a decision at the November closed meeting.

Planning: **73/24**

No applications received.

Parish Issues: **74/24**

Christmas display: A small working party of councillors and Village Hall members is to be formed. **IT IS NOT A PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE; IT IS A VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP GROUP.** The first meeting will be held next week. The aim is to establish a theme & budget. MPC will not be able to exceed £250 contribution, which would have been the cost of a tree which is no longer a feasible alternative. Mr Magson has volunteered to assist with electrical work / lights. There will be a scene on the Green created by utilising the skills of residents and props already held.

Bollards @ Cross Keys Corner: Clerk will follow up at Highways meeting.

Items for next agenda: **75/24**

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

Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER @ 7.00PM

Meeting closed @ 7.55 pm