

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Muston Parish Council held on Tuesday 14TH October 2025 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. J McClusky, Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. G Barnett, Cllr. D Newland, Cllr. J Brigham, Cllr. D Frodin, B Williamson (Clerk). 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.

Declarations of interest:

65/25

Cllrs. G Owen & D Newland – bench purchase, Millenium Committee.

Open Forum:

66/25

Resident raised the following points:

- Concerns about the road junction – often approached like a roundabout.
- Seat @ Mill Hill suggested a plant bank.
- Grass cutting between Hunmanby & Muston – Will not be cut again by NYC this year.
- Leaves have been swept in the village. Query asking if road sweeper would be returning to the village. Clerk will enquire.
- The gate post is the responsibility of PROW to repair.
- Uneven footpath on Church Walk is the responsibility of PROW.

Clerk will report both concerns.

Reports:

67/25

a) **Police Report:** Circulated.

- Meeting held with Cllrs, Owen, Warters & Barnett and Sgt. Holly Hornsby about the safety issues at the junction.
- Sgt. Hornsby's initial thoughts were that the road signage was not clear, road markings required repainting making them clearer, standard of signage was

inadequate & confusing, it was felt Highways were not maintaining the junction to the required standard as there was a lot of debris around which needed clearing, lighting was inadequate. Little has changed over the last two years. She will look at the statistics of accidents in the area. She will support action for change but thought lack of finance would be an hinderance.

b) N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief: Will circulate updates as they arise.

c) Clerks Report: Circulated in advance.

- All issues previously raised reported.
- Letter to Highways, C Battersby, MP, re junction improvements.
- Response received from S Chalmers re recycled bench purchase. Update will be given.
- Poppy wreath collected arrangement to lay wreath required.
- Tree work @ Chain link fence area completed.
- Decision on replacement payment of Model Agreement – 21/10/25. Attending meeting for specific information on 23/10/25. Cllrs. Owen, Barnett & Warters will also attend.
- 2 grass cuts left. Contractor suggested to save one for March for an early start to the season next year.
- Salt bins will be refilled. Cllr. Barnett will redistribute existing salt to alternative bins.

d) Chairs report:

- Contacted L Gibson re flaying which will be undertaken. Flaying of Chain Link fence area discussed. Cllr. Barnett will undertake this work.
- Proposed a separate closed finance meeting to discuss the precept – Tuesday 4th November @ 7.00pm.
- Planning permission for the bungalow was refused. No update on the propped 3 new houses.
- Thought the height of the trees on Chain Link fence area should be lower. Clerk will follow up & seek a reduction in height all in agreement.
- Appreciation expressed to Cllr. Warters for the work undertaken with the Police related to the junction.
- Invoice received for maintenance work around the village – will forward to clerk for payment.

e) Other reports:

- Work on the pond track was discussed. No quote received – will be followed up. Consideration on costings will be a factor.

To approve the minutes of meetings held on 9th September 2025:

68/25

Circulated and assumed read. Proposed to accept minutes of 9th September - Cllr. Barnett, seconded Cllr. Brigham. All agreed & signed by Cllr. Owen.

Finance Report: Circulated.

69/25

Income – £6981.47 – 2nd instalments of precept & Model Agreement.

Outgoing - £1435.50

Proposed to accept Cllr. Frodin, seconded Cllr. Barnett. Agreed. Signed by Cllrs. Owen & Warters.

Clerk requested consideration be given to setting the precept for 2026 / 27. Final decision on Model Agreement on 21 October & meeting on 23rd with further information. It seems there will be no funding for maintenance of benches, bus shelters, maintenance of public clocks & grass cutting in burial grounds. This will likely amount to a reduction of almost £4000. This will result in either the precept rising or reduction in services like grass cutting in the village. To be discussed at a closed meeting on 4th November.

Planning:

70/25

ZF25/ 00780/HS – Rear extension @ The Stables, West Street. Discussed & plans examined. Agreed to support the application. Clerk will inform planning department.

Parish Issues:

71/25

Bench repairs / replacement: – Update provided by Mr Chalmers who would prefer the replacement to be wooden. Discussed at length. Considering the financial restraints of the council it was felt it would be prudent to replace with reconstituted benches to reduce maintenance costs. Cllr. Barnett proposed to purchase the reconstituted benches, seconded by Cllr. Warters. All in agreement. Clerk requested to write & request MPC councillors attend the next Millenium Committee meeting to explain the reasoning & clarify if the Millenium Committee will still finance the purchase. Clerk will action.

Grip clearance: A working party will action 23rd November @ 10.00am. It was suggested an advert seeking volunteers to promote the event & meet at the Ship @ 10.00am. A list of tasks & a poster will be created & Cllr. Barnett will be the contact.

Wreath laying: Sunday 9th November wreath will be laid by Cllr. Owen.

Christmas arrangements:

- Tree erection 30th November, working party @ 11.00am. Cllr. Warters will arrange parcel wrapping.
- Cllr. Barnett will speak to electrician about the lights & checking suitability.
- Switch on Friday 5th December @ 6.30 with carols.

Trott's Charity:

Clerk circulated list of previous recipients & requested a decision on who will receive the awards this year for the November meeting.

Items for next agenda: Notify Clerk one week in advance.

Date of Next Meeting: - **TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2025 @ 7.15PM.**

Meeting closed @ 9.00 pm