

# Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council

## **MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 18 July 2022**

**Present: Cllrs H Gibbins (in the Chair), D Powell, C Pogson, L Moakes, S Holloway**

**In Attendance: Cllr R Blaney (NSDC), Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk and one member of the public**

### **1. Apologies – acceptance and approval**

Cllrs A Price and J Larwood send apologies due to holiday. These were approved.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Both the above sets of Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed.

### **4. Clerk's update (if any)**

No specific points were raised under this item.

### **5. Reports from Parish, District and County Councillors**

Cllr Saddington (NCC) was unable to attend the meeting and had sent apologies.

Cllr Blaney updated members on the planning application on Claypit Lane, and also the scheme of delegation which currently operates within the planning department. This scheme is subject to discussion about its operation, and whether any modification should be considered.

He also informed members that RAF Red Arrows, which is moving from its base at Scampton to Waddington may use Syerston for a period of time while the move is completed. It would not be the whole team, but just two aircraft which would centre their training over the runway at Syerston. If this happens, it would be for specific times of the day, and be in January, February and March.

### **6. Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **7. Planning applications:**

#### **a) There were no applications at the time of issue of the Agenda**

Members noted that a planning application had been submitted by Trent Valley Stables, but it was too late for the Agenda. Members agreed not to make any comment on this application.

#### **b) To note any decisions**

There were no decisions to note.

### **8. Finance**

#### **a) To approve payment list (circulated separately - clerk to provide before-hand)**

The payment list was approved. Members also approved a payment to Ionos for the domain name, expected to be around £12.

#### **b) To approve budget monitoring and bank reconciliation ((circulated separately**

Approved unanimously.

- c) To approve internal auditor's annual report and note and recommendations  
Approved unanimously. There were no recommendations to note.  
It was noted that the current Internal Auditor has now retired, and Council will need to find a replacement. Locum Clerk will seek some candidates for consideration.
- d) To complete, approve and sign Annual Governance Statement 2021-22, and Accounting Statements 2021-22  
These documents were completed, approved unanimously and signed.
- e) To confirm the period for the exercise of public rights  
Confirmed as 1 August to 12 September 2022
- f) To consider Insurance Risk Assessment received from insurers and note any actions required.  
Members discussed this document. One issue which needs attention is PAT testing of any electrical equipment owned by the PC. Locum Clerk will arrange for this to be undertaken. Additionally, the Council's Asset Register will be circulated for councillors to check through and ensure it is up to date.
- g) To amend trustees on Skipton Building Society account  
It was agreed to remove the former Clerk and R Lancaster as Trustees of the Skipton Building Society, and add Cllrs Price and Gibbins. Cllr Holloway will remain a Trustee.  
Members will consider moving bank accounts to Unity Bank, which is an online bank used by many parish councils. This will be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

## 9. Strategic Plan Update

- a) Communications – To approve setting up a new website to replace the current one.  
Cllr Powell presented a proposal for developing a new website, which would be more appropriate for the Council and community's needs, and also be more secure. She felt that the current website, which is owned by an outside body, could be vulnerable to interference.  
Members approved moving forward with this project, and further approved initial costs estimated to be below £60 + VAT.  
The current domain name will be retained.  
Cllrs Powell, Price and Gibbins will form a working party to progress this initiative and report back to Council in September.

## 10. General maintenance of the Parish:

- a) report from Councillor JL including update of kissing gates;  
As Cllr Larwood was not present, no update could be provided.  
Members discussed the need for a replacement gate on footpath 14.  
To be added to September Agenda.
- b) Maintenance of public areas of parish –Update on purchase of dog waste bins  
Cllr Price is dealing with this matter.
- c) To consider making a donation to the SGA for the purchase of a new bench marking the Platinum Jubilee, to be sited in the picnic area of the Arthur Radford Sports Ground  
Members approved a payment of £250 towards a bench to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

Furniture on the village green will be added to the September Agenda  
d) Defibrillator update of arrangements maintenance and monitoring  
Community Heartbeat has now registered Fiskerton cum Morton Parish Clerk as the contact for both defibrillators.  
It was reported that the electricity cost of the defibrillator at Fiskerton shop is covered by the shop owner, but it is unclear what happens to electricity costs for the one in Morton. This defibrillator is now quite old, and is no longer supported for repair.  
To be discussed further at September meeting.

### **11. Village Entrance Signs – road from Bleasby to Fiskerton – Update**

The Sign is currently being made, and the appropriate licence has been obtained.

A request has been received from a resident in Morton for similar signs to be installed at the entrances to the village. To be considered further at September meeting.

### **12. Recruitment of Clerk – Update on progress**

No progress has been made so far, but Cllrs Price, Gibbins and Larwood will circulate advertisements using the documents approved earlier in the year.

### **13. Date of next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Church Hall**

#### Agenda items to include the following:

- Social Events – December
- Newsletter
- Website
- Recruitment
- Defibrillator in Morton
- Village green furniture
- Kissing gate, and other gates
- Proposal to change banks
- PAT testing update
- Asset Register update
- Village entrance signs in Morton