

# Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council

## Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 20th February 2023 held at the Arthur Radford Hall

**Present:** Cllrs A Price (In the Chair), H Gibbins, D Powell, J Larwood, S Holloway and C Pogson.

**In Attendance:** Brian Powell (Clerk), Cllr Roger Blaney NSDC (part), Cllr S Saddington NCC (part) and four members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.

### AGENDA

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Moakes had presented apologies, which were accepted and approved.
- 2. Declarations of interest** - There were none recorded.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2022** - The minutes were approved.

#### **4. Clerk's update**

The clerk advised that he had experienced significant email and connectivity issues in the preceding days, which were ongoing and had resulted in several issues for which he apologised for any inconvenience. The causes of the problems were being addressed and compensating measures were put in place. It was expected that a resolution would be forthcoming shortly.

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

Cllr Saddington advised that Council tax is to be increased by 4.84% in the coming financial year, including an amount equating to 2.0% in respect of social care. Cllr Saddington also confirmed that there would be £200 per parish available for support of Kings Coronation events, and that other outstanding amounts were being processed for payment imminently.

Cllr Blaney reported that Network Rail had reduced the warning notice wording in order to simplify them, and that there were ongoing discussions.

Following the discussion on lighting (12 (e)) Cllrs Blaney and Saddington left the meeting at 7.25 and 7.45 respectively.

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

There were several questions, which were covered in the relevant agenda items.

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

a) 22/02472/HOUSE

Proposed first floor side and front extension over the existing garage.  
Woodlands Station Road Fiskerton NG25 0UG

b) 23/00199/HOUSE

Single storey side extension  
Woodpeckers Claypit Lane Fiskerton NG25 0UQ

After discussion and review, both applications were passed unanimously.

## **8. Training Update for Councillors (if any)**

Cllrs Powell, Gibbins, and Pogson will be attending training on 16/3/23. Clerk to follow up on planning training.

It was agreed that one person should attend the Derbyshire CC tree course at a cost of £140. (Chair to advise – Clerk and Cllr Larwood expressed interest)

## **9. Finance:**

### a) To approve payment list

No comprehensive list was available due to the Clerks communication issues, specific known payments were approved.

### b) Finance monitoring/transfer of responsibilities

The transfer of responsibilities was confirmed as being effective from 31/3/23. The clerk confirmed the Precept submission for 23/24 had been made in good time as had a Coronation Funding request)

### c) Appointment of Auditor

The Clerk advised that the Auditor appointment had been previously agreed, and that contact had been made to progress the audit for 22/23.

## **10. Correspondence –**

Nothing received.

## **11. 2023 Elections**

### a) Procedures

### b) Communication

It was agreed that the Clerk would present to the next meeting, as no actions were required prior to that date.

## **12. Strategic Plan Update**

a) Communications - including website and newsletter updates. A presentation by Cllr Powell had previously been made to the Chair and Cllrs Moakes, Pogson and Larwood .Cllr Powell advised that the website was now fully live. It was agreed that there should be a drive to ensure that website will be the primary method of communication going forward, with a promotional plan to publicise the benefits of the new site. Cllr Powell was thanked for her efforts.

b) Village Speeding matters – 11/1/23, under chair of David Colbeck – update No further update, DC awaiting responses. Any communications between DC and Notts. CC to be forwarded to Cllr Saddington.

c) Friends of Village Green (Residents Group) The group continue to be highly active, Cllr. Pogson to attend their meeting on 2/3/23, a representative of FoG was present (his question covered in 13(e).

d) Sports and Gala. C Gordon was present as a member of the public, her questions and observations covered in 13(e)

### e) Street lighting.

The recently installed lighting on Gravelly Lane was raised, inasmuch as there were additional/incremental lamp standards, and (as Cllr. Pogson confirmed) there had been no prior notification to the residents (or the PC). Residents saw the additions as excessive and unwarranted. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Via, N&S DC, and Notts CC and was receiving contradictory responses. He also believed that the additional lighting may be out of the remit of the permit used by Via.

Cllr. Blaney was consulted, who sympathised with the comments, and advised that it was a Notts CC matter. Cllr. Saddington committed to investigate and advise.

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### **13. General maintenance of the Parish:**

#### **a) Footpath updates**

Previous matters were still outstanding. The chair gave a brief update on the situation concerning kissing gates, and that the funding that was available was for the gates themselves, and not the cost of installation, which is significant. It was agreed that the matter would be an agenda item going forward and would consider the legal requirements and responsibilities for maintenance.

#### **b) Hedges and trees.**

There were three separate areas of discussion: –

*The dangerous Chestnut Tree on The Green* – The clerk informed that the necessary planning permission had been forthcoming and included a requirement to replace at some point.

Three separate quotations for the work (along with additional work in the immediate vicinity) were presented and discussed. It was agreed that the work be awarded to Midland Tree Care (the lowest priced quotation). Clerk to expedite.

*Hedging on the Green adjacent to Corner Cottage* – Previous discussions were briefly reviewed, and the owners of Corner Cottage made significant representations to support the work being the responsibility of the PC (clerk to verify in due course). The work was agreed, and three quotations were reviewed, being the lowest cost, NGS were awarded the work (to be done before the end of February).

Given the price differentials across the two areas of work, it was agreed that a review of the scope and costs of the ongoing maintenance of the Green would be carried out prior to renewal.

*Making good/safe hedges along footpaths* – It was noted that there had been some favourable outcomes following the distribution of some polite letters to some residents. There was some inconsistent feedback from residents, and a review of the letters delivered (quantity and content) was required.

#### **c) Defibrillator – training, monitoring and responsibility.**

Cllr Moakes was not present, resident Helen Boffy has agreed to maintain the 2 defibrillators, taking over from Cllr Moakes. The training was well attended. It was decided that the access code should be available in the phone box next to the defibrillator in Morton to provide speedy access.

#### **d) Playground and equipment.**

The Clerk confirmed that the cost from N&SDC was for an assessment and would distribute in due course.

#### **e) King's Coronation**

C Gordon (Sports and Gala) and a resident from the Friends of the Green made representations and asked questions. The Friends of the Green (FoG) are planning a substantial event, including a stage and live music. Accordingly, the level of funding was of significant interest. Likewise, The Arthur Radford Centre will be hosting an event. Discussions concerning content and timings were to be finalised and agreed and after some debate concerning the availability of resources in particular, it was agreed that an allocation of £500 would be split £350/£150, FoG to receive the larger share. Clarification as to the relevant details would be presented to the next meeting.

### **14. Date of next meeting: Monday 20/3/23, Arthur Radford Hall.**

