

# Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council

## Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 20 June 2022

### 7.00 pm at Morton Church Hall

**Present:** Cllrs A Price (In the Chair), H Gibbins, J Larwood, L Moakes and D Powell

**In Attendance:** Cllr R Blaney (NSDC) and four members of the public

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

Apologies were received from Cllr S Holloway. These were noted and accepted. Apologies were also received from County Cllr S Saddington.

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

There were no declarations of interest

#### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 May 2022**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

It was agreed to move items 8(Finance) and 10 (Casual vacancy – co-option) up the agenda for convenience.

#### **4. Finance**

##### a) To approve payment list

The invoice for AKA Construction (supply and erection of gates on village green) was not approved because the invoice was incorrectly addressed and a new invoice had not yet been received. All other payments were approved.

It was also agreed to destroy cheque no. 101208 (made out to Carla Hallam for £50 at an earlier meeting in respect of purchases for the jubilee events as she had already been paid in cash). It was also noted that cheque no 101206 made out to Duncan Cahill ('Magic Duncan') will be cancelled as he had also been paid in cash.

##### b) To approve budget monitoring and bank reconciliation

This information was not available due to the lack of a clerk.

#### **5. Casual Vacancy – Co-option of new councillor**

There was one application for the vacancy which arose following the resignation of Cllr Bronwen Magrath. The council voted unanimously to appoint Carla Pogson as a member. Cllr Pogson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

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## **6. Planning Applications**

### a) 22/01031/FUL – Clay Pit Lane, Erection of single dwelling on site currently occupied by a caravan

Members noted that this planning application refers to a site earmarked in the Neighbourhood Plan for development and that the proposed structure also meets the requirements for a small dwelling suitable for a small family or for older residents. Members voted in favour of the application with one member abstaining.

It was noted that another application had been received but not in time to appear on the agenda. This application will be discussed at a forthcoming extraordinary meeting, to be held shortly.

### b) To note any decisions

22/00600/HOUSE – Fiskerton Manor, residential double garage Extension – Approved by NSDC

### c) Any other planning matters

It was agreed that Cllr Moakes would attend a forthcoming training event run by Notts ALC, at a cost of £40.

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

As the position of clerk is currently vacant there was no update.

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

Cllr R Blaney reported that he would ask NSDC Planning department to call in the Clay Pit Lane planning application so that it can be decided by the authority's planning department rather than an officer.

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

Two members of the public addressed the council concerning a planning application which will be decided at a future meeting.

## **10. Strategic Plan Update**

### a) Communications – including next newsletter timing and costing and approval of payment plus website update

It was agreed that the new residents' welcome pack would be digitalised and put on the website so that it can be easily updated. This would also save printing costs.

AP reported that feedback from residents indicated that the parish council's newsletter should be no more than quarterly. It was agreed that the next one would be produced in September and would be put on the website with a few copies available in the shop and pubs for those who are not online or who wish to request a paper copy. This will also save on printing costs.

DP reported that she had investigated the possibility of getting a new website for the parish council. It was agreed that while the current website (provided by HugoFox) was free to use and contains all our documents it had several drawbacks - documents are difficult to find/read, events are not displayed in a user-friendly way and documents are not interactive. DP proposed a website from 'Go Daddy' which would address all these issues plus provide all councillors with email addresses, provide an app and be secure. DP would provide full costings for the next meeting but indicated that £250 would partially cover the website, app and email addresses for three years.

It was agreed to put this item on the agenda of the next meeting so that a decision could be made.

b) Community Spirit – Jubilee Events update plus plans for Autumn/Winter events

The council agreed that all three events had been a great success, due largely to the hard work of many volunteer residents. The parish council expressed their thanks to these residents. Thanks were also expressed to the SGA for the use of their marquee and to the sterling efforts of the Town Crier.

It was noted that events for the autumn and winter would include a cheese and wine event in October.

d) Residents' Survey – walking group and future plans

AP reported that the walking group is continuing to meet and that a 'Friends of the Village Green' group is being set up, mainly to organise social events but also to report minor maintenance issues.

It was noted that speeding and road safety generally was another issue which was important to residents and it was suggested that a residents' meeting be held in the autumn to look at ways of tackling this.

**11. General maintenance of the Parish:**

a) Report from Councillor JL including update of kissing gates

Nothing to report

b) To consider new gates for Village Green, update and payment

As noted in item 4 above, the gates have been installed and the PC is awaiting the invoice.

c) Maintenance of public areas of parish – update

It was agreed to purchase and install an additional two dog waste bins (making a total in the parish of five). These would be located in Morton, one on Wilson's Lane at the junction with Gravelly Lane and the other at the railway end of Gorse Lane.

d) OVO – reading solar panels

It was noted that the new clerk will be asked to deal with this matter.

**12. Village Entrance Signs – road from Bleasby to Fiskerton – Update with costs**

No update

**13. Correspondence**

Notts ALC indicated that they would shortly be running new councillor training but it was agreed that this could be provided in-house if required.

**14. Recruitment of Clerk**

It was noted that the clerk had resigned at the end of his probationary period. It was agreed to appoint Lynda Ogilvie as locum clerk and initiate a recruitment process to find a replacement.

**15. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. NOTE – There will be an extraordinary meeting before this date

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

18 July 2022