

Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council

Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 21 November 2022 held at the Arthur Radford Hall

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

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, Cllr Roger Blaney NSDC, Cllr S Saddington NCC, and one member of the public

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.00 pm

1. Apologies – acceptance and approval

There were no apologies for absence as all Members were present,

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Powell declared an interest in Agenda item 7(a)

There were no further declarations of interest

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Clerk's update (if any)

Clerk reported that the village entrance sign has now been installed and payment is included in the payment list. Also dog waste bins have been delivered and will be installed shortly. She will need details of their location to inform NSDC Trade Waste department so that they are emptied.

5. Reports from Parish, District and County Councillors

- Cllr Blaney congratulated those involved in organising the wine tasting evening, which was a super event and well supported.
- There is still a problem with BT connection in the village, and it is likely to be a few more days at least before normal service is restored. Compensation is available but must be applied for. A notice to this effect will be placed on the notice board.
- Cllr Blaney is arranging a meeting in Morton Church Hall with Network Rail, Cllr Saddington, Robert Jenrick MP and representatives of local parish councils to discuss problems with the barriers at level crossings. Date options are 15 and 23 January, and he will confirm final date in due course.

Chair asked Cllr Blaney for his recollection of ownership and maintenance responsibility for the village green. Cllr Blaney shared his knowledge of this, but said that definitive information would need to be obtained from NSDC,

Cllr Saddington attended the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Cllr Saddington noted that the County Council has now issued a consultation on East Midlands devolution, which she hopes as many people as possible will respond to.

Also the Statutory Health Scrutiny Committee, which she Chairs, is involved with the ongoing review of maternity provision in Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) and is inviting anyone who has been impacted by the service in the past to share their experience in confidence.

Cllr Saddington said she would be able to make a contribution to help fund Christmas lights. Clerk to forward relevant information to her.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

A resident said that he would be prepared to answer questions and clarify any issues in relation to a planning application which was on the Agenda.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

7. Planning applications:

- a) 22/02031/S73 Horse Shoe Lodge, Main St, Fiskerton NG25 0XG
Proposal Variation of Condition 2 attached to planning permission
21/01964/HOUSE to amend the approved plans.

Cllr Powell left the meeting table, and sat with the public, thus taking no part in the discussion on this application.

This development has received previous approval, and the current application is a scaled down version. Members supported the application, 6 votes in favour.

Cllr Powell returned to the meeting table.

- b) 22/01986/HOUSE Holme Cottage
Increase roof to form room with dormers, new front porch, roof over garage,
remove chimney and alterations including rendering

This application, while substantial, was considered to be not out of keeping with the property. Members supported the application, 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

- c) 22/01977/HOUSE Riverlyn House, Main Street, Fiskerton
Demolish existing garage and erect triple garage with studio space above,
changes to driveway, landscaping and layout

This property is in the conservation area, and has not received support from the conservation officer.

Cllrs Moakes and Holloway left the meeting prior to the vote on this application.

Remaining Councillors agreed with the comments of the conservation officer, and voted not to support the application on the grounds that it would be create an overbearing visual impact.

Cllrs Moakes and Holloway returned to the meeting.

- d) To note any decisions
None to note.

8. Training Update for Councillors, including virtual planning training on 6 February 2023

A link to the virtual planning training event run by NSDC had been sent to all Councillors. It was agreed that a sum for training will be included in the budget
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for the next year.

9. Finance

a) To approve payment list

All payments were approved. Additionally members approved the reimbursement of £147.90 to Cllr Moakes for refreshments for the wine tasting.

b) Finance monitoring

The current financial position was noted.

c) Budget for the financial year April 2023-March 2024 – initial considerations (Precept will be required by NSDC in February 2023)

It was agreed that councillors will consider any additional budget requirements for the next financial year, and send these to the Clerk, who will adjust the draft budget accordingly. An additional sum will be added for training, and for elections.

c) Website and publicity costs to be approved

All costs associated with the new website have been approved and paid. There may still be costs associated with publicising the new website, including banners. Chair to obtain quotes. It was considered that there will still be a need for paper copies of newsletters and other information for those who are unable to access the website.

10. Correspondence – email from resident re overgrown footpath

Chair will draft a letter to residents to remind them of their responsibility.

11. Strategic Plan Update

a) Communications – Update on setting up new website

All in hand, and still expected to launch in January. Some information from Councillors is still required.

Chair thanked Cllr Powell for her work on developing the new website.

b) Newsletter – update and approval of printing costs. Anticipated date 1st week in November

This has now been distributed and payment approved.

c) Wine tasting – 18 November. To approve additional costs for food and ticket printing including posters.

Costs approved under Agenda item 9a). 48 people attended, and it was considered a very successful event. Chair thanked Cllr Moakes and others for organising it.

d) Christmas Village Mingle – 22 December 2022. Update of arrangements, and approve costs

Council has already approved up to £150 for this event, but this is now considered too low, and members approved an increased budget of up to £250. Ideas for the event include activities for children and a possible visit by Santa.

e) Village Speeding matters – 11 January 2023, under chair of David Colbeck

Information on this will be distributed after Christmas. The objective will be to coordinate the concerns of residents which can be passed on to the relevant authority.

f) Village Green Residents group – 6 and 15 November – update

The meeting on the village green on 6 November had been very wet, and a second meeting was held on 15 November in the Bromley. Those in attendance hope to set up a 'Friends of the Village Green' group which would liaise with the parish council about all matters concerning the village green.

These would include:

- An audit of the village green to clarify ownership and responsibilities, including costs of maintenance.
- Trees to be assessed to ensure they are safe
- Insurance for volunteers to be checked
- Christmas lights to be purchased
- Hazards, including the 'dry' pond, to be assessed for safety.

12. General maintenance of the Parish:

a) Footpath updates - action by Parish council to homeowners with responsibility

As agreed, a letter will be sent to homeowners reminding them of their Responsibilities.

A letter has been received re a stile on a footpath between Fiskerton and Bleasby, which is considered too high. It is not known who is responsible for this. Cllr Gibbins undertook to follow this up.

b) Flood Group update – DP

Meeting to be convened in January which will start the preparation of an action plan.

c) Defibrillator update

Cllr Moakes has confirmed that Community Heartbeat can organise training, and three dates are being considered. They can accommodate up to 50 attendees. Information will be circulated when the date is agreed.

She confirmed that the defibrillator at the shop is working although the light is off.

d) Dog bins

These have been delivered and will be installed as soon as possible

e) Village Green Furniture

Parish Council has already approved a donation of up to £150 towards a bench.

f) Remembrance Poppies update

These have now been taken down. Cllr Gibbins suggested that individual poppies could bear the name and regiment of those who are known to have perished in the two world wars, and that those poppies could – as far as possible – be located near to the homes of those service people. Members welcomed this idea, and also approved the purchase of additional poppies for next year.

g) King's Coronation – initial discussion re celebrations

This will be considered further at the next meeting

13. Village Entrance Signs – road from Bleasby to Fiskerton – Update

This has now been installed.

9.25 Cllr Holloway left the meeting

14. Recruitment of Clerk – Update

Three applications had been received, and the HR committee recommended the appointment of Mr Brian Powell as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. He will take office on 1 December 2022.

15. Date of next meeting: Monday 16 January 2023, Arthur Radford

There being no further business, Chair thanked those present, and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.