

# Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council

## Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 26 September 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 three members of the public

### 1. Apologies – acceptance and approval

Apologies were received from Cllr C Pogson. These were noted and accepted. Apologies were also received from County Cllr S Saddington and Lynda Ogilvie (Locum Clerk).

### 2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

It was agreed to move items 8(Finance) and 7 (Planning) up the agenda for convenience.

### 4. Finance

#### a) To approve payment list

The payment list was unanimously approved. It was noted that the balance in the HSBC current account is £15,775.60 and in the deposit account with Skipton BS, £75,971.99.

#### b) To consider moving to online banking with Unity Trust and closing accounts with HSBC and Skipton BS

It was noted that there were several benefits to moving to online banking with Unity Trust, namely increased security (with up to three approvals needed before a payment is actioned), ease of changing details of signatories and administrator and speed of making payments.

It was unanimously agreed to close the accounts with HSBC and Skipton BS and open a current and a deposit account with Unity Trust Bank.

#### c) To Update and Approve Asset Register

It was noted that there are some items which need adding to the Register – 2 litter bins in the picnic area, Christmas lights (value c.£50) and 10 litter pickers (value c.£20).

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d) To Appoint a new Internal Auditor

Following the retirement of Barrie Woodcock it was agreed to appoint Mr David Dixon as the new Internal Auditor. Mr Dixon appears on NALC's list of approved internal auditors.

**5. Planning Applications**

a) 22/01687/LBC – Anchor Down, Main St, Fiskerton – Replacement windows

This application was unanimously supported.

b) Land Adjacent to Claypit Lane – Outline only

This application was unanimously supported and it was noted that approval of any full application will depend on the details and whether it conforms to the criteria of the Neighbourhood Plan.

c) To note any decisions

There were none.

**6. Clerk's update (if any)**

As the locum clerk was absent there was no update.

**7. Reports from Parish, District and County Councillors**

Cllr R Blaney reported that he and Cllr Saddington were still awaiting a meeting with Robert Jenrick MP and Network Rail concerning the repeated failures of the level crossing barriers, although he noted that there has not been a failure in Fiskerton or Morton since March. They would like to see interactive signs at the crossings which would provide information during failures and also information regarding train services.

**8. Questions from Members of the Public**

Two members of the public addressed the council concerning a planning application on Claypit Lane.

**9. Strategic Plan Update**

a) Communications – Update on new website

DP reported that four members had met informally to discuss the appearance of the website and specific features and that she was working towards getting the website ready to launch later in the year and it was agreed to spend up to £500 on the set-up. It was noted that it will be possible to pay for tickets to social event, for example, via the website and that the website itself will be promoted via the next newsletter and possibly a banner similar to that used during the Neighbourhood Plan.

AP thanked DP for all her hard work.

b) Newsletter – Update

The next newsletter is scheduled for end of October/beginning of November. The wine-tasting social event is now booked for 18<sup>th</sup> November with Ann Et Vin and tickets will be £15 a head. It was agreed to spend up to £200 for nibbles, soft drinks and other miscellaneous costs. LM will investigate potential caterers.

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**10. General Maintenance of the parish**

a) Report from JL including update on kissing gates

There was nothing to report.

b) To consider replacement gate on FP14

It was agreed that JL would prepare a spec for the proposed gate on footpath 14 (between Fiskerton and Morton) prior to seeking at least two quotes.

c) Maintenance of public areas of the parish – update on purchase of dog waste bins

It was agreed that the clerk would be asked to purchase the two dog waste bins which were agreed at a previous meeting. It was also agreed that a meeting for residents would be held in November concerning maintenance of the village green in Fiskerton.

d) Defibrillator update, including possibility of re-locating Morton defib

It was agreed to investigate defibrillator training for residents, to be held ideally at the Arthur Radford Centre – LM to investigate. It was also agreed to have an informal meeting with interested parties regarding moving the Morton defib, possibly to the exterior of the Full Moon Inn and upgrading/replacing it, if necessary.

e) Social events for December

It was agreed to leave this until publication of the newsletter.

f) Refurbishment of telephone box in Morton

It was agreed to spend up to £150 on paint and materials to refurbish the telephone box in Morton (owned by the parish council). JL to action.

**11. To consider investigating a speed restriction on Station Road from the station to the entry to Fiskerton (*request from resident*)**

It was agreed to hold a meeting for residents in late December/early January to gauge support for this idea.

**12. To consider possible means of deterring overnight camping and parking in the riverside car park (*request from resident*)**

It was agreed that, while very desirable this was a long term aim and one for which various strategies would need to be investigated. It was noted that the land itself appears to be ownerless and that previous attempts by the parish council to deter overnight parking/camping by erecting signs has resulted in vandalism of the signs.

**13. Village entrance sign – road from Bleasby to Fiskerton – update**

The sign has been made and is ready for delivery. It was agreed that DP will take delivery of the sign and HG will ask the clerk to progress the matter.

**14. To consider entrance signs to Morton (*request from resident*)**

It was noted that responses from the last residents' questionnaire indicated that only one person had requested this and it was therefore concluded that there was no appetite for this expenditure amongst residents.

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**15. Recruitment of clerk – update on progress**

AP reported that there had been no applicants from the advertisement placed with NALC and that the next step would be to advertise the position locally.

**16. Date of next meeting – Monday 17 October 2022 – Church Hall**

The chairman closed the meeting at 21.13

Signed as a correct record

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Chair  
17 October 2022

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