

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 28/4/2025

Present: Cllrs H. Boffy (Chair), D Powell, H Gibbins, C. Pogson, M. Pain. Also Cllrs. S Saddington, K. Melton (both part)
Cllr. Boffy opened the meeting at 19.00.

175/24 Apologies – received and approved from Cllr. A Price

176/24 Declarations of interest none

177/24 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17/3/2025 Approved

178/24 Clerk's update and received correspondence

N&SDC had confirmed to the Clerk of a system issue that had resulted in Council's recent comments not being properly uploaded onto the planning system. The omissions had been corrected, the cause was under investigation by N&SDC (Cllr. Melton offered to follow up). The broken fence adjacent to the railway line has been repaired. There is still an issue relating to the time clock for lighting at Fiskerton train station.

A request from a parishioner had been received concerning a memorial bench. (see below).

179/24 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Saddington reviewed her tenure given end of term and offered her thanks to the council. Items referred to included HM Queens Jubilee, road repairs, flood prevention, and rail crossings. Councillors voiced their appreciation of Cllr. Saddington's contributions.

Cllr Melton advised of a proposal by Southwell Racecourse to increase the numbers of meetings from 80 to 100 with up to 70 occasions with floodlights. This raised the issue with councillors of planning applications outside our parish that may have implications for Fiskerton cum Morton.

He advised that Newark and Sherwood DC were working on a new Local Plan to reflect the Government's new homes requirements.

180/24 Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public raised the possibility of utilising the Severn Trent Community fund. Clerk to investigate and report back.

There were several points from the community questionnaire raised, which were responded to.

Outstanding points from community questionnaire included EV charge point for visitors, bug hotels and bird boxes for the Village Green

181/24 Planning applications and decisions:

25/00489/HOUSE, The Spinney Station Road Fiskerton, NG25 0UG, PROPOSED DETACHED GARAGE

Support 1, Object 0, Oppose 4

Comments IF the height of the construction were lesser, it may have been looked upon differently

182/24 Finance:

- a) To approve payment list. - Approved
- b) Insurance renewal with Zurich -Approved
- c) Approval of proposed Internal Auditor Andrew Tristram of ATEECO -Approved
- d) To receive and approve draft (unaudited) financial statements for Y/E 31/3/25
-Noted

183/24 Policies for approval

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| a) Memorial bench policy | approved |
| b) Complaints policy | approved |
| c) Communications policy | approved |
| d) Draft HR policies for consultation with staff:- | |
| 1. Disciplinary policy | approved for consultation |
| 2. Grievance policy | approved for consultation |
| 3. Equality and diversity policy | approved for consultation |
| 4. Anti bullying and harassment policy | approved for consultation |
| e) Update to Risk Management Policy | approved |

184/24 Communications and website

Options to increase the parishioner take up of the website were discussed to include a QR code on our noticeboards, and to be reviewed as a future agenda item.

185/24 Speeding Matters

An initiative to be started to recruit volunteers for a speed watch group.

186/24 Friends of Village Green

“Fiskofest” preparation is progressing well but a financial shortfall is a danger. A collection pot has gone live on 28/4/25 and contributions are to be encouraged.

187/24 Sports and gala association

- a) **Receive report from S&GA** Received and noted
- b) **Update on funding** Letter to local businesses distributed, Contractor meeting scheduled for 1/5/25 on site to quote for remediation of playground grassed area.

188/24 Flood Group Cllr. Powell provided an update on developments. The Flood emergency plan was under review. An additional volunteer meeting is planned.

The flood equipment is all now in place.

A further potential storage location is being discussed.

189/24 Forthcoming social events No current update, but several opportunities under consideration.

190/24 Footpaths Stile on FP 7 now repaired by the landowner, who requested that local dog owners were more considerate.

191/24 Village maintenance Working group to be explored for improvements to footpaths, Cllr Powell to estimate costs for improving the path between Longmead and Gravelly Lane.

192/24 Date of next meetings: Monday 19th May 2025 at Fiskerton Revival Centre, Gravelly Lane 7.00 p.m. for Annual Meeting, to be followed by the May Parish Meeting