

# FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 16/9/2024

**Present:** Cllrs H. Boffy (Chair), A Price, H. Gibbins, L. Moakes, C. Pogson, D Powell, M. Pain. S Saddington (part).

**Cllr. Boffy opened the meeting at 19.00.**

**70/24      Apologies – acceptance and approval** – apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Melton.

**71/24      Declarations of interest** - no changes

**72/24      To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15/7/2024** – Approved

**73/24      Clerk’s update and received correspondence**

Email and website compliance:-

(a) WCAG 2.2 compliance (.gov.uk) – The clerk advised of several “reminders” of October compliance deadlines. Cllr. Powell reported that, on investigation, the website was already Accessible Compliant. Furthermore, the “dot Gov” email addresses were at a cost both initial and ongoing. It was agreed that there should be further assessment prior to any commitment.

(b) ICO update – The Clerk reported that contact had been established with the ICO offices, and that despite initial registration in 2019, it had neither been kept up to date, or had subscriptions been properly made. The Clerk has corrected this situation, with details updated and payment set up by DD (obtaining a discount) There were no arrears to pay.

**74/24      Reports from District and County Councillors** – Cllr.

Saddington gave a brief update on planning matters and presented an “Age UK” poster concerning energy advice. (Council agreed to display same).

Cllr. Saddington reminded that contributions to local events were still available in appropriate circumstances.

**75/24      Questions from Members of the Public** – none present

**76/24      Planning applications and decisions:** - no action required

**77/24      Finance:**

**a) To approve payment list** and determine future contribution liability for Churchyard maintenance, if any. The payments list (amended for typo) was approved. Clerk to correspond with the PCC to advise that Council are

mind to make future contributions on a year-on-year basis, subject to budget constraints and approval. The latest PCC financials were also to be requested.

**b) Income and expenditure** Clerk advised of the latest balances, and that the second tranche of the Precept was due at end September. A full quarterly review would be presented at the October meeting.

**c) Budget preparation update** – based upon the Quarterly report, a budget discussion paper would be prepared for the next meeting. This to be considered alongside the Business plan.

**78/24 Governance: To review and approve the following**

**DRAFT documents:-**

- (a) **Data Protection policy** - approved
- (b) **Records retention policy** - approved
- (c) **Freedom of Information publication** – approved
- (d) **Councillor code of conduct** – approved

**79/24 Business Plan and survey** – An initial meeting had taken place, the next due on 4/11/24. The survey was discussed and agreed, to be issued/publicised from 17/9/24, with an end date of 31/10/24.

**80/24 Communications and website** - Cllr. Powell reported 264 hits in the last 30-day period but pointed out that there was a gradual decline becoming apparent.

**81/24 Friends of Village Green** – Cllr Pogson advised that following the very successful summer event, it had become evident that more formal processes were required and that more volunteers were needed. Cllr Pogson was to take the Chair at the next meeting, where the event for Christmas was to be determined. The hedges would need to be cut again before Christmas ready for the light display on 7<sup>th</sup> December. She advised that a broken seat on the Green could be easily repaired and she had this in hand.

**82/24 Sports and gala association** - A report from the S&GA was received and discussed. Council agreed to make a retrospective contribution to the summer event of £200.00, the Clerk was instructed to make the S&GA aware and of the correct process going forward. Councillor Price agreed to reiterate this at her forthcoming meeting.

The difficult circumstances facing the S&GA were noted.

Cllr. Pain reported on the playground equipment, and that the first stage was to remove the climbing frame (there is a plan in place), and that once completed bids could be sought for replacement equipment.

**83/24 Flood Group** – Cllrs. Moakes and Powell reported that the recent meeting with new volunteers was disappointing in terms of numbers and commitment. As a consequence, along with logistics and lack of interest generally at this time, the larger “village meeting” would have to be cancelled.

The volunteers that did attend however had contributed to a full drain survey, reporting any issues on MyNotts App, which should make a positive contribution. There had been reinforcement training at Castle House. Communication concerning grants for flood related storage was expected (Clerk to monitor and report) It had become apparent that an initial investment was necessary in order to support the team going forward, including a dedicated “floodline” simple mobile phone and printing costs.  
Council approved an initial £300.00 for these purposes.

**84/24      Forthcoming social events –** Whilst the council do not yet have any events planned, it was reiterated that Council will continue to appropriately support other community events.

**85/24      Footpaths**

Signage – Cllr Gibbins presented “countryside code” signage for footpath posts, and it was agreed that this initiative should be progressed.

Bus stop – Whilst the main bus stop had been quickly repaired, NCC were still to respond concerning the other Station Road stop. Clerk to chase again.

Bridge safety - Clerk reported that NCC had responded to his communication, had visited and had agreed that further investigation and remedial work was required. A potential risk to F4RN and BT cabling had been identified, and NCC were appraising the need for closure.

**86/24      Village maintenance**

Handyman – Only one person had volunteered so far. It was understood that there were other individuals who may be willing to help with specific tasks if approached. It was agreed that a list of priority tasks should be compiled.

Morton P Box – A consensus was reached that this should be included on the above list, although a professional outside contractor may be more appropriate.

Tree survey – It was agreed that quotes should be obtained for such.

**87/24      Date of next meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October Fiskerton  
Revival Centre, Gravelly Lane 7.00 p.m.**