

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21/10/2024

Present: Cllrs H. Boffy (Chair), H. Gibbins, L. Moakes, D Powell, K Melton (part).

Cllr. Boffy opened the meeting at 19.00.

88/24. Apologies – acceptance and approval Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Price, Pain, Pogson and Saddington.

89/24. Declarations of interest Cllr. Pain advised by email of an amendment, removing an interest.

90/24. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16/9/2024. Approved

91/24. Clerk's update and received correspondence

Badger Sett – Notification from a contractor of work to be undertaken in the proximity of a Badger Sett was noted, and that Council would monitor. The legal responsibilities of the contractor are clear and widely available.

Meeting protocol – some concerns had been raised concerning time over runs. It was decided that the situation would be monitored and reviewed, with no timetable enforcement or “guillotine” action to be implemented at the present.

92/24. Reports from District and County Councillors. Cllr. Melton advised of portfolio changes, and of an initiative concerning tree planting. There was nothing to report that specifically related to FCMPC.

93/24. Questions from Members of the Public None present.

94/24. Planning applications and decisions:

There were no applications to review

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95/24. Finance:

To approve payment list – approved

Income and expenditure – received and noted. It was agreed to adopt the forecast as the revised budget for Y/E 31/3/25.

Budget preparation The first draft budget was received, with challenges to some of the assumptions. It was agreed that a second draft would be issued after the results of the community survey were received, and in time for discussion/agreement at the next meeting of Council.

96/24. Governance: To review and approve the following DRAFT documents

Investment Strategy. Approved.

Risk management Policy and procedure. – Approved, and to include quarterly reviews.

Creation of HR Committee and terms of reference. Approved, committee membership to be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

97/24. Communications and website The decision concerning email addresses was to make no changes at the present, the existing website hosting was agreed to be renewed.

98/24. Friends of Village Green There was no update, it was agreed that it would be appropriate to trim the hedges in November, in readiness for the Christmas period. Quotes to be obtained.

99/24. Sports and gala association A report from the S&GA was received and noted with concern. It was noted that the event for Christmas was to be on 23rd. November.

100/24. Flood Group – It was agreed that options for grant utilisation would be considered. The dedicated mobile phone had been acquired. The leaflets were in for print and would be distributed forthwith.

101/24. Forthcoming social events There are not any Council run events planned yet, but options would be considered in the coming weeks, so as to not compromise other events already in planning. It was agree to ask Cllr Saddington for £200 for SAGA Halloween Party

102/24. Footpaths It was noted that the footbridge previously noted was in deterioration, and that there was no update from Highways. Clerk to monitor.

103/24. Village maintenance – No additional items were forthcoming. Clerk to formulate opportunities and seek quotes for the telephone box in Morton.

104/24. Speeding survey review no update

105/24. Date of next meeting: Monday 18th November at Fiskerton Revival Centre, Gravelly Lane 7.00 p.m.

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