

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 16 June 2025

7pm at Fiskerton Revival Centre

Present: Cllrs H Boffy (in the Chair), H Gibbins, M Pain, C Pogson, D Powell and A Price.

In Attendance: Cllr K Melton (NSDC) and Cllr S Saddington (Notts CC)

25/025 Apologies – Acceptance and Approval

There were no apologies. It was noted that the clerk was absent due to sickness.

25/026 Declarations of interest

Cllrs Pain and Pogson both declared an interest in item 8

25/027 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 May 2025

The Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record

25/028 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 May 2020

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25/029 Clerk's Update and received correspondence

In the absence of the Clerk there was none

25/030 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Melton reported that he had attended an East Midlands Connect Stakeholders Board Meeting at which the issue of the efficiency of the rail crossing barriers had been raised. The senior manager from Network Rail present said that he would be happy to attend an in-person meeting and this will be pursued by Cllr Melton. Cllr Melton added that East Midlands Rail had donated £148k to charitable funds in communities along the Lincoln to Nottingham Line in 2024 and this might be a future source of funding. He also reported that East Midlands Rail are considering refurbishing stations on this line. He then updated the meeting on the progress of the solar farm application at Kelham. An appeal against the decision not to allow the solar farm will be heard in October and the District Council is currently seeking planning

consultants to represent them. In answer to a question concerning apparent work at the farm Cllr Melton replied that this is early-stage archaeological work prior to a possible A46 bypass. Cllr Melton was thanked for his report.

Cllr Saddington referred to Cllr Melton's report and said that a meeting between all local parish councils along the railway line and representatives of Network Rail was needed to address the issue of the barriers getting stuck down. With regard to the dualling of the A46, she said that funding from central government was now an issue but it was possible that the East Midlands Mayor might support it. Cllr Saddington was thanked for her report.

As a result of these reports it was agreed to consider a meeting with Network Rail on the next parish council agenda.

25/031 Questions from members of the public

There were none

25/032 Planning Applications

25/00771/HOUSE, Morton Farm, Main St, Morton. Conversion and alterations to attached outbuilding. Re-roof outbuilding and garage including new rooflights in outbuilding. New timber porch.

Cllrs Pain and Pogson declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting.

Rejected by 4 votes to 0 with 0 abstentions. It was felt that the application would be supported if it did not impinge on access to the neighbouring driveway.

25/033 Finance

a) To approve payment list – Approved

b) To receive the Internal Audit Conclusion and Checklist – It was noted that the Internal Auditor had given the PC a clean bill of health and the Clerk was thanked for his hard work.

c) To receive the 24/25 Internal Audit Report – Read and accepted

d) To approve and sign the 24/25 Certificate of Exemption - Approved

e) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – Approved

f) To approve the 24/25 Accounting Statements – Approved

25/034 Policies for Approval

Following the employee consultation period the following were confirmed: Disciplinary Policy, Grievance Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy and Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy. It was agreed to amend the draft Grants Policy to refer to a maximum of 2 applications per organisation per annum, and the policy was approved .

25/035 Communications and Website

Nothing to report

25/036 Speeding Matters

Nothing to report

25/037 Friends of the Village Green

Cllr Pogson confirmed that arrangements for Fiskofest 25 were all in hand. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to VIA concerning a potentially dangerous tree branch on the verge next to the village green.

25/038 Sports and Gala Association

A report from the SGA concerning the playground was received and considered. It was unanimously agreed that, in the light of the report, the council would have to close the playground with immediate effect pending a full playground inspection. The closure would be actioned the following day.

25/039 Flood Group

Cllr Powell confirm that the storage shed is now in place at the Arthur Radford Sports Ground and the equipment will be moved there shortly. A padlock was required.

25/040 Forthcoming Social Events

There were none

25/041 Footpaths Update

Cllr Gibbins reported that she was still awaiting a response from VIA following an enquiry regarding their planned maintenance schedule.

25/042 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report

25/043 Date of next Meeting: Monday 21st July 2025, 7pm at Fiskerton Revival Centre