

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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CLERK'S NOTES OF MORTON & HANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL **MEETING: TUESDAY 29th November 2022**

In Attendance: Cllrs.: B. Hyde (Chairman), W. Lawrance, S. Reynolds, K. Morris, M. Tuohy,

Also in attendance: D & CC. Cllr. S. Woolley, N. Walker (Clerk & R.F.O.)

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance and no questions submitted prior to the meeting.

7.30pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (or at the conclusion of Public Forum)

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs: R. Wells, M. Mumby, M. Harris, S. Hardy, A. Morris, A. Tilley, CC. Cllr. M. Hill

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

N. Walker, Clerk. Item 8 on the agenda.

3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2022 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. K. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Tuohy, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on 6th September 2022 were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. B. Hyde.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

1 case of fly tipping. Reported & removed by SKDC.

Chairman mid-year audit completed. No issues.

Proposed Parish Council meeting dates for 2023 (attached).

Tenders to be requested for: 3-year utility grass cutting (parish verges plus playing field, 3 year cemetery maintenance, 3 year playing field litter collection. Note: School element will not be included due to a separate unified schools' contract.)

No notice received re: The Pastures S106 payment.

Correspondence:

Grass cutting grant invitation for 2023/4 received, completed and returned to Highways.

Notice of payment of grass cutting grant (2022/23)

Notice of ½ year litter picking grant received.

Bill received for church clock repair (part) but call-out waived.

Notice of 6-month rule from Democratic Services Elections team.

5. TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUDGET:

Payments:

Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 17/9 to 8/10	£ 76.80
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for September.	£ 469.87
Malc. Firth L/scapes	Grass cutting for September.	£ 674.10
Morton Village Hall	October PC Meeting.	£ 10.00
Malc. Firth L/scapes/	Grass cutting for October.	£ 674.10
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 14/10 to 4/11	£ 76.80

Total payments in period= £ 1,981.67

Following a proposal by Cllr. W. Lawrance, seconded by Cllr. M. Tuohy, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

Cemetery	Interment of ashes.	£ 125.00
Cemetery	Ex. Right, mem. & ashes interment.	£ 300.00
Cemetery	Ex. Right & interment of ashes.	£ 165.00
Cemetery	Interment of ashes.	£ 125.00
Mrs. Louth	Hanthorpe Allotment ½ yr. rent.	£ 40.00
LCC Highways	Grass cutting grant.	£ 1,387.55
SKDC	½ yr. Litter picking grant.	£ 463.32

Total receipts in period= £ 2,605.87

Note: Last 2 items (grants) to be confirmed on receipt of November (8th Dec.) bank statement.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

No applications received in period.

Decisions:

S22/1281 24 Edenham Rd. PE10 0RB Erection of open front agricultural store. **Granted**

S22/1855 14 East Lane, Morton. Removal of 2 trees in conservation area. **Work Allowed**

S22/1978 Manor farm, 38 High St. Morton. Tree height Reduction (x3) **Work Allowed**

7. TO CONSIDER MID-YEAR FINANCIAL POSITION & PRECEPT LEVEL FOR 2023/4:

The Councillors had been provided a mid-year position and budget forecast for 2023/4 based on spends to date and foreseen future expenditure. Based on this forecast the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer (R.F.O.) proposed that the precept for 2023/4 should be set at £16,000

Following a proposal by Cllr. K. Morris, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Council directed the R.F.O. to make the respective submission for the Precept at £16,000

8. TO CONSIDER NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL ANNUAL PAY AWARD:

The pay award for council staff for 2022/3 has been agreed by the National Joint Council. This is pro-rata to hours worked. Details can be found at: Local Government Pay Claim 2022/23

Following a proposal by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Council approved the pay award in accordance with the National Agreement.

9. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

District & County Councillor, Sue Woolley:

It had been noted during recent heavy rain that there was water pooling in two areas in the High Street. This to be monitor.

Some localised leaf clearing may be required adjacent to the Church.

The 'Big Clean' is scheduled for December. Any area that requires address please notify the Clerk so that this can be forwarded to the respective authority.

Hare coursing is an issue. Please report any occurrence to the Police. For your safety **Do Not** personally approach the hare coursers.

OTHER MATTERS:

The state of the burgundy chairs at the Village Hall was raised. Most having missing or loose arms. Clerk to communicate with the Village Hall Committee.

A question was raised regarding the posting of notices on the arris fencing surrounding the old Kings Head site. Situation to be monitored and out-of-date notices to be removed.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.51 pm.

Original Signed

N. Walker
Clerk & R.F.O., Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council