**Morton Parish Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting Parish Council meeting in the Rectory Rooms, Morton, Derbyshire, on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr N Radford, Cllr C Lawton, Amanda-Jayne Pike – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Cllr P Kitcher, Cllr P O’Connell, Cllr A Quinn and Cllr K Gilliott - North East Derbyshire and Derbyshire County Council and Cllr A Cooper – North East Derbyshire,

**In Attendance**

Members of the public (8)

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| **01/01/2024- Apologies for Absence from Parish Councillors**  Cllr J Funnell Chair and Cllr C Pike (2) |
| **02/01/2024- Apologies for Absence from District and County Councillors**  Cllr D Higgon (1) |
| **03/01/2024- Declaration of Members’ Interest**  Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/ or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time, or to request a dispensation.  Cllr N Radford and Cllr C Lawton – Village Hall Committee |
| **04/01/2024- Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)**  Pot Holes Evershill lane – Reported by Cllr A Quinn  Allotment community grant discussed later agenda point  **05/01/2024- County Councillor Update or Questions**  Cllr K Gilliott estimated the following increases County Council 2.99%, NEDCC max 2.99%, Police a £12 - £13 increase and Fire £4 increase. Approx £100 increase plus parish increase. So far, a 46m saving in place and April 2024 a further 39 – 40m cuts saving to take place. E mail from the chair regarding Morton Village   1. Morton primary School 106 – To approach the school regarding this matter 2. Holly Bush Farm – Cllr K Gilliott called it in at planning 3. Solar Farm – Cllr K Gillott Called it in at planning |
| **06/01/2024– District Councillor Update or Questions**  Cllr A Cooper next meeting on 29th January 2024 and he also called in the planning application for the solar farm. |
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| **07/01/2024– Minutes - Approved**   1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting 15th November 2023 amendment needed on date. |
| **08/01/2024- Exclusion of Press and Public**  To determine whether any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public, it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms:  “*That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”* |
| **09/01/2024– Clerk Report -** (including actions from previous meeting)   1. Crime figures October and November (3)  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Evershill Close | 1 | Violence and sexual offences | | Sitwell Villas | 1 | Violence and sexual offences | | The Orchard | 1 | Violence and sexual offences |  1. Community Triangle flower sent - **RESOLVED** 2. Neil training course update - **RESOLVED** 3. New Street Car park not completed 20% of Invoice outstanding **- RESOLVED** 4. Scarecrow winners all received award cards and prize monies - **RESOLVED** 5. Response sent to Residents email - **RESOLVED** 6. Pictures sent to Editor of Messenger Scarecrow competition and article from Allotments. - **RESOLVED** 7. Income from Christmas Market **- RESOLVED** 8. Meeting with Leader (February Meeting) and North East Derbyshire District Council have two new Assistant Directors - Joy Redfern, AD Street Scene and David Thompson, AD Planning. Meeting on 13th February 2024 venue to be arranged – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 9. Objection letter sent Holly Bush Farm 23/00262/OL **- RESOLVED** 10. New Street Waste Bin ordered - **RESOLVED** 11. Conservation area lighting request – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** |
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| **10/01/2024– Items for Discussion / Approval** (Can contain any decisions made for point 13)   1. Update New Street Car Park – Completed and paid – Gates to be discussed at next meeting – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 2. Sleeves for planters – Awaiting Email - – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 3. Pit wheels – Maintenance proposal - £1150.00 plus materials – Approved - **RESOLVED** 4. War Memorial – Maintenance proposal -£800 plus materials – Approved - **RESOLVED** 5. Community Grant – Allotments £500 – Approved - **RESOLVED** 6. SID Proposal – Discussed – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 7. Update of contamination of Brook – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 8. Update 25-year play park lease – Awaiting lease **– CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 9. Update Village Grant (Solar Panels) Cellar revamp – Cllr N Radford to take onboard – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 10. Lamp post testing – Approved - **RESOLVED** 11. Hanging baskets price – Approved - **RESOLVED** 12. Precept £62,000 – Approved - **RESOLVED** 13. Cllr D Higgon resignation – Accepted - **RESOLVED** 14. New Street mowing – Approved - **RESOLVED** 15. Playground Inspection Nov 2023 – Responsibility to be discussed at next meeting – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 16. Planter relocation – Ongoing – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING**- 17. Update land registry Morton playing fields - £3k for back of village hall and £18k for football pitch - **RESOLVED** 18. Donation 1st Responders Firework Night – Xmas Market - £150 + vat to be paid for firework night, Village Hall to pay for Christmas market **- RESOLVED** 19. Bonfire Night 2024 – Silent fireworks quote - **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 20. Meeting to be held in the Rectory Rooms permanently – Approved **- RESOLVED** 21. Morton /Pilsley gypsy site – All councillors aware - **RESOLVED** 22. Budget 2024 / 2025 – Approved **- RESOLVED** |
| **11/01/2024- Finance Statement 7th October to 6th November 2023**  Statement Balance £29,664.12   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Cheque Number** | **Supplier** | **Description** | **Net Amount £** | **Gross Amount £** | | online | Firework | 2023 Display | 1650.00 | 1980.00 | | DD | 1 & 1 Internet | Domain and support | 17.05 | 20.46 | | online | Parkers | Bulbs | 29.62 | 35.55 | | online | A J Pike | Salary | 447.60 | 447.60 | | online | HRMC | PAYE | 87.40 | 87.40 | | Online | Training | Neil Training | 32.68 | 39.22 | | DD | NEDCC | Playground Inspection | 90.00 | 108.00 | | Online | Matlock Garden Centre | Compost | 10.00 | 12.00 | | online | Instant Ink | May to October | 41.60 | 49.95 | | online | Post Office | Postage | 9.28 | 9.28 | | Online | Village Hall | Community Grant | 235.00 | 235.00 | | Online | Village Hall | Community Grant | 500.00 | 500.00 | | Online | Scott Palmer | Grounds – October | 95.00 | 95.00 | | Online | Laser Tech | Plaque | 190.00 | 190.00 | | Online | A J Pike | Salary | 447.60 | 447.60 | | Online | HRMC | PAYE | 87.40 | 87.40 |   **Income**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Supplier | Description | Value | | B Kirkland | Messenger | £25.00 | | Jo | Poppy Purchase | £3.00 |  1. Petty cash reconciliation for period ending 7th October to 6th November 2023 2. Bank reconciliation for period ending 7th October to 6th November 2023 3. Budget 2020/2021 for period ending 7th October to 6th November 2023   Statement **7th November 2023 to 6th December 2023** Statement Balance £26,164.70   1. Cheques/ BACS payments for approval and signature  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Cheque Number** | **Supplier** | **Description** | **Net Amount £** | **Gross Amount £** | | DD | 1 & 1 Internet | Domain & Support | 17.05 | 20.46 | | Online | Scott Palmer | Grounds November | 60.00 | 60.00 | | Online | Timberfella | Tree removal on Stonebroom path | 120.00 | 120.00 | | DD | PLWB | Payment | 4140.36 | 4140.36 | | DD | ICO | Data Protection | 35.00 | 35.00 | | 1888 | Amber Contract Services | New Street | 24422.00 | 24422.00 | | 1894 | Rectory Rooms | Room Hire | 60.00 | 60.00 | | Online | AJ Pike | Back pay | 166.40 | 166.40 | | Online | HRMC | PAYE | 41.60 | 41.60 | | Online | A J Pike | Salary | 468.40 | 468.40 | | Online | HRMC | PAYE | 92.60 | 92.60 | | 1889 | Stop Solar Farm | Community Grant | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 1890 | 1st Prize | Scarecrow | 40.00 | 40.00 | | Online | Fidler & Taylor | Morton Playing Fields | 125.00 | 150.00 |   **Income**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Supplier | Description | Value | | Firework Display | Payment | £2,061.20 | | Reserve Account | New Street | £24,422.00 |  1. Petty cash reconciliation for period ending 7th October to 6th November 2023 2. Bank reconciliation for period ending 7th October to 6th November 2023 3. Budget 2020/2021 for period ending 7th October to 6th November 2023   **Reserve Account 7th July – 6th October Balance - £87,090.67**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Supplier | Description | Value | | Nat West | Interest 31.07.2023 | £97.61 | | Nat West | Interest 31.08.2023 | £103.43 | | Nat West | Interest 29.09.2023 | £100.22 |   **Balance as 7th January 2023 Reserve Account £43,399.30**  **Current Account £23,553.64**  **12/01/2024– Planning – No objections except**  Application No: NED 23/01089/FL  Parish: Morton Parish  Ward: Pilsley And Morton Ward  Officer: Mr Graeme Cooper  The installation and operation of a renewable energy generating station comprising of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with inverter/transformer units, BESS units, control house, substation, onsite grid connection equipment, storage containers, site access, access gates, internal access tracks, security measures, other ancillary infrastructure, and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements (Major Development/Affecting Public Right of Way) at Land To North Of Stretton Road Morton for Mr Ben Kwok  Letter to be drafted  **13/01/2024- Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletters**   1. December 2023 2. January 2024 |
| **14/01/2024Correspondence** (all councillors in receipt of correspondence)   * NALC Newsletter * NALC Events * NALC Chief executive Bulletin * News from Derbyshire County Council * NE Development – Planning * District and Parish Liaison Meeting * Chief Executive Bulletin * Links CVS   • Eden Meadows Solar Farm   * Lease Recreation Ground New Street Morton * E Bulletin Village Hall * Newsletter * Reminder of AGM * News from Derbyshire County Council – 21 December 2023 * Bolsover District Council Biodiversity Net Gain Draft Planning Advice Note * Parish Council Precept Requirement 2024/25 * VHCV001 NED UKSPF Village Halls & Community Venues * Taxbase Figures for 2024/25 * Welsh First Minister resigns | Nottingham facing budget decision | New government headquarters announced * North East Derbyshire Tourism Strategy * URGENT Special Constable Council Tax Discount - Commissioner Angelique Foster * Derbyshire Law Centre closing reception - Thursday 7th December 2023 * Lunch & Mingle: Loan Sharks & Debt - 6th December 2023 * Informal Introduction * URGENT: Have your say on the policing budget for 2024-25 * DALC Forum * Chairman's Charity Event – Burns' Night in aid of Ashgate Hospice * Conference for Parish and Town Councillors - Friday, 23rd February 2024 * Calling Small Parish Councils with Parks  |  | | --- | | **15/01/2024- Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies.**   1. Update Holy Cross Church – Really successful Christmas 2. Update Morton Primary School – no update 3. Update Speed Watch – Wanting more volunteers and sites to do Speed Watch 4. Update Village Hall – Play Underdog 9th March £10 starts 7.30pm 5. Update 1st Responders – incidents at firework night and Xmas Market were 1 on each occasion | | **16/01/2024- Any items for the meeting to be held on 21st February 2024** |   **Meeting closed at 21.05pm Meeting opened at 19.30pm** |
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