

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm (via Zoom)

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chairman), J Sanderson, K Weston,

M Baker

Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert / R Dale

County Councillor: A Wilkinson

Public: D Griffiths (NYCC)

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
20 / 36 Welcome / Apologies for Absence / Introductions	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. At this point it was noted that Fiona Farndale had resigned as Parish Councillor. The process to replace her would commence via Hambleton District Council.	Clerk
20 / 37 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
20 / 38 VAS Signage	At this point Darren Griffiths (NYCC engineer) addressed the meeting at the Parish Council's request to explain the pros and cons of the purchase of VAS signage.	
	It was noted that there was still a concern about one of the current signs not working properly. NYCC have a stock of 30 signs which were shared around the County. Parish Councils can now buy their own kit. 90% of the parishes have bought their own equipment.	
	It was noted that it was up to the Parish Council how long these stay in one place before they are turned. The more they are rotated the more benefit they are. A legal agreement would need to be signed before using. If the posts remained in the existing location the cost would be £250 each to install. The signs are approximately £3,000 each to buy. There would be five years' warranty.	
	The company services the kit. TWM and Swarco were currently NYCC approved and have excellent working relationships with both. The new Swarco signs are much smaller and portable and the advice is a 450 mm sign. On-site training would be available. They can also be purchased with the ability to collect data.	
	A speed survey can be organised by NYCC, the cost being £110 for a seven day survey per location. It was agreed to wait	

	until after 10 August when the VAS signage had been removed. Resolved: That NYCC arrange for a speed survey to be undertaken after the roadworks have ended and the VAS signage had been removed. Three surveys to be undertaken at each end of the village and one in the middle. It was suggested that two VAS signs be purchased with a third post in the middle of the village. Councillor Wilkinson would help with her locality budget with £1,000 - £1,500 towards the	
	cost of the signage. Thanks were expressed to Darren for attending the meeting. Resolved: That quotations would be sought for the VAS	RD
	signage.	
20 / 39 Police Report	The Police report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report covered the period 30 January to May 2020: Anti-social behaviour – 5 Auto crime – 0	
	 Burglary – 0 Criminal damage – 0 Theft – 0 Violence against a person – 0 Other crimes including drugs – 0 	
20 / 40 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman at a later date.	
20 / 41 Matters Arising	VAS Signage / Speed Measure Already discussed earlier in the meeting. Meadowfields The Chair had been in touch with Linden Homes to arrange for the wild flower meadow to be strimmed. Since the last meeting	
	an update had been undertaken with a resident in the village regarding advice if the Parish Council decided to take ownership of the land. He advised that if the contract was worded correctly it would be a positive move. Linden had agreed to send the contract between themselves and the management company. This has not been received to date. Contact would be made with Hambleton District Council planning about changing it to wild flower meadow to open space.	
	Litterpicking There would be a litterpick but only six litterpickers were allowed at the present time.	

	Playground Equipment / Inspection It was noted that the Rospa inspection had now taken place with no major issues to deal with, the report was awaited.	
	Signage was being gathered ready for a proposed re-opening on 1 August 2020.	
	Sanitizer equipment would be erected. There were currently issues with people using the play park on a daily basis.	
	The weeding had been undertaken and spraying to be undertaken. Cobbles in the middle of the village to be added to the proposed work.	
	It was noted that there was a mole issue at the back of the park. It was noted that there was no specific budget provision for weeding.	
	Community Resilience Plan A draft community resilience plan had been drawn up. Further work to be undertaken. A draft would be submitted to the next meeting.	
20 / 42 Public	There were no members of the public present at the meeting.	
Forum		
20 / 43 Website	Roger Dale updated the Parish Council on the guidance for website content accessibility. By 23 September 2020 certain actions need to be taken. Declare compliance with new regulations about accessibility i.e., people with disabilities can access the website satisfactorily. This is about whether aspects of the website can be accessed with people with disabilities. A statement about compliance with the new regulations has to be displayed on the website by the above date. Stuart has been alerted to the situation. YLCA guidance had been downloaded. Consideration would be given to refreshing the website going forward.	
20 / 44 Finance	Roger Dale was invited to give an update on the current position regarding Parish finance:	
	Invoices Received The list of invoices received since the previous meeting were outlined and listed in the papers received.	
	Current Financial Position	
	Current A/C Balance £363.20	
	BMM A/C Balance £15,765.43	
	Petty Cash £49.16 Cheques etc. not yet presented £345.60	
	Less ring-fenced / CIL balance -£8,683.01	
	Less COVID-19 Community Response balance - £146.00	
	Nett "Working Balance" as at 23/7/2020 -£7,149.18	

	Resolved: (a) That the invoices be approved. (b) That the current budgetary position be accepted.	
20 / 45 Planning	The Clerk had circulated two planning applications prior to the meeting for consideration:	
	20/01441/FUL – Rear elevation single storey extension 20/01209/FUL – Construction of upvc conservatory to rear of dwelling	
	Resolved: That the planning applications be approved.	
20 / 46 Member Reports	Councillor asked about funding for cycle paths. The Chair would circulate to the Parish Council for their attention. KW to take an initial look.	KW
	AJ1 Fund It was suggested that a public meeting takes place to discuss the fund and advertise this via the Parish Council website. Suggest Wednesday 5 August 2020 at 7.30 pm.	
20 / 47 Future Meeting Dates	Wednesday 30 September 2020 (catch-up Wednesday 26 August 2020) Wednesday 25 November 2020 Wednesday 27 January 2021 Wednesday 31 March 2021 Wednesday 26 May 2021	Parish Council
	All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.	

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. **Website:** www.morton-on-swale-parish-council.co.uk **Email:** clerk@morton-on-swale-parish-council.co.uk