

**MINUTES** of Morcott Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the Village Hall.

Prior to this meeting there was an opportunity for residents of Morcott to speak informally with Councillors. None wished to do so.

**74/17 Attendance Register** Cllr's Johnson (chair), Harding, Holley, Joyce & Traylen.

County Councillor Edward Baines & five members of the public were in attendance.

Resignations had been received from Graham Pritchard and Martin Whitfield. The chairman had sent messages of thanks.

**75/17 Apologies for absence:** All present

**76/17 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation:** None received

**77/17 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** Members agreed that these minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**78/17 Democratic 10 minutes.** An opportunity for members of the electorate to speak: No one wished to speak.

**79/17 Clerk's & Councillors reports and actions since the last meeting:**

- i) Speed Limit, Seaton Road. *To be considered by RCC in the next financial year*
- ii) Enforcement officers report Seaton Road: *Awaiting a planning application*
- iii) Tree inspections, Allotment Field: *Defer*
- iv) White Horse Inn update: *It is hopeful that there will be an update for the March 2018 meeting*
- v) Tin Bridge update: *As Martin Whitfield has carried out a lot of work on establishing the ownership of the wooden fence, he will continue in consultation with the owner of the adjacent land.*
- vi) Cllr Harding presented the following report having attended together with Cllr Holley a University Leicester Hospitals presentation:

*Councillors attended a community presentation by University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust in Oakham on Nov' 1st. Directors of UHL shared information and public feedback on how the trust was dealing with the current challenging situation. The UHL NHS Trust has plans that, subject to Government budgetary funding decisions, would allow a rationalisation of the Trust's three hospitals that would see acute and emergency care focused at the Royal Infirmary and Glenfield Hospitals, with a new maternity hospital being built at the Royal and a new planned care centre at the Glenfield. The General Hospital will remain as an NHS facility incorporating the Diabetes Centre of Excellence, stroke rehabilitation, community response teams and a primary care hub. It was interesting to note that around 50% of Rutland admissions are treated at UHL, while 75% of Rutland A&E admissions are treated at the Peterborough Hospital.*

*Access and parking at LRI continues to be a concern for Rutlanders but visitors to LRI should note that if they can get in to the General Hospital, which is on the more accessible eastern side of Leicester, they can avoid driving across the city centre by taking the "patient hopper" bus service from the General, which links on to LRI and then on to Glenfield. It would be advisable to ring Glenfield Hospital in advance to get a bus service timetable. N.H.*

**80/17 Neighbourhood Plan:** Regardless of presentations, meetings and initial interest when endeavouring to take the project forward, there was a lack of enthusiasm from residents to continue at this time.

**81/17 Allotment field:**

- a) To consider the Tenancy agreement proposals and current state of the field: Proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Holley to empower the clerk to negotiate with the interested party to draw up a tenancy agreement for presentation to council. It was agreed that an initial period of three years be offered, followed by a further three years with an option to extend beyond this. Should council require the field after the initial three years an amount (to be negotiated) to be paid to the tenant to cover expenses for the initial clear up and subsequent maintenance work on the field. Unanimously agreed.
- b) Quotation for maintenance of the field: To enable councillors to consider potential the cost for maintenance of the field a quotation was obtained.

**82/17 To consider discontinuing the fifteen minute open forum with councillors prior to council meeting:**

The open forum was previously requested by some residents of Morcott, but after initial enthusiasm this option had not be taken up in recent meetings.

There appears to be a preference for residents to speak during the public participation time ("democratic ten minutes") allocated within the meeting, which are minuted and then formally responded to as appropriate. It was agreed to suspend the open forum. If requested consideration can be given to reinstate the forum. The public participation protocol can be found on Morcott Parish Council's website.

**83/17 To receive the audited accounts year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017:** Grant Thornton the external auditors had concluded a successful audit. Received by members.

**84/17 To receive the schedule of income and expenditure to date:**

Received by members a copy of which has been posted on Councils website.

**85/17 To consider and set the budget/precept 2018 – 2019:**

The clerk presented the budget/precept for consideration by council. Rutland County Council had recently informed parishes that they will out source the payroll.

This will increase the administration fee from £60 pa to £180 pa. The clerk was requested to contact other local parishes to seek a more competitive payroll provider.

Proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Holley, that with an increase in subscription/administration the precept for 2018/19 be set at £5,748.00.

Unanimously agreed.

**86/17 To consider the advice given by NALC on Data Protection and approving a Protocol for council:**

The protocol having been circulated to members was unanimously adopted.

The protocol will be revised in April 2018 to take into account the new legislation.

A copy will be posted on council's website.

**87/17 To consider a Good Neighbour Scheme** – no response received from residents following the various attempts to publicise this initiative.

**88/17 To consider the quotation for supplying a replacement notice board for the wall of the Old Hall:** The quotation had not been received in time for the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Holley, seconded by Cllr Traylen to empower the clerk to agree a price for renewing the notice board up to a cost of £150. Unanimously agreed.

**89/17 If an election has not been called, to consider co-option:** If after 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 an election was not called then a notice be put in the January 2018 issue of the Parish News inviting applications for co-option to fill two places on Morcott Parish Council. Unanimously agreed.

**90/17 Planning applications:**

- 1) Schedule to date: *Presented to members*
- 2) Consider any applications received in time for the meeting: *None*

**91/17 Correspondence**

Rutland County Council – Community Infrastructure Levy

Rutland Citizens advice bureau

Street Lighting: Costs submitted by RCC for 2017

**92/1 Items raised during the democratic 10 minutes:** *No items raised.*

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.