

MINUTES of Morcott Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 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.

49/17 Attendance Register; Cllr's Johnson (chair), Harding, Holley, Pritchard, Traylen & Whitfield.

The chair welcomed newly elected Councillor Mo Holley.

Cllr Holley's declaration of acceptance was received.

Four members of the public were in attendance.

50/17 Apologies for absence: Cllr Joyce – no reason given.

51/17 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation: Cllr Holley declared a personal interest in agenda item 20.

52/17 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2017: Members agreed that these minutes were a true record of the meeting

53/17 To approve the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2017: Members agreed that these minutes were a true record of the meeting

54/17 To approve the minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2017: Members agreed that these minutes were a true record of the meeting

55/17 Democratic 10 minutes. An opportunity for members of the electorate to speak:

Council was informed by a member of the electorate and allotment holder that a rotavator had been taken from an allotment. The police had been informed. Also, someone had been strimming the same allotment. The member of the electorate concerned then started a high volume discourse and had to be reminded that his involvement was at the discretion of the Chairman and that he must allow the chairman to chair the meeting. Full response under agenda item 25.

56/17 Clerk's & Councillors reports and actions since the last meeting:

- i) Street Scene, walkabout. Report issued;
Western Power have repaired the broken pipe at the entrance to the village. The unkempt area over the Tin Bridge – regardless of four emails to Rutland County Council to date no action.
An acknowledgement was received from Rutland County Council regarding the drain overflow outside the bus shelter – no action to date
Registration of the White Horse Inn as a community asset – the forms were completed and accepted by Rutland County Council but no confirmation that it has been registered. *(Since the meeting council has been informed that registration needs to be within three years of closure. Council are questioning this).*

40 mph speed limit for the A6121 has been installed

- ii) Tin Bridge update.
A FOI has been or will be requested to the MP for Melton & Rutland.

57/17 Neighbourhood Plan:

- a) Receive the report of the meeting held on 21st June 2017;
- b) Report 5th September 2017
- c) To consider related actions.

Reports taken as read. Council are supportive of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan which will have many advantages for the village. This support has been resolved by the Council and does not need to be reconfirmed. Neighbourhood Plans are community led but to date there is a lack of effective leadership within the steering group. Members agreed to place an article in the Parish News in the hope that more residents of Morcott will come forward to join the steering group. Following this another meeting will be convened to establish community commitment for at least two years.

Cllr Whitfield has decided step down from the steering group forthwith.

58/17 Allotment field: To consider the options open to council which Cllr's Pritchard and Harding were delegated to investigate as follows:

Due to personal reasons and work commitments the main members of the working party have stepped down. Urgent work is required on the field and following an offer from a local farmer to use the field for grazing all members agreed that a suitable tenancy agreement be arranged. The farmer will clear the field, remove the bales, make it stock proof, honour the permissive path and agree to a permissive path across the adjoining field. Further details will follow.

59/17 To consider the response from Rutland County Council following the request for Additional lighting at the junction of Fydell Row/High Street and towards the end of High Street:

Following a request to Rutland County Council for additional lighting the following response was received:

"I refer to your recent email to Highways regarding requests for additional street lighting.

There is no duty on Rutland County Council (RCC) as the highway authority to light the highway. The approved policy allows provision for RCC to maintain all existing street lights throughout the County and re-charge the cost of the energy for 'Community lighting' to the relevant parish council/meeting. If parish councils/meetings require additional lighting stock, they will need to fund the new columns themselves and RCC will then assume maintenance liabilities, whilst the parish council will have the energy costs added to their annual bill.

It is estimated that the cost of to provide, install and connect an individual column is £1,000 to £1,500, which includes a LED head unit to the Councils current

specification. Should the parish council wish to proceed, please confirm in writing and I will obtain an actual cost for provision of the columns at the locations provided.”

Council will consider this when drawing up the precept for the year 2018 – 2019.

60/17 To consider the outcome of the Village Poll:

The Village Poll held on Thursday 7th September 2017 resulted in;

YES 94

NO 70

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Turnout 58%.

An informal meeting took place between Cllr’s Johnson and Whitfield and David Pennell, Burghley Estates. As most of the vote were in favour, Burghley Estates will progress plans for the refurbishment and development for the White Horse Inn site for presentation to planning at Rutland County Council.

61/17 To consider an autumn clean-up in Morcott: Deferred to Spring 2018

62/17 To consider a request from Mrs Rowley to remove the dilapidated notice board on the wall of Morcott Hall in High Street: Members agreed, that if council does not hear to the contrary, the notice board will be replaced with a new one in the same position.

63/17 To consider a response to the Draft Local Plan Review Consultation: There would seem to be a discrepancy regarding housing needs and policy is not clear. Members agreed, that Cllr Harding will study the consultation document and together with the clerk, draw up a response.

64/17 To consider a response to the Electoral Review of Rutland: Ward arrangements:
No response.

65/17 To consider actions relating to the Reform of Data Protection Regulation, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Bill:
Members agreed, that for consistency the clerk should be the Data Protection Officer.

66/17 To consider a Good Neighbour Scheme: Members agreed, that the Rural Community Council put an article in the village Parish News.

67/17 Localism Act - to consider apportioning the final Government Grant (£430) for

the provision of the Website and additional set up costs: This being the last year of funding and previous years staffing costs had not been allocated, proposed by Cllr Holley, seconded by Cllr Pritchard, that to cover overtime costs for setting up and administrating the website, that a once only amount of £180 additional salary be paid to the clerk. Unanimously agreed.

68/17 To consider requesting Rutland County Council to consider reducing the speed limit at the top of Seaton Road to 30mph: This was raised by Cllr Holley on behalf of a neighbour in Seaton Road. It has been reported that there have been some near misses when exiting driveways from vehicles travelling too fast to and from the junction with the A47.

Members agreed, that a request be made to Rutland County Council for a reduction in speed to 30 mph at the top of Seaton Road past the last house. This would be in line with urban speed limits. Cllr Holley will produce photographs to forward to RCC.

69/17 Following information from Rutland County Council to consider taking up the (subject to cost) for an inspection of trees on Parish owned land: Members agreed, that the clerk obtains a quotation for the inspection of trees in the allotments.

70/17 Accounts: receipts and payments: Approved

71/17 Planning applications:

2017/0815/CAT – 1-1 No Lime Tree – fell. 2-5 – 4 No Poplars – fell. Holly House, 27 High Street, Morcott. Le15 9DN. Mr. & Mrs Walker: Advice from council’s tree warden, that the trees are not worthy of a TPO but suggest that native species be planted in their place.

Cllr Johnson declared an interest in the planning applications 0792 & 0764.

2017/0792/CAT -1 No. Beech tree (T2) – reduce overhanging branches within 5m of the ground back to the boundary. Reduce spread of 1 No. Sumach (T3) back to the boundary. The Old Rectory, 15 High Street, Morcott, LE15 9DN. Mrs Simpson: No objection

2017/0764/CAT – Raise crown of 1 No. Norway Spruce (T1) tree to -2.5m. Remove lowest branches of 1 No. Spruce tree (T4) next to Red Maple. 2 No. Atlas Cedar Trees (T5+T6) – reduce branches within – 6m of the ground by 1.1.5m. Raise crown of 1 No. Ash tree (T7) by barn to -4m. Owls Barn, Church Lane, Morcott, LE15 9DH. Mrs. Simpson: No objection

2017/0419/FUL – 13 Church Lane, Morcott: Council were very concerned, that planning permission had been granted regardless of the many objections. The decision goes against the Conservation Area appraisal and did not consider, Morcott Parish Council’s response. A full report from RCC to Morcott Parish Council is requested.

Fydell Barn, Back Lane: RCC are considering putting TPO's on many of the trees. Following advice from Council's tree warden, members had no objection. Members requested the tree warden reviews again before responding to RCC.

72/17 Correspondence:

- a **Review of Green Waste services by RCC:** *RCC cabinet has agreed a charge of £35 be added to next year's community charge for emptying green bins.*

73/17 Response to items raised during the democratic 10 minutes:

The clerk responded by advising that two emails and a letter had been sent regarding the state of the allotment of the allotment holder raising the matter which was in contravention of the tenancy agreement. No response to this correspondence had been received. Therefore, permission was granted to the holder of the adjoining allotment to try and eliminate some of the weeds which had an adverse effect on his allotment. The allotment has been re-let and a request made to the outgoing tenant to remove all personal effects by 1st October 2017.

There is no knowledge of the disappearance of the rotovator. As the owner of this equipment has informed the police to await an investigation by them. The allotment holder was reminded that according to the tenancy agreement any equipment stored on the allotment was at the owner's risk.

Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m