

MULBARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

7.30pm on Monday 2nd March 2015

Councillors present:-

Peter Leigh – Chairman

Beverley Leek

John Joyce

Steve Sewell

Peter Munks

1. First Public Session.**1.1 Police Report.**

PSCO Sore reported that although there had been a couple of domestic incidents in the last month, there were no reportable crimes that affected the community and that no calls had been received regarding noise, nuisance or anti-social behaviour.

PSCO Sore introduced, PCSO Virginie Tribut who has recently joined the Hethersett and Mulbarton team.

No members of the public or the Councillors had any questions for PSCO Sore.

1.2 District and County Councillors' Report.

County Councillor Foulger reported that Mulbarton was included in the next phase of better broadband. He also reported the rate support grant had stayed at the same level and that he had sent a link to the Clerk regarding gritting routes. There were no questions for Cllr Foulger.

District Councillor Legg reported that SNC are considering making grants available to assist those households that won't get automatic connection to fibre optic broadband as they are in very rural locations. He confirmed that Council Tax rates have been frozen for this year and there was a possibility there would be no increase for the next two or three years as SNC are investing in new money making schemes and also because of the new homes bonus that they receive from developers. There were no questions for Cllr Legg,

1.3 Public Forum.

Cllr Leigh announced that Mr Brian Tungate had passed away. Cllr Leigh wished to acknowledge the role that Mr Tungate had played in the village including that of a former Parish Councillor.

Cllr Joyce reported that he had a shed that he would like to donate to a local organisation that could make use of it.

Mr Melvin Creasey requested some support from the Council for plants and materials for the Jubilee Garden. It was confirmed that money is still available in the previous agreed budget to cover this and Cllr Leek would liaise. Mr Creasey reported that the Lions had made an offer of financial support towards purchasing a specimen plant for the Garden's.

2. To receive and consider apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Standley & Gardiner.

3. To receive declaration of interest on items on the agenda.

No Cllr upon review of the agenda felt it necessary to make a declaration of interest.

4.To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2nd February 2015.

The minutes for the meeting held on 2nd February 2015 were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed after proposal by Cllr Leek and seconding by Cllr Joyce.

5.1 Finance -To receive financial report and approve invoices for payment as per schedule.

A proposed schedule of payments was handed out for approval in addition to copies of the latest bank reconciliation. Cllr Leigh explained that cheque 15128, was for short term support of MALGA whilst they waited for their DET grant to be progressed and that MPC had previously agreed to underwrite the project. It was explained that the payment to Smiths of Derby was for a five year service agreement for the Church clock, which is designated as the village's war memorial. Following proposal by Cllr Sewell and seconding by Cllr Munks all payments were duly passed. A copy of payments is attached to these minutes.

5.2 Short term support to MALGA.

Cllr Leigh explained that this had been covered under item 5.1.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – latest update.

Cllr Joyce reported that five responses had been received as a result of the consultation stage of the Plan, all of which had been helpful. Cllr Joyce reported that he had attended the SNC meeting when they considered their response to the consultation draft of the Plan. SNC made 44 comments, Cllr Joyce reported that most of these were clarification points and the Team had now agreed what would and would not be changed and are now in the process of updating the Plan in preparation of sending back an informal copy to SNC who have confirmed that there is no need for another round of consultation. Cllr Joyce reported that the team would be looking at having the MNP ready for the next Parish Council meeting for MPC to formally approve prior to it being checked by SNC and a planning inspector. Following this a final copy of the Plan would be distributed to the village before going to referendum. It was agreed, after confirmation that all changes would be statutorily correct

and no offense could be charged against the Parish Council, that the Team could make any necessary changes to the Plan on behalf of MPC.

Cllr Joyce concluded by saying that it was a good plan and that he and the team were pleased with it.

7.1 To review and update planning applications.

2015/0372 – 10 Rosary Close, Mulbarton, NR14 8AX – proposed rear/side single storey extension.

Cllr Sewell will review paperwork, received today, relating to the application and facilitate any necessary response.

7.2 2015/0063 – Long Lane, discharge of condition application.

Cllr Leigh reported that the Developer had started work on Long Lane without all conditions being in place and as a result they, the Developer's, were now applying to have certain conditions discharged. MPC requested an extension to the consultation expiry date so that the matter could be discussed this evening. Following discussion it was agreed that should submit the following comments: there should only be one access route to and from the site for all construction vehicles, regardless of size; no construction vehicles to use the Common and Long Lane; there is to be no parking on Long Lane, Cuckoofield lane or The Rosery; access is to be maintained along the length of Flordon Long Lane at all times; all vehicles to go through a wheel clean before exiting site; roads to be swept on a regular basis, minimum requirement of weekly.

8. Maintenance & grass cutting on the Common.

Cllr Leigh reported that the pathways on the Common had been damaged by the Park Run; to date only one member of the public has complained to SNC about the state of the Common pathways. Cllr Leigh reported that there are no records as to when or why MPC undertook to cut the grass on the Common, and as a result of this he asked the Council to allow him to discuss with SNC at Wednesday's meeting the suggestion that MPC would no longer be cutting common land around the village. Following discussion it was agreed that although all support the concept of the Park Run there is concern about the damage that is being done to the Common. It was unanimously agreed for Cllr Leigh to continue dialogue with SNC about the common land areas and ponds.

9. MPC website – latest update.

Cllr Leigh reported that progress was being made on uploading items to the website and showed a suggested representation of the home page. It was confirmed that Councillors will have access to the site before it goes live.

10. Village Hall Complex Car park resurfacing & line marking – latest update.

A cost analysis sheet was handed out for review. Following discussion and then proposal by Cllr Leigh and seconding by Cllr Leek, it was unanimously agreed that the work should be completed.

11. Correspondence requiring consideration.

Cllr Leigh adjourns the meeting to allow Rachael Ives & Samantha Smith to participate.

Meeting adjourned.

Ms' Ives & Smith introduced themselves and outlined their proposal for a tea room/bus based in Mulbarton and the progress/meetings they have had to date. They formally asked the Parish Council for support either of siting a portable building or being able to park a converted double decker bus on MPC land. Cllr Leigh read out a letter received from the Social Club outlining that they had no objections to the proposal. Following discussion and questions being answered by Ms' Ives & Smith the Council unanimously agreed in principle to support the proposal, whilst concluding that a lot more detail was still needed including time scales, planning requirements and specifics about final choice of building/vehicle.

Meeting resumed.

Email from NCC – Parish Councils are asked to feed back any comments about NCC's move to committee system of governance.

12.Sub-committee/liaison officer reports.

Cllr Leigh reported that the connection of water at the allotments is nearly completed and he has spoken to the contractor who should be replacing the swing seats in the play areas.

To review items for the next agenda.

- Formal acceptance of Mulbarton Neighbourhood Plan.

To adjourn the meeting for the 2nd public session.

Following comments about litter in the village, it was confirmed that a local litter pick could be arranged.

Mrs Marina Carter questioned if the council had achieved a quorum of members. Cllr Leigh replied that it had.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

Payments for February 2015

Cheque Number	Recipient	Details	Net total	Vat	Amount £'s
151273	Norse Eastern Ltd	Flail hedge at the Rosary	50.00	10.00	60.00
151274	Small Fish	Invoice 0527	510.00	102.00	612.00
151275	NPFA	Norfolk Playing Fields Association 2015/16 membership	30.00		30.00
151276	Smith of Derby	5 year service agreement for Church clock	799.00	159.80	958.80
151277	Mr P Leigh	Expenses	27.40	3.13	30.53
151278	Mrs B Leek	Expenses	33.63	2.91	36.54
151279	A Phillips	Salary	542.51		542.51
151280	HMRC	PAYE	140.54		140.54
151281	JD Services	Supply & install inspection chambers	930.43		930.43
151282	Mulbarton Parish News	Spring issue – Parish News	79.31		79.31
		Total for month:	3412.82	277.84	3420.66