

MULBARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at

2pm on Saturday 29th December 2018

Councillors present:-

Peter Leigh Derek Aldous Steve Sewell Beverley Leek Richard Tucker

First Public Session

1.1 Public Session

A resident raised a question regarding the Park Run, as they regularly run it although they are not involved with the management of it. Cllr Leigh reported that following email correspondences a meeting has been arranged for next week.

2.0 To close the meeting to public participation

Cllr Leigh closed the meeting to public participation and formally started the Parish Council meeting.

3.0 To receive and consider apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Reeve and Banham.

4.0 To receive declaration of interest on items on the agenda

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

5.0 To approve allocation of funds for specialist support

Following discussions, Cllr Leigh proposed that an initial budget of £2000 be made available to cover the cost of using specialists to support MPC in reviewing and commenting on planning applications. This was seconded by Cllr Sewell and unanimously approved.

6.0 Planning application 2018/0872

During discussions it was noted that the developer, Landpro, had been given four extensions to submit their final plans which are radically different from their first proposal; the SNC Planning Officer is away until 2nd January and legal advice given to MPC states that it is not up to the developer not to extend the consultation period.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that MPC would confer further with their legal representative to seek clarification on the wording of a "holding objection" response to the consultation and clarification on when a full response should be submitted.

7.0 To discuss the future of the Park Run

Cllr Leigh reported that he had received an email from the Event Director stating that she had resigned following her decision to cancel the event on 22.12.18 being over ruled and the run still taking place. Following this notification the Clerk emailed a representative of the Park Run and a meeting has been arranged with him on Monday (31.12.18) at 10am; Cllr Leigh welcomed any Councillors that were available to attend to do so.

During discussion it was noted that MPC had spent the last three years working with the now ex-event director building up a relationship built on trust that protected the Common and land owned by MPC whilst supporting the weekly events to take place whenever ground conditions permitted.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following areas needed to be covered at Monday's meeting:

- The decision as to whether the event takes place should be in consultation with the land owner, MPC for the winter course and the Common owner/SNC for the summer course, and not solely at Park Run discretion, these two areas are a resource for villagers to use and enjoy;
- Health and safety of the site – there are areas that have been churned up and although MPC have spent money on improving the winter course a responsible approach needs to be taken by both parties to prevent lasting damage or any temporary damage that effects other users of the land;
- Orchard Park, as part of the village hall site, is a “no dog” area; this is regularly floated by runners;
- Behaviour of runners – there have been complaints regarding runners urinating in public areas;
- Clarification of what insurance/liability the Park Run has with regards to runners on their organised event runs.

8.0 To adjourn the meeting for the 2nd public session

In response to a member of the public asking for more background information being available on agenda items, Cllr Leigh explained that all planning applications were available on SNC's planning website and information was often available on their (SNC) site prior to MPC being formally notified; the previously discussed application was a perfect example of this as MPC was notified by a villager several days before being notified by SNC that a new consultation period was open to comment; hence the need for today's extraordinary meeting as due to the timescales for comments and taking into consideration the number of Bank Holidays falling within the time period, there are actions that MPC need to take in order to represent the views of the village.

Cllr Legg reported that he had emailed SNC's head of planning regarding the transfer of the allotments at Long Lane but had received no reply as they were all on holiday until 2nd January.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.35pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm.