

MULBARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

7pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Councillors present:-

Peter Leigh Derek Aldous Adam Banham Richard Tucker Steve Sewell

**1.0 Public Session**

No members of the public wish to speak at this time.

**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 Peachy and Leek.

**4.0 To receive declaration of interest on items on the agenda**

No Councillor declared an interest.

**5.0 To discuss the current situation with regards to the Park Run**

Cllr Leigh adjourned the meeting to allow District Cllr Legg to participate.

Cllr Leigh opened by outlining the current situation following a meeting between the Park Run organisers and the Common owners. He reported that MPC at this stage have not been asked for an opinion although the Park Run have requested a meeting.

Cllr Legg stated that SNC cannot overrule the land owners if they decide to withdraw consent for the Park Run using the Common; consent that they were not asked to give in the first place. Cllr Legg reported that he would talk to the SNC Officer portfolio holder to see if alternative locations could be found and supported by SNC for a Park Run in near by locations.

Cllr Leigh resumed the meeting.

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that MPC's position was: MPC support the land owners' decision to allow the Park Run to finish their summer season on the Common and MPC will then permit the Park Run to use the winter course from October to Easter 2020. Permission for use

of the Common next year will be at the land owners' discretion and MPC are mindful of the ecological impact the Park Run has on the land and are sympathetic to the owners' position with regards to this.

#### **5.1 To look at the long term viability of the winter Park Run course**

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Park Run would be offered the opportunity to use the winter course from October to Easter 2020, subject to weekly course inspections as have previously been in place. This period of time will allow the organisers to look at their long term options and possible liaison with SNC to find an alternative location with better running surface and facilities.

#### **6.0 To adjourn the meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> public session**

No members of the public wish to speak at this time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.40.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm.