

MULBARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

7.30pm on Monday 3rd February 2020

Councillors present:-

Derek Aldous Adam Banham Gerald Peachey Beverley Leek Steve Sewell

1.1 District and County Councillors' Report

District Cllr Legg reported that Cllr Francis, who he hoped would be along later, had been in touch with SNC's Community Assets Delivery Officer regarding MPC's request to purchase the north end of the Meadows. As this request was above her level of authority she would need to refer it a higher level within SNC; as a result of this outcome Cllr Legg said he will discuss directly with this higher authority, once he knew who they were, and hopefully report back soon on the outcome of this meeting.

Cllr Legg also reported that with regards to the GNLP, the SNC village cluster proposal has still not been released; Mulbarton will be clustered with Bracon Ash, East Carleton and Swardeston. SNC are still seeking submissions from land owners for smaller developments sites, of up to 25 dwellings, although conditions would be attached for example any development would need to demonstrate a local public benefit and consideration of the design proposal, this would not be a blank canvas for developers to build. Cllr Legg stated that he hoped to have more information for the next meeting and confirmed that the small village cluster document consultation end date would be extended beyond the GNLP closing date of 16 March.

District Cllr Foulger reported that the Norfolk County Council (NCC) full cabinet meeting today (03.02.20) had been scheduled to discuss the realignment of Cllrs ward boundaries; following an objection from SNC this item was removed from the agenda and NCC would now need to go back to the drawing board to reconsider the county's councillor ward boundaries with a determination likely to be made in the third week of March.

Cllrs Francis and Clifford-Jackson were not in attendance for this part of the meeting.

Public Session

A resident noted that there was some discussion at the last meeting regarding a new War Memorial, but having now spoken to one of the Cllrs involved in the project some of his concerns about it and its location had been eased, though he would prefer it not to be sited on the Hall corner of the Common.

2.0 To close the meeting to public participation

Cllr Leek 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 Cllr Tucker. Cllr Leigh was not in attendance.

4.0 To receive declaration of interest on items on the agenda

Cllr Banham declared an interest in any matters relating to planning and agenda item 7.0

5.0 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2020

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th January 2020 were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed after being proposed by Cllr Sewell and seconded by Cllr Peachey.

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

A proposed schedule of payments was handed out for approval. Copies of the latest financial summary were also handed out. Following proposal by Cllr Banham and seconding by Cllr Sewell all payments were duly passed. A copy of the payments is attached to these minutes.

6.1 To discuss next steps for the North end of the Meadows

Cllr Leek stated that as Cllr Legg had already provided an update with regards to SNC this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.

7.0 Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) – SNC Village Cluster Document

Cllr Banham left the meeting.

Cllr Aldous reported that although he and Cllr Peachey had attended a meeting at SNC on 23 January there was no new information available on the SNC Village Cluster Document process or when it would be published and the consultation starting; it was noted that SNC are looking for an additional 1200 units of smaller development within the Village Cluster.

Cllr Leek confirmed that this item would be included on the next agenda.

Cllr Banham returned to the meeting.

8.0 Wind Farm projects update and to discuss funding for professional fees

Cllr Aldous reported that as previously discussed there are several wind farm projects coming to Norfolk, some of which will affect the quality of life for local residents and the proposed substations are already showing up on conveyancing surveys for the area. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would send out to Cllrs information regarding S137 spending, as MPC may wish to use this power to buy in professional help, to allow discussion at the next meeting about allocating funds for professional fees.

During further discussion it was noted that the government has agreed, in principle, to conduct a review to see if any of the planned projects could be connected to an off shore ring main; an off shore ring main would remove the need for the two planned local substations.

9.0 War Memorial – update since last meeting

Cllr Aldous reported that in Cllr Tucker's absence this evening he had little to report on this project, and added that the process would probably include a village consultation in some format, possibly tied in with events being held over the VE Day celebration weekend later in the year. The Parish Council has not yet made a final decision to go ahead, pending further work on the proposal.

10.0 Update on Church clock refurbishment

Cllr Leek reported that no further information or feedback had been handed over by Cllr Leigh. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Leek would review the information currently in MPC's possession and with the Clerk formulate an action plan to move the project forward and provide an update at the next meeting.

11.0 VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations: 8th – 10th May 2020

Following discussions of the previously suggested plans for an event at Harvest House on Friday 8th May, Cllr Leek proposed that this suggestion be adopted and plans moved forward; this was seconded by Cllr Peachey and unanimously agreed. Cllr Leek confirmed that a budget would need to be agreed at the next meeting once some costings had been done.

12.0 To consider any planning applications

2020/0190:10 Catmere Herne, Mulbarton NR14 8NU. Application received today, 03.02.20. Cllrs Sewell and Peachey agreed to review this application and make any necessary recommendations on behalf of MPC.

13.0 Correspondence requiring consideration

Letter from resident near to Meadows regarding tree pruning that was completed last year. Cllrs Leek and Peachey agreed to visit the site and report back at the next meeting, with costings if deemed necessary.

14.0 Sub-committee/liaison officer reports

During discussions it was agreed to look at creating a framework for a small works contract for minor/small projects that need completing; this will be done in conjunction with a review of current financial regulations.

14.1 Review of outstanding works list

An update list was handed out for review.

15.0 To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda

- To discuss next steps for the North end of the Meadows
- Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) – SNC Village Cluster Document
- Wind Farm projects update and to discuss funding for professional fees
- Update on Church clock refurbishment
- VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations: 8th – 10th May 2020 –to agree a budget
- Framework for a small works contract

16.0 To adjourn the meeting for the 2nd public session

A resident asked if Hopkins Homes had finished on site yet. It was confirmed that they had not and it was also noted that Highways had recently reported that part of their sign off on the development would include the missing HGV signs being reinstalled.

A resident reported that from having looked at the wind farm proposals, they were supportive of MPC views and actions and felt that there should be more publicity to highlight the effect that they may have on the village and surrounding area. Cllr Clifford-Jackson stated that she felt that all of Norfolk's MP needed to get involved.

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish meeting would be held on the first Monday in May, as the bank holiday had been moved.

District Cllr Clifford-Jackson reported that she had a report for the meeting which she handed out. She then summarised the report: CAF funding decisions will be made on Friday (07.02.20) and there are two local villages in the running for awards; GNLP consultation documentation can be viewed in hard copy format at the roadshows that are being held around South Norfolk; following the merger of back offices at South Norfolk and Broadland Councils, Cllr Clifford-Jackson will distribute a list of officers and their contact details.

A resident stated that they thought it would be worthwhile completing a survey regarding the War Memorial proposal. Cllr Aldous noted that any proposals would need to have been considered, in principle, by MPC first so that it was clear what could or couldn't be done.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Payments for January 2020

Cheque Number	Recipient	Details	Net total	Vat	Amount £'s
102634	Mulbarton Church	Harvest House deposit for 08.05.20	25.00		25.00
102635	MVHMC	Room Hire: Oct, Nov, Dec 2019	45.00		45.00
102636	D Aldous	Expenses	14.40		14.40
102637	A Phillips	Expenses	25.51	1.88	27.39
102638	A Phillips	Salary	602.40		602.40
102639	HMRC	PAYE	162.12		162.12
102640	ICENI T/A NTS Partnership	Jubilee Gardens tidy up	495.00		495.00
		Total for month:	1369.43	1.88	1371.31