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MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Murton Parish Council held on Wednesday, July 8th 2015

Present: Cllr I Waddington (Chairman), Cllrs R Clancey, R. Kettlestring, D Rothwell, D Wells

Also present: Prof. D Waddington

In the absence of the Clerk, Prof Waddington was invited to take the minutes of the meeting.

13/291 **Declarations of interest:** None

13/292 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Harriman, A McFarlane (Clerk to the Council), Cllr M Warters (Ward Councillor)

13/293 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on June 10th 2015 were accepted as a correct record.

13/294 **Matters arising:**

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

- The Chairman explained that the Council Officers are recommending that ‘the full Parished area is included in the Neighbourhood Plan’. Their recommendation will be considered at the Executive Member Decision Session on Thursday, July 23rd by Cllr Gillies, the Executive Member for Transport and Planning. This is a public meeting and will be held in the Auden Room at the Council’s offices at 5 pm. All members agreed to attend this meeting and that our comments should concentrate on the points of law enumerated in a letter by our adviser, Dave Chetwyn, in a letter to the Council Officers in February.

The Chairman was asked to write to Cllr Gillies prior top he meeting quoting Dave Chetwyn’s comments. She will also inform our Ward Councillors seeking their help.

- The revised timetable for July-December for action was agreed (Appendix I) together with a plan of action (Appendix II).
- It was noted that the application for funding under he Neighbourhood Planning and Community Buildings Programme to will be sent in after we know the result of our application to have the full Parished area in our Neighbourhood Plan. Dave Chetwyn has agreed to review the details of the application for us. All Councillors have seen the draft and their comments have been included.
- Councillors were asked to send in their comments on the draft of the first letter to residents which will be sent after the boundary decision has been made (Appendix III)
- All present agreed to help distribute this letter to residents.

- The letter and other information on the Neighbourhood Plan will be posted on the new website (14/74 (b)).

- **Parish Council Website**

Cllr Wells showed the meeting the outline of the website that she is constructing. She asked Councillors to look at the site prior to it being formally available to the public. It can be seen on www.murtonparishcouncil.webs.com

It was agreed that the website should be www.murtonparishcouncilyork.org

Cllr Wells will send the Clerk a note of the costs incurred.

Cllr Wells was thanked for all the work she has done on the website

- The Clerk has written to the Council about the bins left outside the Homestead and has enquired about the current status of the occupants (15/289 (b)). He has not yet had a reply.
- Cllr Rothwell enquired about the strimming of the verges. The Clerk is arranging for Aspects Horticulture to undertake the work. The considerable growth of the hedges surrounding the church was also mentioned and the Chairman will mention this to the Churchwardens.

It was also agreed that the Chairman would look at the overgrowth in one of the gardens in the village and suggest a solution.

- Cllr Clancey is pursuing a resolution of the problem of skip lorries using the roads of the parish unnecessarily.

15/295 **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

15/296 **Police and Crime:**

- There was no report from the Police.
- The Chairman and Cllr Wells have met the Police Commissioner and discussed the problem over the traffic through the parish and continuing problems using the 101 service.
- The Chairman also attended a meeting of the North Yorkshire Police which discussed anti-theft devices. She explained that the police come to an area and leaflet the residents prior to the visit offering to mark valuable objects. She has written to seek this procedure for the parish. The Chairman explained that the police do visit events such as car boot sales looking for marked stolen goods.

She also discussed the problems of speeding with the Chief Inspector.

15/297 **Planning:** It was noted that planning permission had been given to the alterations proposed for Tower House.

15/298 **Finance:** It was agreed that the Clerk should issue a cheque for £27.16 for the plants bought for the tubs in the village.

15/299 **Ward Councillor's report:** The Chairman reported that Cllr Warters was investigating the possibility of introducing a regime of wild flowers in the ward. He has proposed sowing wild flowers in two verges, one from Murton Garth towards the bridge and the other in the verge alongside the wall of Murton Hall. This was

welcomed and the Chairman was asked to write to Cllr Warters to ask him to pursue his initiative.

15/300 Any other business

- The Clerk is asked to initiate repairs to the bus shelter opposite Muron Garth
- The Clerk is asked to investigate the cost of replacing the bench on the Green which is now in a state of disrepair with a metal bench. It was recommended that the bench should be anchored to prevent theft.
- Cllr Clancey reported that the Superfast Broadband mast will be shortly installed on the premises of his company. It was agreed that arrangements for its use by residents in the village will be given in the Parish Link when all the information has been obtained.

15/301 Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, September 9th 2015 at 7.15pm in the church.