

Murton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Murton Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at St James' Church, Murton

Present: Cllr I Waddington, Chair: Cllrs D Rothwell, R Clancey, D Harriman, R Kettlestring, D Wells. A McFarlane (Clerk), Cllr M Warters (Ward Councillor)

16/407 Declaration of Interests: None

16/408 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Brooks (Ward Councillor)

16/409 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 June were approved and signed as a correct record

16/410 Matters arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan – Prof. D Waddington reported on the meeting of the NP Working Party who were to prepare a draft Plan. The Working Party were to respond to the City of York Council Local Plan which showed one area known as SP6 affecting Murton Parish, which is 5.5 hectares of land at Grimston Bar proposed for light industrial use. Final comments on the Local Plan were to be given by September 12th. The Working Party produced a timetable of actions.

b) Ward Grants – the Chair attended a Ward meeting on 12 July and spoke about how grants had been spent for works on the Pond, Wild Flower verge and Bus Shelter. It was agreed to seek Ward funding for a new aluminium noticeboard to replace the one in Main Street which was becoming dilapidated. The Wild Flower verge had been cut, but no-one knows who did it. Cllr Kettlestring was to give Cllr Warters photographic evidence of a red tractor with mowing machinery in the vicinity in an attempt to establish who was responsible.

c) Encroachment – residents involved have been sent letters but nothing further has been heard. It is possible that an Enforcement Notice might be actioned by City of York Council.

d) Property Marking – the Chair had spoken to the Police and it was agreed that 15 October in the Church, either am or pm, would be a suitable date. Parishioners were to be notified by an advertisement in the Parish Link magazine and on village noticeboards.

e) OS Field 9729 Moor Lane – the Chair read out a letter from Gareth Arnold, Development Manager for CoYC stating that solicitors had sent out a formal notice to the landowner that no changes to the site had taken place. However, due to a Public Enquiry taking place, if enforcement action was authorised then it would be at least another month before anything happened.

f) The Homestead – it was noted that a caravan had appeared on the site and, following enquiries, the original owner was moving back.

g) The clerk reported that gullies were in future to be cleaned on a quarterly basis.

h) Murton Way footpath – the grass verge had been cut but there were areas of overgrown hedge making the footpath difficult and dangerous to use, particularly in the vicinity of Gells Farm, where pedestrians were forced to use the highway. The clerk was to write to the landowner asking for the roadside hedge to be cut.

i) The clerk had reported to the Footpaths Officer that the stile in the hedge adjacent to the Church was rotten. Repairs were to be scheduled for the future.

- k) Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – Cllr Wells submitted costs for a laptop, printer/scanner and a Word programme which were to be covered by applying for a grant from the fund.
- 16/411 Correspondence – A request had been received from the Police for a location where rest stops could be made by patrolling officers in the village. It was suggested that the PCC should be approached to offer use of the Church.
- 16/412 Police and Crime
A Police Report was received stating that there were no incidents of crime. Cllrs were directed to the Police website to look up incidents themselves – www.police.uk/crimemap
- 16/413 Planning
a) Appeal by B&Q and Sainsburys – Cllrs Clancey and Warters had attended a meeting where local residents expressed concerns over opening hours. The Traffic submission had been challenged and the outcome may not be known until the end of August. Some aspects of the plan might be refused and the whole development may be reconsidered.
b) Holly Tree Farm (in Osbaldwick Parish) – an application for an extension on the back of the existing house was still being considered by CoYC.
c) Hull Road Garage – no further action to be taken following the previous meeting when it was agreed to support the application.
- 16/414 Finance:
a) An amount of £5066.00 had been received from Groundwork to support work on the Neighbourhood Plan.
b) £145.32 was paid to Cllr Wells for payment of the website subscription.
- 16/415 Ward Councillor Report:
Cllr Warters had nothing to report.
- 16/416 Any Other Business
Cllr Wells asked if the Parish Council should have a “Facebook” page and it was agreed that she could arrange for this to be set up.
The clerk was asked to write to Gareth Arnold at CoYC regarding concerns over an overgrown garden where the householder had died and to try and establish ownership and responsibility for tidying the area before it became a matter for enforcement action.
- 16/417 Date of next meeting - Wednesday, 14 September 2016 (there being no meeting in August)