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MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Murton Parish Council held on Wednesday, May 11th 2016 in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick.

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

Also present: Cllr M Warters, Prof D Waddington

Cllr Waddington was elected Chairman for the following year. The proposer and seconder were Cllrs Wells and Kettlestring, respectively.

Cllr Harriman was elected Vice-Chairman. The proposer and seconder were Cllrs Wells and Kettlestring.

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

16/389 **Declarations of interest** None

16/390 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Brooks, A McFarlane (Clerk to the Council).

16/391 **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Chairman was asked to clarify the minutes of April 13th 2016 with the Clerk and to present them at the next meeting.

16/392 **Matters arising:**

(a) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of the Working Party presented a report of a meeting of the Working Party held on May 1st. He emphasized:

- (i) A drop-in will be held on Saturday, September 10th.
- (ii) Work was continuing to find the data necessary for the Plan
- (iii) Attempts are continuing to be made to engage residents in the outlying parts of the Parish. The Working Party is seeking volunteers to visit every house in these areas.
- (iv) Businesses and landowners will be contacted to seek their views.

Reports of meetings of the Working Party are available on the Parish Council website.

(b) Ward Committee funding

The Chairman has not yet heard officially from the Ward Committee following her application on behalf of the Parish Council for funding of the wild flower plants. However, it had been indicated that the grant will be agreed.

(c) Parking on the Green

Cllr Clancy has agreed to provide stakes and ribbon to protect the Green from parking cars during major sales at the Auction Centre.

(d) Encroachment of Green Belt

The Chairman reported that she had notified the City Council officers of some encroachment of the Green Belt by residents and Cllr Warters noted that enforcement was being pursued.

It has been reported that the beck running parallel to these houses has been blocked. Cllr Warters suggested that the Chairman should notify the Foss Drainage Board.

(e) Blocked gullies and drains

Cllr Kettlestring noted that he had provided Cllr Warters, as requested, with a list of locations of blocked drains.

Cllr Warters reported that Brian Hebdich, the Senior Flood Risk Engineer at the C of Y Council had written to say that, following experience in a number of places throughout the City, cleaning the gully pots alone does not resolve the problem and further location and cleaning / repair of the infrastructure pipework is necessary in Murton. As we have entered a new financial year., he will arrange further investigation work which will be carried out within the next few weeks.

(f) Property marking

As there is no suitable location for the Property marking on June 30th, PCSO Hampshire has rearranged the visit to Saturday, September 30th and it will be located in the church.

The Chairman will prepare a short account to be inserted in the September edition of the Parish Link.

Cllr Warters will arrange for the Press to be notified.

(g) Field OS 9729

The Chairman reminded the Council that the C of Y Council have decided that it is not in the public interest to pursue the enforcement procedure but have decided to instead issue a s215 notice which can lead to an s 219 notice.

The Chairman has asked for a meeting with the Prosecuting Solicitor so that the Parish Council can obtain a timetable and more information about these procedures. The Chairman noted that she has yet to have confirmation of the date of the meeting.

(h) Vandalism to the bus shelters

The Chairman reported that Mr Allan Kettlestring, following his repairs to the shelter, had now repainted it. He has also offered to treat the Parish noticeboard.

The Council agreed to accept his generous proposal and the Chairman will write to thank him for all his work which included the planting of the wild flower plans.

16/393 Mobile Library

The Chairman was asked to write to the City Librarian suggesting that, following the new work at the church, this could be an appropriate venue for the stop.

16/394 Planning

(a) SNB Engineering: New building in Murton Lane

Following correspondence with the relevant Planning Officer, the Chairman has been assured that our request for appropriate landscaping is one of the conditions and that the Officer will ensure that it is carried out.

(b) Holly Tree Farm

The Chairman reported that she had written to object to the application for building a new house on the grounds that it further encroached on the Green Belt and that it did not follow the existing footprint. She explained that, although it was in Osbaldwick Parish, she was following the practice where the Parish Council had written when planning applications in adjacent parishes directly affected us. She noted that the objection has been accepted by the Planning Officer.

(c) Martins of York

The Chairman pointed out that the recent planning application by Martins of York for extensions, to which we had objected, as it would increase the traffic through the village, had been commented on by the Police. She had noted that the Police considered that 'None of these measures in themselves indicate an increase in vehicle movements, either on site

or the surrounding areas'. However, the owners have been asked 'to further remind his drivers that they should not be driving through Murton if their vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight in excess of 7.5 tonnes'

16/395 Wild flower plants

The Chairman reported that a party of Councillors together with Cllr Warters and Mr Allan Kettlestring planted about 300 wild flower plants and wild flower seed along the verge in Moor Lane from Murton Hall to the Pond. She has written to all the residents living opposite the verge explaining that the grass will not be cut until July and then will be tidied up again later in the year.

Members thanked Cllr Warters for suggesting and for arranging this initiative.

16/396 Police and Crime

The Chairman reported that the most recent statistics showed three crimes in/near Fryors Close but these were for February. Cllr Warters suggested that he Chairman should get in touch with the Chairman of Dunnington Parish Council who attending the next meeting of the YLCA to complain about the lack of recent information. At present it runs 3 months behind.

16/397 Finance

- (a) It was noted that a cheque of £348 had been sent to Stoneplan following the new work done on the street signs.
- (b) A cheque, made out to the City of York Council, for £3,572.86 for embellishing 6 street lights, was signed by the Chairman. Councillor Warters pointed out that the Clerk would be able to recover VAT of £595.48.

16/398 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 8th at 7 15pm** in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick.