

Murton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Murton Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 at St James' Church, Murton

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

- 17/98 Declaration of Interests: None
- 17/99 Apologies for Absence: Cllr D Rothwell, Cllr J Brooks (Ward Councillor)
- 17/100 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 October were approved and signed as a correct record
- 17/101 Matters arising
- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Clancey circulated the latest Working Party report on preparation of the draft Plan which has now been prepared, but needs considerable re-writing and editing following the publication of the City of York Local Plan Pre-Publication Draft Regulation 18 Consultation September 2017. Another questionnaire had been devised and sent to households in the Parish not in the village
 - b) CoYC Local Plan – the clerk had circulated the response from the Parish Council commenting on the Local Plan.
 - c) Enforcements – the Chair had again written to CoYC on the future of the Moor Lane field site.
 - d) Moor Lane Wild Flower verge – the area had been sown by Cllr Warters and a working party of Councillors planting more wild flowers on the verge. Cllr Warters was thanked for his involvement and efforts in creating this verge.
 - e) VAS sign on Murton Lane – the clerk had reported to CoYC that the sign had been inactive for some time and CoYC was to remove the sign and conduct a speed survey to see if a replacement was necessary.
 - f) Enhancement to village name signs – the Chair put forward an idea to add signs at the village entrances stating that Murton was “A Conservation Village”. The Clerk was asked to obtain the costs for adding these to the stone plinths.
 - g) Grass Cutting – the Clerk had obtained costs from CoYC for the annual cutting of grass in the village and was asked to contact Aspects Horticulture to quote for providing a similar service.
- 17/102 Correspondence – Nothing of interest received.
- 17/103 Police and Crime – There were 3 burglaries reported but no description of where
- 17/104 Planning
- a) Redthorne – CoYC had refused the application.
 - b) Application to develop Prospect Farm was discussed and approved
 - c) White Rose House – application for extension approved by CoYC
 - d) The Villa – application to fell 2 Yew trees was approved by CoYC
- 17/105 Finance:
- a) It was agreed to pay In-print £128.40 for printing NP questionnaires
 - b) The Clerk presented an update on current funds
- 17/106 Ward Councillor Report: there was nothing of note for the Parish

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Any Other Business

Cllr Wells raised the subject of the overgrown state of the hedge bordering the field next to the Church which was detrimental to the look of the village when approaching from Osbaldwick. The clerk was asked to contact the landowner to see if the hedge could be cut back.

A resident had complained about the number of rabbits in the banking of the A64 bridge on Murton Way affecting crops in adjacent fields. The clerk was asked to contact Highways England about the problem on behalf of the resident.

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Date of next meeting - Wednesday, 13 December 2017