

# DRAFT

## MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Murton Parish Council held on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 in St James's Church, Murton

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

**Also present:** Cllr M Warters, Prof D Waddington

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

16/418 **Declarations of interest** None

16/419 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Brooks, Cllr R Kettlestring, A McFarlane (Clerk to the Council)

16/420 **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes were signed as a correct record

16/421 **Matters arising:**

**(a) Notice board**

It was noted that the Clerk will make a bid to the Ward Committee, on our behalf, for the replacement of the notice board in Main Street in the 2017 round.

**(b) The Murton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman of the Working Party reported that

- (i) There had been meetings of the Working Party on August 7<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- (ii) The Drop-in had been held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in St James's Church
- (iii) Work was continuing on the draft for the Plan

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

The Chairman of the Working Party pointed out that the Working Party is finding out why the two areas Murton Meadow and Murton Moor Lane Ditch have been specifically designated as Sites Important to Nature Conservation (SINCs).

**(c) City of York Local Plan**

The Chairman reported that no revisions were asked for on the draft response concerning ST6, a proposal to develop a 5.5 hectare area north of Grimston Bar for light industry, distribution and storage. She delivered the response by hand to the City of York Council offices.

**(d) Blocked Gullies and Drains**

The Chairman reported that she had had no news about the request to clear the drains. The meeting was reminded that, in May, Cllr Warters had reported that Brian Hebdoch, 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.

The Clerk is asked to write for more information.

It was reported that the holes in the road along Murton Way had been repaired.

**(e) Encroachment of Green Belt**

It was noted that the Clerk had written on July 28<sup>th</sup> to the Enforcement Officers asking for information about enforcement but had not yet received a reply.

**(f) Field OS 9729**

The Chairman reminded the Council that the C of Y Council had issued an s215 notice which can lead to an s 219 notice. It was noted that the field had now been cleared of rubbish, except for a van in one corner.

The Chairman asked that she be alerted of any further activity occurring in the field.

**(g) Murton Way hedge**

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had written to the agents of the field along Murton Way which had overgrown hedges which were impeding pedestrians using the footpath. The Clerk was asked to write to the agents to thank them for the swift action but point out that the paths were not cleared of debris and made walking difficult.

**(h) Replacement of the Duck Sign in Moor Lane**

Cllr Warters, who had removed the sign so that the lamp post could be painted, will replace

it shortly.

**(i) Renovation of Murton Pond**

The Chairman reported that the next phase in the renovation of the Pond was carried out in August by the Conservation Volunteers. They have recommended that further work should be carried out next Summer. The Chairman noted that cost of this work would be covered by the existing Ward Committee grant.

**(j) Property marking**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Police will be offering the property marking service from 10 am to 12pm on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in St James's Church. She had inserted a short account in the September edition of the Parish Link and will ask for another note to be in the October edition.

Cllr Wells offered to prepare posters to advertise the event for the two bus shelters and on the Parish Noticeboard.

**(k) Mobile Library**

The Chairman reported that she had met the Mobile Library Manager, Mo Bird. Ms Bird would be very pleased to be able to mount an exhibition of their work in the Church in early 2017. The Chairman will write again when the pews have been removed and new furniture installed and arrange a date for the exhibition.

**(l) The Homestead**

Cllr Warters reported that he had had no further information concerning the site.

**(m) Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund**

Cllr Wells reminded the meeting that that she and the Clerk had prepared an application for funding from the Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund for a laptop and screen, with Windows 10, Programme Word and printer, scanner and copier.

The Chairman reported that the grant application had been sent in by the Clerk.

**16/422 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**16/423 Police Crime Report**

The Chairman reported that the Police Report for July records 8 crimes in the Parish. These were vehicle crimes (2), arson and criminal damage (1), theft (1) and anti-social behaviour (4).

**16/424 Planning**

**(a) Sainsbury's/Band Q report**

The Chairman reported that she had written to the Chairman of the City of York Planning Committee underlining the consequences of the Planning Inspectorate's letters to the City Council (August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2016), in which the Inspector's concerns about the traffic on the Hull Road and consequence on the traffic on local lanes, for example, Murton Way, were highlighted. The Chairman asked for assurance that the letters will be taken into account when the City Council is determining Planning applications concerning sites in, and adjoining, the Parish.

The Clerk has also written to the Council. He has asked for the traffic data for Murton Way mentioned in the Inspector's letter and which the Parish Council had previously been unable to obtain.

**(b) Holly Tree Farm 16/01172/FUL**

The Chairman reported that she had visited the applicant to discuss the reasons why the Parish Council was concerned about the developments in the property known as Holly Tree Farm. The applicant has now withdrawn the application. Cllr Warters pointed out that there are essentially three parts to the property, all of which are subject to or have been subjected to planning applications and should have different names to avoid confusion.

**(c) Anvil Cottage 16/01640/FUL**

The application, on which the Parish Council expressed misgivings, has been withdrawn. It was pointed out that the site involved was neither Anvil Cottage nor Prospect Farm. It was concerned with the Farmhouse in Prospect Farm, now a separate entity.

**(d) 7 Cavendish Grove 16/01768/FUL**

Cllr Warters pointed out that this application had been, in error, apportioned to Osbaldwick Parish Council. The Chairman agreed to find the application and to write to the Case Officer asking for an extension so that the Parish Council could consider the application properly.

**16/425 Finance**

It was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to write out three cheques:

To D J Waddington for £452.03

To Osbaldwick and Murton PCC for £120.00

To *in*Print Colour for £70.00

It was noted that all three were concerned with the Neighbourhood Plan and are funded by the grant given to the Parish Council for this purpose.

16/426 **Ward Councillor's Report**

There were no items other than those reported above.

16/427 **Any other business**

- (a) Cllr Warters suggested that we should arrange for the tidying up procedures done by Aspects should be initiated before the York Marathon which is to be held on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- (b) It was agreed to ask the Clerk to seek information about the necessity to walk the Footpaths annually and, if necessary, to organise a group to do this.

16/428 **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 15pm** in St James's Church, Osbaldwick.