

MOOR MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOLROOM, MOOR MONKTON, ON WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: Councillors Kirkham (Chairman), Harrison, Horner and Johnson. Also present were five residents and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

16.014 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations.

16.015 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillor Philliskirk. Apologies had also been received from District Councillor Chris Lewis.

16.016 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 January 2016, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

16.017 – CLERK’S REPORT ON

(a) Village Plan and questionnaire

Councillor Kirkham reported that the working group is preparing a report on the analysis of the questionnaires which is to be circulated to the other Councillors shortly. They are proposing to give a PowerPoint presentation to residents.

(b) The broken grit bin

It was noted that the broken grit bin had finally been replaced.

16.018 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

There had been no applications for Harrogate Borough Council to consider since the January Parish Council meeting.

16.019 – TO AGREE TO REVIEW STANDING ORDERS.

The Clerk had emailed a copy of the Parish Council’s existing Standing Orders and an updated version. It was agreed to defer a decision on the adoption of revised Standing Orders.

16.020 – TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE FUTURE OF THE PHONE BOX

The Clerk reported that no further offers to buy the phone box had been received. Two suggestions were considered. One was for the phone box to be sold to the highest current bidder and be taken away. The other was to sell the phone box to a local interest group who would leave the box in situ and take over its maintenance. It was agreed that a referendum would be held in order to give every resident the chance to be involved in making the decision on which option should be taken.

16.021 – TO RECEIVE A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

There was no report.

16.022 - TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that he now had access to the Moor Monkton website and would be adding items in the sets of minutes and items required by the Transparency Code in due course. (**Action Clerk**)

16.023 – TO AGREE ACTION WITH REGARDS TO REFURBISHING THE TWO VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman, be authorised to spend up to £100 to fix the two doors on the notice board outside the Old Schoolroom and up to £150 to refurbish and reglaze the notice board at the A59 end of Church Lane.

16.024 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF GRASS TRACK MONIES

It was considered that the total proceeds from the grass track had been £1,350. The Clerk had been unable to find records to support this. Of the sum a total of £1,054.59 had been spent on the apple press leaving a balance of £295.41. This sum forms part of the Parish Council's balance in the bank.

16.025 – TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

It was agreed to allocate the sum of £500 to an event should anyone in the Parish wish to organise one.

16.026 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 29 February 2016. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 29 February were:

Santander Current Account	£0.00
HSBC Current Account	£500.00
HSBC Deposit Account	£7,688.88

(b) To agree accounts for payment

023	S Asquith	Christmas tree	£25.00
024	James Mackman	Salary – February and March – gross	£233.32
025	James Mackman	Expenses	£7.49
026	Richard Kay Charity	Rent of the School Room for the year	£350.00

(d) To consider the options regarding the new audit regime

The Clerk had circulated details of the new audit regime prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not opt out of the new regime which applies to all Parish Councils whose income/expenditure is less than £25,000 per annum.

(e) *To reappoint the internal auditor*

It was agreed to reappoint Alan Warwick as the internal auditor.

16.027 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

16.027.01 – The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence

Information Commissioner's Office - Annual renewal document

16.027.02 - It was noted that all relevant correspondence received since the 6 January meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Exploreyork - Yortime News - February 2016 and March 2016
- (b) HARCVS - News and Funding Update – January 2016 and February 2016
- (c) Police & Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire - Police numbers update
- (d) Samantha Stonebanks - HBC-Ward boundaries review
- (e) YLCA - Further information on audit
- (f) YLCA - Opportunities Bulletin 875
- (g) YLCA - Petition for planning objections
- (h) YLCA - Understanding the Roll of Combined Authorities
- (i) YLCA - White Rose update - January 2016

16.027.03 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the 6 January Parish Council meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2016, Issue 103

16.028 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

16.029 - TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

16.030 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm. It would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.37pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....2016

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