

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

5 August 2019

Present: Alastair Bell, Barbara Govan (Chairman) John McDarren.
EDC Councillor William Patterson and a member of the public were also present.

- 54/19 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Laverty (unwell), Cllr Hewitt (family celebration), Cllr King (holiday), Cllr Longstaff (bereavement).
- 55/19 Declarations of Interest –** No declarations of disclosable personal or pecuniary interests in respect of items on this Agenda were made.
- 56/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings**
Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meetings on 13 May 2019 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as accurate records.
- 57/19 Open Session –** No issues were raised for discussion.
- 58/19 Highways England – A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project.** The PC had not made a formal response as there had been no meeting during the consultation period. Individuals however had responded. Arcadis had asked for comments how the project might affect walkers, cyclists and pedestrians. The section of A66 passing through the parish is not affected by the project. However the Clerk and Chairman agreed to write in support of the residents of Coupland Beck who have requested additional screening and sound-proofing along this section of dual carriageway.
- 59/19 Military Range at Warcop** (Appendix 1). Cllrs Govan and McGovern recently attended meetings of the Local Liaison Group Access Working Group. The proposed dualling of the A66 was discussed and the positioning of a new risk of fire sign at Hilton. A subsequent site visit resulted in the intersection of 3 footpaths on village green being agreed as the ideal location.
Resolved: confirmation that the risk of fire sign be located in the agreed location.

60/19 EDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

60/19/1 Footway Lighting – the Clerk had already circulated a response to the enquiry about maintenance of non-adopted footlights in the parish. This states: EDC is continuing to maintain/repair all the non-adopted footway lights within the District until the end of March 2022 unless the light has been condemned by the contractor or ENWL provide notice to have a light removed from their electricity pole. After this date, the current policy is that any non-approved lights would be removed as and when they are reported as not working.

60/19/2 Scrutiny Work Plan Consultation – The Chair and Clerk had submitted a response to this consultation requesting that the garden waste recycling scheme be reviewed. This was the third year this response had been made. It was also noted that despite a temporary site in Hilton being agreed, the Hilton skip had been first delivered to the original site (not available to villagers because of the bridge closure) then removed, but not replaced at the temporary site. The Clerk will report this to EDC.

60/19/3 Planning – The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the PC Briefing and Planning Code of Conduct which had been circulated previously. Cllr Patterson (EDC) reiterated his public request that when PC's object to an application they should attend the Planning Committee meeting to state their reasons.

61/19 Standing Orders (Appendix 2). The Chairman and Clerk had reviewed the amendments to the Standing Orders circulated by NALC and made the necessary minor alterations. These would be made available on the website.

62/19 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL - Highways

62/19/1 Hilton Bridge Widening. Cllr McDarren has been monitoring the project since work began on 22 July. He was thanked for his liaison work in helping to make necessary ad hoc access arrangements. Heavy rain hampered the initial few days' work and a crack underneath the bridge has been repaired. Recycled stone is being brought in as it will be heavier than the current stone. The stone will also age faster and match the colour of the remaining stone earlier. It was noted that residents seemed to be coping well and no complaints about the inconvenience had been heard.

62/19/2 Repairs - The following repairs had been reported on the CCC website (updates added for information post meeting):

- Damage to a cattle grid at Coupland Beck – no comment to date.
- Blocked drainage in cattle grid at Brackenber – inspected and will be monitored but no action to be taken.
- Flooding at Murton crossroads – inspected and work required.

- Blocked gully outside Lane Head, Hilton – Cllr McDarren has provided a photograph to add to this complaint and this will be forwarded to Highways.

All faults can be reported on the CCC website where photos can also be uploaded to help identification of the fault.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/wdm/default.asp>

- 63/19 HEALTH & SAFETY** – all checklists had been completed.
- 63/19/1 Cemetery.** Cllr Govan reported that a tree needs trimming and the bench needs painting. The Clerk has been asked to write and thank the resident who undertook the spray weeds in the cemetery.
- 63/19/2 Parish Owned Property (including Village Greens).** Cllr McDarren reported that the coping stones at the bus shelter should be monitored as they need repointing, and benches need maintenance. The ornamental water supply was also overflowing.
- The Clerk had received a letter from a resident regarding the status/ownership of the communal dirty water drainage system. The information discussed was hearsay only and the Clerk will redirect the enquiry to a possible source of information.
- The Environment Agency requirements regarding sewage treatment plants and drainage systems will be under new legislation from 1 January 2020. Cllr McDarren will survey Hilton residents regarding the various systems currently in place.
- 64/19 Cemetery Management** – Cllr Bell and the Clerk had submitted an application to the Rural Payments Agency for financial support to rebuild the cemetery walls. If successful, this could provide approximately 50% of the rebuild cost of c£8,650. This will be reviewed at the November meeting.
- 65/19 Maintaining the Parish Environment** (Appendix 3). Cllr King’s report was reviewed. It was noted that there had been a good turnout for the Parish Boon Day. Thanks were expressed to all those who had volunteered with various tasks around the parish.
- 66/19 Budget 2019/20 and Current Financial Situation** (Appendix 4). This report was reviewed. The Clerk drew attention to a recent invoice for £105 for election expenses which was not on the list.
- Resolved:** that the current Financial Report and list of Clerk’s Expenses be signed by the Chairman.

- 67/19 Parish Council Website** (Appendix 5). The situation and proposal outlined in the appendix was discussed and the budget reviewed.
Resolved: that Rocket Sites Ltd be contracted to develop and support the new PC website which is necessary following the withdrawal of the facility currently used.
- 68/19 General Data Protection Regulations** (Appendix 6). The list of GDPR compliance documents was reviewed. Guidance on use of e-mail and accounts would be reviewed at the November meeting after the institution of PC e-mail accounts for Councillors.
- 69/19 Correspondence for Information** (Appendix 7). The Clerk drew attention to the following previously circulated e-mails:
- CALC – request for parish broadband champions – anyone interested should contact the Clerk.
 - CCC Working Together Framework – update on CCC’s initiative to create volunteer working relationships on essential tasks.
- 70/19 Date of Annual Parish Council & Ordinary Meetings 2020.** Because of the change in bank holiday dates to commemorate VE Day, it was agreed that the date of these meetings would be held on Monday 4 May, not Monday 11 May as previously agreed.
- 71/19 Clerk’s report on any actions taken under delegated powers not otherwise mentioned** – none.
- 72/19 Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda** – none.
- 73/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 4 November 2019 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm