

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MURTON PARISH COUNCIL 11 May 2015

Present: Steve Atkinson, Barbara Govan (Chair), Debbie Hewitt, Tina Longstaff, Anne King, Pat Laverty (Vice Chair), Alan Taylor. Two members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

29/15 Apologies for Absence

30/15 Declarations of Interest

Although not an item to be discussed on this agenda, Cllr King signed a Declaration of Interest form with reference to a Planning Application which was currently in the system.

31/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of 2 February 2015 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as an accurate record.

32/15

Open Session – the following items were raised by members of the public:
David & Jo Robinson, Hilton Hall enquired about the ownership of the enclosed area next to their property, known as the Pump Fold, as they would like to spray the area for weeds. The ownership of the Pump Fold is not clear but the PC had no objection to it being sprayed. However Mr & Mrs Robinson were advised to check with the Commoners first.

33/15

EDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

33/15/1

Planning Applications

15/0044 - Leagarth, Leagarth Lane, Hilton – outline application for two storey dwelling with on-site parking to the south of Leagarth from Mr & Mrs J Sibson. The PC had responded in support of the application, which had subsequently been withdrawn.

15/0261 - Lowfield Farm Lane to Lowfield Cottages – the PC had responded in support for the full application for erection of an agricultural workers dwelling for Mr & Mrs G Wilson.

15/0271 - Land adjacent to Linden House, Hilton – outline planning permission for the erection of a 4 bedroomed self build house with garage and garden for Mr S Hogg. The PC had responded in support of the outline application, but concerns over access to the development site will be key to the PC forming a view of the full application.

33/15/2

Complaint under the Code of Conduct – The assessment panel that met to consider the complaint made against two members of MPC could find no fault on the part of the PC and decided to take no further action at its original meeting on 6.11.14. The complainant asked for a review of this decision and the panel met again on 20.02.15, made no finding of fault and decided to take no further action in relation to the matter.

33/15/3

Footway Lighting – Cllrs Price and Laverty met with Chris Slater, Footway Lighting Officer to discuss lighting in Hilton and Brackenber on 12.02.15. The programme to remove EDC funded lighting from Electricity North West poles is moving slowly. It was agreed at the

meeting that the lights at Lane Head House and at the school bus pick up point would be kept. Other lights, including the single light at Brackenber, were not functioning.

34/15 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

34/15/1 Highways – Road Repairs - the bridge at Hilton had been repaired and workers had been seen in the area recently. The Clerk will report a patch needing repair at Ash Bank.

34/15/2 Highways – Cattle Grids at Coupland Beck and Brackenber - replacement of the cattle grids is scheduled for late August, after Appleby Show. Temporary grids will be installed in the bypass areas if required.

34/15/3 Public Rights of Way Improvement Programme – Cllr King reported that various repairs and improvements to footpaths were under way including work on the path by Murton beck. The following had been observed:

Footpath 349039, Town Foot, Murton– new gates near bridge

Footpath 349025 – new dog gate.

35/15 HEALTH & SAFETY

35/15/1 Cemetery – Cllr Govan reported that the gates had required maintenance and the benches need cleaning. David Kipling, who mows the Cemetery, has been asked to undertake some maintenance of the paths, ie redefining the borders. A mole-catcher is tackling the problem of moles in the burial area.

35/15/2 Parish Owned Property – Cllr King reported that most of the benches in Murton needed cleaning and painting in order to keep them in good repair. She will ask for volunteers for this job. Out of pocket expenses to be reimbursed from PC funds.
No report on Murton properties was received.

36/15 FINANCIAL REPORTS

36/15/1 Budget 2015/16 and Current Financial Situation – this report was tabled. Cllr Laverty agreed to undertake the pre-meeting audit following Cllr Govan’s election to Chair. Cllr Govan will replace Frank Price as signatory to the bank accounts.

Resolved: that the current Financial Report and list of Clerk’s Expenses be signed by the Chair.

36/15/2 Annual Return 2014/15– The accounts had been checked and the Annual Return had been signed off by the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: that the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chair.

The Exercise of Electors’ Rights requires the accounts to be available for view from 1-26.06.15. Cllr Govan agreed to hold the documents for this period during the Clerk’s holiday.

37/15 Maintaining the Parish Environment - The first annual review of the Village Green Management Plan was discussed. This had been developed in 2014 following various issues raised in the villages regarding the use and maintenance of VGs. Cllr King will co-ordinate a walk-around the greens in July and an extension of the VGMP to include Hilton.

38/15 Garden Waste Skips – It was no longer financially viable for Eden Recycling to operate the garden waste collection service as the CCC Recycling Credits scheme had been withdrawn. The current alternative was to pay the commercial rate for skip hire, ie £150+VAT. As many residents had expressed concern regarding the lack of recycling facility in the parish, the Clerk will write to EDC Recycling to ascertain the current situation and any options for the future.

- 39/15 Defibrillators** – following the PC's decision to fund a defibrillator to be located at the new Institute, funding for a second defibrillator had been provided by Age Concern Appleby.
Community Heartbeat Trust and NW Ambulance Service and are currently consulting regarding using underused BT telephone boxes as homes for defibrillators. The kiosk at Hilton has been highlighted as a potential site for a defibrillator. The Murton, Hilton and Appleby First Responders will undertake to manage a single project to locate and fit the defibrillators in the parish. A home for one in Murton is being discussed; although the bus shelter is the obvious choice, the defibrillator needs a power supply.
Age Concern have been sent a thank you letter and the PC agreed to erect a plaque to acknowledge the donation.
- 40/15 Rural Broadband** – Murton is one of the 6% of areas which is not included in either Phase 1 or Phase 2 the EU-funded *Connecting Cumbria* project and will not therefore have the benefit of fibreoptic broadband. A Phase 3 of the programme has been promised. Rory Stewart MP is stressing that Phase 3 should focus on outer rural areas. The Clerk will write to Mr Stewart to request details of any possible future developments for the area.
- 41/15 Correspondence for Information** – the circulated list was noted. An invitation to attend the Annual Local Liaison Meeting at Warcop Camp was taken up by Cllrs Govan and Laverty.
- 42/15 Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers not otherwise mentioned** – no actions had been taken.
- 43/15 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda** – none received.
- 44/15 Date of next meeting: Monday 3 August at 7.30 pm – Appleby Golf Club**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Barbara I. Govan 03-08-2015

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