

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Alastair Bell, Barbara Govan (Chairman), Debbie Hewitt, Anne King, Pat Laverty (Vice Chair), Tina Longstaff, John McDarren.

- 37/19 Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 38/19 Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of disclosable personal or pecuniary interests in respect of items on this Agenda were made.
- 39/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings**
Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 4 February and the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 March 2019 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as accurate records.
- 40/19 Open Session** – No issues were raised for discussion.
- 41/19 Highways England – A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project** – information had been received regarding the public consultation on the dualling of the A66. Sessions in Appleby are being held 29 May-1 June at The Appleby Hub.
- 42/19 Military Range at Warcop** – Cllrs Govan, Laverty and McGovern will attend the meeting of the Local Liaison Group on Tuesday 21 May 2019.
- 43/19 Eden District Council – Footway Lighting** – EDC has awarded the maintenance contract for the three footway lights adopted by Murton Parish Council to Aptus Utilities. One light had already been replaced (Mill Corner) and the remaining two lights (one in Hilton, one in Murton) will be replaced this summer. The Clerk will clarify EDC's approach to the future of the non-adopted lighting in the parish.
- 44/19 CCC HIGHWAYS**
44/19/1 CCC Highways – Hilton Bridge Widening – Metcalfe's have been awarded the contract for this project. The Chairman and Clerk had noted residents' concerns and raised several issues with CCC regarding access to Hilton. The Clerk will contact EDC to ask for the Garden Waste Recycling Skip to be relocated to Hilton for the months of July, August and September.

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44/19/2 CCC Highways – Repairs – it was noted that some of the potholes repaired earlier in the year were beginning to deteriorate, some verges were overgrown and a gully in Hilton was not draining. The Clerk reminded Councillors that 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>

45/191 HEALTH & SAFETY

45/19/1 Health & Safety – Cemetery – it was noted that repairs to the walls had been made. Replacement of the walls in the longer term would be discussed later in the meeting.

45/19/2 Health & Safety – Parish Owned Property (including Village Greens) – the Clerk will write and thank those who had repaired and relocated the bench at Hilton near the fell access. Councillors were aware of other benches that need maintenance and are planning to undertake this in the near future. The Clerk would forward the H&S Property Checklists for Councillors to use.

46/19 CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

46/19/1 Annual Review of Cemetery Fees – it was noted that the next staged increase for Exclusive Right of Burial (Resolved in Minute 55/17) would be implemented as follows: May 2018 - £75; May 2019 £100; May 2020 £125 and May 2021 £150.

46/19/2 Rural Payments Agency – the Cemetery has been registered with the RPA and the proposal to submit an application for funding for wall replacement under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme was discussed. The Clerk and Cllr Bell will work on the application, the deadline for which is the end of July. However this may not be successful, and the limited funding would not enable the whole project. Discussions regarding the full requirements and costs of the project will follow at a later meeting.

47/19 Maintaining the Parish Environment – Cllr King will propose dates for the annual Village Green & Cemetery Walkabout, and a Boon Day. It was noted that the Mill Lane footpath should be made as safe as possible as there would be increased access during the bridge widening project this summer. Cllr Laverty reported that there was a new volunteer who had offered to cut the grass at Murton Middle Green as the previous volunteer was no longer able to undertake it. Her years of work on this task were noted and commended. Volunteers had also trimmed Hilton Top Green.

48/19 FINANCIAL REPORTS

48/19/1 Budget 2019/20 and Current Financial Situation (Appendix 1). This report was reviewed. The Clerk drew attention to two items not included on the

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list of predicted expenditure: Reimbursement of bench repair costs to a resident (£56.74) and reimbursement of Clerk's Expenses (£101.30)

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

48/19/2 Annual Accounting Statement 2018/19

Resolved: that the Accounting Statement be signed by the Chair.

48/19/3 Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

Resolved: that the Governance Statement be signed by the Chair.

48/19/4 Certificate of Exemption

Resolved: that the Council be certified as exempt from limited assurance review by the external auditor.

48/19/5 Internal Audit

Resolved: that the new internal auditor be thanked for his robust internal audit of the parish council accounts and systems.

49/19 Pendragon Rally - following a presentation by the organisers of this rally earlier in the evening the PC agreed to their proposal to apply to Highways for the closure of the A66 to Hilton Village road (across the Warcop Ranges) between 7 am and 6 pm on Sunday 30 August 2020.

Resolved: that the proposal, as described, be approved by the parish council with the following recommendations:

- That the organisers liaise with Hilton Commoners regarding graziers' access.
- That participants be advised to exercise caution in the village area where residents, including children, may be observing.
- That a speed limit of 25 mph, in keeping with the speed limit across the Range, be enforced in the village.

50/19 Correspondence for Information (Appendix 2)

The Clerk drew attention to a recently received e-mail regarding the withdrawal of the software currently being used for the Murton.org website. Discussion with the Institute Committee and research on a replacement package will be made.

51/19 Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers not otherwise mentioned – none.

52/19 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda – none.

53/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 5 August 2019 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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