

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

2 March 2020

Present: Alastair Bell, Barbara Govan (Chairman), Debbie Hewitt Anne King and Tina Longstaff, Alistair Lockett (guest speaker) and 20 members of the public.

20/20 Apologies for Absence – Pat Laverty (unwell), John McDarren (holiday).

21/20 Chairman's Annual Report - the Chairman gave an account of the Parish Council's activities for the last year. This can be found at www.murton.org.uk/meetings/
Items covered included:

- Care of Murton Cemetery – the need for maintenance to walls and paths.
- Data Protection – the PC's work in complying with legislation.
- The Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – the requirement on the PC to publish key documents.
- New Parish Council website – the need to replace the previous one and compliance with The Transparency Code.
- Widening of Hilton Bridge – a key project in the last year.
- Working with CCC Highways – a good relationship with Highways, but an acknowledgement that there is a reduction in service.
- Parish tidy ups and litter picks – to be scheduled shortly.
- Working with MoD, Warcop – a good working relationship with the management.

22/20 The Clerk demonstrated the new website and gave an example of the work of the PC by demonstrating the Annual Risk Assessment which involves examining all the risks to which the PC is subject and how they are viewed.
Resolved: That the Risk Assessment be approved for 2020.

23/20 Open Session – various items, eg potholes and road damage were reported. The Clerk will report these to Cumbria Council. The Clerk encouraged people to report problems on the CCC Highways faults web page and include photographs whenever possible:
<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/wdm/default.asp>

24/20 Peatland Restoration and Climate Change
The Chairman introduced Alistair Lockett, Field Officer, North Pennines AONB Partnership who gave an account of the work that has been done on the fells in the parish in recent years.

25/20 Date of next meetings: Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Ordinary Meeting: Monday 4 May 2020 starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

A large print version of these minutes is available on request from the parish clerk. All documents relating to this meeting are available here: www.murton.org.uk

Signature
Chairman, Murton Parish Council

Date of meeting