

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

1 March 2021

Present: Cllrs Alastair Bell, Jack Caldwell, Barbara Govan (Chairman), Debbie Hewitt, Anne King and John McDarren. CCC Cllr Andy Connell, EDC Cllr William Patterson and four members of the public.

21/22 Apologies for Absence – Tina Longstaff (lambing).

22/21 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:

- Coping with the Coronavirus pandemic.
 - Moving to Zoom meetings.
 - Thanks to volunteers for work around the parish, especially keeping greens tidy and spreading the new gravel in the cemetery.
 - Cemetery – discussions to come about a designated area for memorial plaques
- Encouragement to use the CCC Highways website for reporting faults and keeping the Parish Clerk updated. <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/wdm/default.asp>
- Hope that future meetings will be held face to face.

23/21 Open Session – various items were discussed:

- Cllr King described the PC's efforts made to improve the village greens and parish environment. Offers to volunteer to tidy Murton Top Green, clearing bonfire debris were made and welcomed.
- There has been an increase in dog fouling since last year, probably due to more people using the area to exercise during lockdowns. The PC will be putting up posters about this shortly.
- An increase in Warcop Range firing days was mentioned, the Clerk will contact the MOD regarding this.
- Appleby Horse Fair – Cllr Connell was not aware that any decision had been made about the 2021 Fair but it was noted that elements of lockdown would still be in place during early June.

24/21 Date of next meetings: Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Ordinary Meeting: Monday 10 May 2021 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