

Morton on Swale Parish Council

Provisional Minutes of meeting held 27 January 2010

Present

P Tweddle in the Chair, M Grover, A Poulter, R White, J Sanderson, Councillor A Barker, District Councillor B Phillips and D Fawcett Clerk.

There were ten members of the public present.

The Minutes of meeting held 25 November 2009 were read and proposed a true record by A Poulter, seconded R White.

Matters Arising

A request for a donation from the Village Hall Committee has been received. As a meeting is to be held later this evening with the Village Hall Committee, R White proposed the matter to be left until details following the meeting are known. There were no objections.

Declaration of Interest

J Sanderson and R White relating to public footpath diversion and forward planning matters respectively.

Correspondence

a. Letter from NYCC Highways regarding pothole repairs and manhole problems to the effect that they have currently insufficient funds for footway improvements. The Clerk stated he had written recently informing NYCC that as a result of weather conditions several potholes were now much worse. NYCC has inspected and placed cones over the severe ones. County Councillor A Barker informed that the bridge surface has received remedial works this week and that the manhole issues were still under review.

b. NYCC has written wishing to close the two parking spaces nearest the village hall to improve visibility splay for the Dales School. This was not well received and the suggestion by A Poulter that the Dales School reverse their In and Out system was generally agreed a sensible compromise. M Grover said he couldn't accept NYCC's proposal as disabled drivers and people carrying items to the village hall would be disadvantaged. It was suggested that perhaps they could improve the visibility display and exit by removing a parking bay at the opposite end. District Councillor Phillips said it was when larger vehicles parked in the bays that visibility was particularly impaired.

c. Letter received from Messrs Walker regarding estimated costs of grass cutting at £34.00 plus VAT for 2010. Proposed accepted by R White, seconded A Poulter.

d. Letter received from Air Ambulance organisers regarding funding. No contribution agreed.

e. A detailed proposed forward planning framework from HDC, which is currently being evaluated by the government, is to be passed around the Parish Councillors for information. Only one scheme for over ten properties is identified within the parish.

f. Letter from leader of NYCC updating on winter weather issues.

Police "Profiles"

The Parish has two representatives Thelma Roddy and Joan Bousefield. The latter will be attending a meeting in Thirsk in the near future.

RoSPA

Following their recent report the Clerk inspected the matters raised and considers some items will require repair by a specialist contractor. Agreed he pursue and obtain details of cost. The landowner of the leaning fence has been visited and agreed to rectify.

Parish Website

M Grover has discussed issues with the website provider, kindly assisted by Beryl Smith. A vastly improved service available and the agenda and minutes may be placed on website. Proposed fee of £ 36.00 to SIGMA 2 be paid by M Grover, seconded by J Sanderson.

Proposed Public Footpath Diversion Morton Grange

J Sanderson left the room whilst matter discussed. No objections.

Planning Matters

Proposed extension to rear of Glebe Cottage. The Clerk has seen the applicant and HDC informed no objection provided owner of property to west consulted.

Proposed development adjacent 28 Greenacres has been refused by HDC.

AOB

District Councillor Phillips wished to discuss an increase in the precept, as suggested by the Clerk to cover two items, which may stretch finances. It was agreed to leave the precept at the present level. Proposed by M Grover, seconded R White. HDC to be informed by 28 January 2010. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03.

The date of the next meeting is 31 March 2010.