

Morton on Swale Parish Council

Provisional Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 2 June 2010

Present

P Tweddle (Chairman), R White, A Poulter, J Sanderson, M Grover, District Councillor B Phillips and D Fawcett clerk.

Apologies County Councillor A Barker

There were six members of the public present.

Minutes

The minutes of 31 March 2010 were read and proposed a true record by M Grover, seconded by A Poulter.

Matters Arising

There were none.

Correspondence

- a. Letter re County Council training course at Durham – considered not worth the expense.
- b. AON Indemnity Insurance £507.76 paid. The clerk reported that he had tried other insurers for a better quote, but without success.
- c. YLC membership requested – no- we join if necessary.
- d. HDC Forum. M Grover may attend as our representative.
- e. NYCC Transport Questionnaire. J Sanderson will assess and respond if judged appropriate.
- f. Playing Fields Association request we join – no.

Grass Cutting

Two invoices received from Walkers. The field has been inspected by Councillors Sanderson and Poulter. They report that it is in good condition – proposed paid J Sanderson, seconded R White.

Playing Field Inspection

J Sanderson said equipment getting aged but not dangerous and quote for replacement of net was an unrealistic amount, verified by A Poulter. The clerk said the benches and seats needed treating and he was happy to paint them if the Parish Council would pay for the paint. Agreed.

Planning Matters

- a. Garage site. The owner has agreed to improvements requested by the Parish Council in relation to the footway adjacent to the A684.

Regarding the loss of a parking bay from the proposals, the Planning Office agreed to request Highways to re examine the matter in view of our assertion that the visibility splay is not affected.

b. The proposed footpath diversion at Morton Grange Farm has been sealed but any objections must be made by 16 June after which, unless unresolved objections, the order can be confirmed.

Verge Grass Cutting

The contractors Sodexo sometimes omit to cut the verge opposite the Dales School. R White reminded them recently and they cut it. The clerk has asked NYCC to ensure the strip is listed within the contract.

Discussion took place regarding the cutting back of the adjacent hedge. This is clearly a grey area as to whose ownership/responsibility this is. Some adjacent owners make an excellent job of keeping the hedge neat and tidy, while others are not quite as enthusiastic.

The clerk to write to NYCC regarding the cutting of the verge.

Audit Commission

The clerk has prepared the annual submissions to the Audit Commission. All agreed they be sent.

Parking Issues

NYCC have not acted on our written offers to have an on site meeting regarding their suggested closure of two parking bays nearest to village hall, to which the Parish Council strongly objected. District Councillor Brian Phillips outlined why it would not be realistic to reverse the IN/OUT entrance/exit at the Dales School.

NYCC state they are willing to examine the removal of parking restriction signs between the shop and the butchers. The clerk to post a notice asking for views/comments from residents and users of the parking bays.

AOB

a. The clerk asked, via the Chair, if previous efforts to undertake litter collections in the vicinity of the village could be undertaken again. If such action is contemplated Mr John Proud at HDC can assist with such items as high visibility clothing.

b. M Grover suggested the Forum meeting may be a good opportunity to raise several ongoing issues. District Councillor Phillips advised that the joint NYCC/Hambleton Area meeting may be more relevant.

c. The clerk has written to the owner of the Swaledale Arms in respect of overgrown grass and has offered to cut same.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 28 July 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.