

Morton on Swale Parish Council
Provisional Minutes of Meeting held 28 September 2011

Present

P Ridley, M Grover in the Chair, A Moore, J Sanderson, O Poulter, District Councillor B Phillips, D Fawcett clerk.

1. Apologies

County Councillor A Barker

2. Minutes of 27 July were read and proposed a true record by A Moore, seconded P Ridley.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were none.

4. Matters Arising

Letter received from County Councillor Barker suggesting that inspection of road/manholes in vicinity of Station Lane junction revealed that above was within accepted tolerance levels. The Chairman proposed that the clerk write to NYCC requesting a site meeting as he found foregoing unacceptable.

5. Correspondence

a. Mr and Mrs Baker of Rievaulx Drive have requested permission to place a bouncy castle on the playing field for party next Saturday – their drive being unavailable at present. All agreed and letter of consent provided with proviso that Parish Council be absolved from any insurance claims.

b. Indemnity Insurance is now completed for £172 via HDC joint scheme.

c. Post Bus ceases on 28 October.

d. Letter received regarding Britain in Bloom – no expressions of interest.

e. Village Hall committee member Pauline Robinson was present and informed us that all grants were now approved plus an additional one of £500 from Broadacres. Work to commence on 29 September for approximately one month.

f. Audit Commission now completed and invoice for £60 (same as last year plus VAT increase) received.

g. NYCC provided detailed correspondence regarding volunteers for winter maintenance and allied costs to the Parish Council. Insurance cover of £ 10,000,000 is required. There were no expressions of interest.

h. NYCC have extended consultation period regarding minerals/waste. No action.

i. Reply received from owner of former garage site indicating that should we wish to provide temporary means of visual improvement to the area he has no objections.

6. Planning Matters

- a. The application for a garage at 2 Harewood Close has been approved by HDC.
- b. Swaledale Arms. No planning decision made to date but the site owner is concerned that matters may not be proceeding entirely smoothly due to an unforeseen obstacle emerging. The owner wishes the matter to remain confidential as negotiations continue, to try and resolve the issue.

J Sanderson proposed that we write to NYCC and HDC to explore an alternative site for the village's commercial sized waste wheelie bins as should planning ultimately be granted for the Swaledale Arms a new site will be required. All agreed.

7. Playing Field

A Moore advised that due to cutbacks the works to the playing field will probably be put back to November. Supervised parties of up to seven will undertake the work. The Chairman said a working party of J Sanderson, O Poulter and himself had cleared an area of trees around the patio area.

The clerk confirmed that the money from the former playing field association had been transferred into Parish Council funds.

Pauline Robinson indicated that members of the village hall committee must be informed in advance as to when the work parties intend to use the village hall for lunch breaks/ toilet etc in order to avoid parties who hire the premises. Works should be finished in two to three days.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Mike Carr has volunteered as an addition to the existing body. He was welcomed by the Chairman who considers that we could still benefit from more volunteers.

9. Grass Cutting

Five cuts over the last two months, invoice for £204 received. Proposed paid P Ridley, seconded A Moore.

10. Clerk's Payment and Expenses

Stamps/copying receipts etc for £9.62. These were proposed paid by P Ridley, seconded J Sanderson.

11. Precept

The half-yearly payment of £1600, the precept from HDC has been received.

12. AOB

District Councillor Phillips stated that suggestions for waste collections were welcomed as the existing contract for the blue box scheme ends in January 2012. He provided details of collections over Christmas period. The green bin collection service ends on 5 November and recommences on 19 March.

Date of next meeting 30 November 2011 at 7.30 for 8pm