

# **MURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES of a VIRTUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL on THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021.**

**Present:** Councillor P Penman (Chair)  
Councillors R Adcock-Forster, A Cowley, J Griffiths, L Grogan, R Kelly, G Lormor, G Maitland, H Napier and A Page.

**Officer:** LA Armstrong (Parish Clerk).

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. M Errington, M Haswell, L Riley, S Ward and G Rennoldson,  
County Councillor A Napier.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

### **3. CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone back after the Christmas break and informed members that due to the new strain of virus he did not want to put members at risk holding face to face meetings, therefore for the foreseeable it would be safer to hold virtual meetings. The NHS are under tremendous pressure so it is sensible to stay home and stay safe.

The Chairman wanted to thank the Parish workforce for working through this pandemic and supporting the community and staying safe.

### **4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

Copy of the minutes were circulated to members previously.

Pursuant to agenda item 8 TSB closure a final decision had been made to close branch from March 2021. Cllr. R Adcock-Forster to chase to see if they still wanted to use Glebe Centre for some customer service.

Cllr. H Napier commented on new seats at cenotaph and over Wembley there had been positive feedback.

**Resolved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.**

### **5. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, a copy of which had been circulated to members previously. These contained recommendations in respect of The Revised Budget for 2020-2021 and the Council's Precept for 2021-2022.

**Members endorse recommendations by Finance Committee and Resolve to adopt the Minutes in full.**

### **6. COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION**

Copies were circulated to members previously. Due to global pandemic Members decided to keep figures at same level as last year.

**Resolved to receive the information.**

**7. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

Written report presented by Clerk.

**Resolved:**

- **Approve and endorse report**
- **Approve the appointment of Mr D Wilson as Internal Auditor for 2021-2022.**

**8. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Remembrance Day Service: Derek Gibson has put together a Service Booklet for our consideration and would like to be involved in any future meetings as we no longer have a RBL branch in village.

Glisten Water has conducted all Legionella Risk Assessments for all MWA/Council Buildings from these reports Action Plans/checks to be completed. Chairman reported information from meeting held with T Naylor regarding off road bikes speeding through bridleway from See View to Dalton le Dale, also present were Clerk, Police, DCC Rights of Way Officer and Chair of Dalton le Dale PC. Positive outcome new gate to be erected to stop speeding bikes.

**9. MATTERS OF INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE.**

Thank you from: Great North Air Ambulance and Mencap for kind donations.

Bowling Pavilion is in dreadful state of repair, still paying standard charges

Electricity it was decided to cut supply and secure building.

DCC maintenance agreement for grasscutting has been reduced due to Covid 19 conditions they have been unable to carry out normal standard of service.

Covid-19 update report from Clerk.

Correspondence received from DCC to purchase land under their ownership,

Ransom strip opposite 25 Seaview Walk and adjacent land next to North East Bifolds on Industrial Estate , members had no concern.

**Resolved to receive the information.**

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved that the following proposed applications be received:**

- .Proposed single garage at Woodland View, 1 Meadow Lane.
- Change of use from office to dog grooming parlour at 6 Woods Terrace East.
- Change of use from existing grade 11 pump house and associated buildings to licensed wedding venue, bride shop and commercial offices, including various single storey extensions to provide kitchen, toilet ventilation and glazed orangery. Internal alterations to provide mezzanine floors, internal structural openings, roof insulation under floor heating, refurb/repairs of external windows and doors. External building illumination and provision of new car park and associated landscaping including new vehicle entrance.
- 2 no satellite dishes at site former Vic Club.

**Resolved to receive the information.**

**11. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**11.1 Monthly Accounts and Wages**

Details of receipts and payments made in the past 3 months were reported as follows:

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Total of Accounts Received	£ 9,396.55
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment	£ 55,040.57
Total Wage Bill for the Month of Nov/Dec/Jan	£ 43,965.30

Contribution to Murton Welfare Assn. £ 18,000.00

The Council supports the Community Centre financially under the

- Local Government ( Miscellaneous Provisions ) Act 1976 Part 1,s19
- Local Government Act 1972 s144,145 and 133.

**Resolved to receive and approve.**

**12. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Following a casual vacancy arising Murton Branch Labour Party have put forward Michael Grogan to fill this position.

**Resolved to Co-Opt Michael Grogan to fill Vacancy.**

**The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.45pm.**

**RESOLVED and that the next Meeting of the Council is t.b.c.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

DATE:

CHAIRMAN