

# Murton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of the Council held in The Glebe Centre on  
Thursday, 20th May 2021.

## Present:

Councillor P Penman (Chair)

Councillors R Adcock-Forster, B Brown, EA Cowley, R Cunningham, KA Dixon, JA Griffiths, L Grogan, M Grogan, R Kelly, G Maitland, J Maitland, H Napier, M Rafferty, L Riley and SG Robson. LA Armstrong (Parish Clerk).

## 1. Apologies

None.

## 2. Declaration of interest

None declared.

## 3. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed members old and new to the Parish Council and looked forward to working together for the benefit of the Community, following a very difficult year with Covid restrictions. He also congratulated our new County Councillors R Adcock-Forster and J Griffiths.

## 4. Minutes and matters arising

**Minutes of the Parish Council Virtual Meeting held 22nd April 2021.**

**Minutes of the Finance Virtual Meeting held 5th May 2021.** Copy of the minutes were circulated to members previously. **Resolved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record. Resolved members receive the information.**

**5. B1285 Murton speeding/overtaking/volume traffic** Clerk gave an update on this important issue following reply from Maxine Stubbs Traffic Management Officer Durham Constabulary. A lengthy discussion ensued around congestion, accidents, rationale and speed checks. **Resolved clerk arrange meeting with Maxine Stubbs, Traffic Assets Team DCC, our 2 County Councillors and members from our Executive Committee.**

## 6. Annual return and Internal Auditor's report

Member's reviewed the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. There were no issues arising, the Chairman thanked the Clerk/RFO for the sound financial systems in place.

**Resolved member's approve and accept.**

## **7. Reports from meetings attended**

The Clerk gave an update following meetings held with Murton Station History Group. The Clean and Green Team from DCC are going to support volunteers who have been clearing path to expose old cobbles within next 4-5 weeks. When the Glebe Centre re-opens a meeting will be arranged with group members see what support we can offer group. Members were fully supportive of this project. Cllr Griffiths met with an Officer from Believe Housing and 2 students from Royal London Art College to discuss community activities and events in village. **Resolved to receive the information.**

## **8. Matter of information/Correspondance**

Letter received from Mrs M Wright praising our retired Councillor M Errington on her years service to the community.

Councillor Training contact Clerk if interested.

Quotation received for piece of play equipment from Streetscape, Clerk contact family of Late Billy Jones to see if they are happy to proceed with memorial. Proposed diversion of Public Footpath No 27 and road footpath closures to facilitate Virgin Media works.

Great British Spring Clean is to take place between 28th May – 13th June, Cllr Griffiths with Murton Young People and Community Club are doing litter pick on 3rd June. Discussions ensued around fly tipping, fast food /litter all over the village and around education of the people to stop this happening. Cllrs. B Brown, S Robson, P Penman, M Rafferty R Cunningham and M Grogan would like to set up a Working Group to address situation. **Resolved to receive the information.**

## **9. Planning applications**

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

- Variation of condition 2 pursuant to planning permission to change design of plot 3 Village Farm.
- On-farm diversification scheme comprising change of use of part agricultural building to provide a farm shop, erection of timber facilities block , 3 tepees and 4 new wild life ponds at Dalton Moor Farm. **Resolved to receive the information.**

## **10. Financial matters**

Total of Accounts Received **£180,753.46**

Total of Accounts Passed for Payment **£22,709.09**

Total Wage Bill for the Month of Mar **£15,893.14**

Contribution to Murton Welfare Assn. **£6,000.00**

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.**

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**The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.**

**RESOLVED and that the next Meeting of the Council is to be held on Thursday, 17th June 2021 at The Glebe Centre.**

**Certified correct:**

*Chairman*

**Date: 17th June 2021**