

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COUNCIL held in THE GLEBE CENTRE, on TUESDAY, 27th OCTOBER 2020.

Present: Councillor P Penman (Chair)
Councillors A Cowley, R Adcock-Forster, M Haswell, R Kelly, J Griffiths,
G Maitland, H Napier, L Riley and S Ward.

Officer: LA Armstrong (Parish Clerk).

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Cllrs. M Errington, L Grogan, G Lormor, A Page and G Rennoldson.
County Councillor: Alan Napier.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. POLICE REPORT

Dylan Middlemass (PCSO) thanked Cllr. Julie Griffiths, Murton Parish Council and staff for organising Murton Scarecrow Competition it made front page of Sunderland Echo and comments on Smooth Radio. The Chairman said it was well received by the village there were over 100 entries.

The Chairman reported that there had been a serious road incident opposite new Co-Op site which he reported through our County Councillors, the Parish Council and now to the Police which he wanted to pursue. Other members said there were problems throughout the village regarding speeding vehicles.

PCSO said he would contact Maxine Stubbs to follow up.

The PCSO was thanked for his report and left the meeting shortly after.

4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

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These were approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record by Chairman. There were no matters arising.

5. CHECKLIST FOR HOLDING AN IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETING

The checklist has been conducted to the Council's satisfaction and it has been agreed that the Council will hold a face-to-face (or hybrid) meeting on this occasion. This decision is made in accordance with relevant regulations and requirements and will be reviewed after each meeting.

Resolved based on risk assessment and with risk management actions that it is safe and appropriate to meet. Members were fully supportive of face to face meetings rather than virtual meetings as they felt some members would be excluded due to no internet connection at home.

- 6. EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ANNUAL RETURN**
Mazars have completed Audit for year ending 31st March 2020. There were no matters arising. We have published a statement on our website concluding Audit, rights of inspection and address at which rights may be exercised. The AGAR remains available for public access of not less than 5 years. Cllr. H Napier thanked the Clerk.
Members approve and accept Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
- 7. PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY NO.29 MURTON PARISH PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION OREDR 2019.**
On 25th September 2020, Durham County Council confirmed the above order.
Members information.
- 8. MURTON TSB CLOSURE**
Following announcement that our local TSB and only remaining bank in village is to close next March, there has been public outcry. Cllr R Adcock-Forster has taken this up with MP G Morris and there has been a petition set up which all Councillors signed.
Resolved Cllr. R Adcock-Forster pursue.
- 9. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Following official guidance from Government, Police and Royal British Legion it is not feasible to have a parade or open event to the public. Since the Government announced the rule of 6 legislation any event is to be scaled back. Discussion ensued.
Resolved that small service will take place at Cenotaph on R Sunday, Salvation Army will provide service, Ed Brown RBL and Chairman P Penman will be in attendance. Statement released by Council ask members of public to take part remotely or pause for 2 minutes silence on their doorstep. At all times socially distance.
- 10. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**
Meeting held with Salvation Army, RBL and Police with regards to R Sunday.
Resolved to receive the information.
- 11. MATTERS OF INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**
11.1 Co Durham Plan was adopted 21st October 2020 by DCC. Members can view this on DCC Website.
11.2 Scarecrow Competition was bigger and better this year , we made a full page in Sunderland Echo.
11.3 Four seats have been delivered from David Ogilvie supported by Cllrs. A Napier and J Maitland. Two for Cenotaph, one East Moor Estate and Sea View..
11.4 Funding application in for defibrillators in village supported by Police, 2 County Councillors and Murton Parish.
11.5 Thank you letters from Sarah Ward and ST. Benedicts Hospice.
- 12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
There were no applications received.

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13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

13.1 Monthly Accounts and Wages

Details of receipts and payments made in the past 2 month were reported as follows:

Total of Accounts Received	£ 2,601.88
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment	£ 26,503.41
Total Wage Bill for the Month of Sep	£ 13,801.01
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.

13.2 Request for Financial Support.

Great North Air Ambulance Service £300
Durham Cathedral £100
Murton Colliery FC £200

Resolved to donate through Power of General Competence.

13.3 Financial Update

The Clerk gave a report on the current financial position of the Council and balances remaining for each budget, the grant settlement for 2021/22 will not be known till December but early indication it will be on same level as this year. We will set our budget and agree Precept early January 2021.

Resolved to receive the information.

13.4 Glebe Centre Expenditure

The Clerk gave a written financial report which was circulated to members previously.

Resolved to receive the information.

13.5 Any Other Financial Matter

Possibility of Winter Wonderland for parents and children to visit over festive period. Ideas were discussed by members and it was agreed to use Glebe Centre Lounge. All members were fully supportive and it was agreed to utilise Parish staff when available after completing their own duties to help provide this service to the community.

Cllr. J Griffiths and R Kelly approached members to see if we can provide some food for children in need over these school holidays. Cllr J Griffiths is working with Ribbon School, McRae House, Spa and Asda to see if they can help. It was agreed that Parish Council would fully support delivery of 200 make you own Pizza's @ £3 per head to deliver Wednesday and Thursday.

Resolved to support above initiatives.

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Members requested to receive and approve above information.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.45 am.

RESOLVED and that the next Meeting of the Council is to be confirmed.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIRMAN

DATE: