

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COUNCIL held in THE GLEBE CENTRE, on TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 2020.

Present: Councillor P Penman (Chair)
Councillors R Kelly, J Griffiths, G Maitland, H Napier, L Riley and S Ward.

Officer: LA Armstrong (Parish Clerk).

Public: Dylan Middlemass (PCSO)
Stephanie Carrel (Morrisons Community Champion)
Stephanie introduced herself to members, explained her job role and how committed Morrisons were to working with local community.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Cllrs. R Adcock-Forster, A Cowley, M Errington, L Grogan, M Haswell, G Lormor, A Page, G Rennoldson and L Riley.
County Councillor: Alan Napier.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. POSITION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Two councillors were put forward, a vote was taken by show of hands.

Resolved that Cllr. Julie Griffiths be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council.

4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

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28th July 2020

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. NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2020-2021

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed new pay scales for 2020-21 to be implemented from 1 April 2020.

Members approve Salary Award and back date to April 2020.

7. PARISH VACANCY

No requests for an election were received by DCC, we can now proceed with co-option to fill this vacancy, awaiting recommendations.

Members requested to defer till next meeting of the Council.

8. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

From 23rd September 2020 all local council's websites will need to be compliant with The Public Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018. The Clerk and Website Administrator have provided the statement. (Available at Meeting)

Members approve Statement which will be uploaded on Parish Website.

9. HENRY SMITH CHARITY

Breakdown of income and expenditure for 2019-2020 Financial Year was circulated to members previously.

Resolved to donate remaining balance to:

Murton Community and Young Peoples Club (Scarecrow Comp/Pumpkins/Harvest Festival)

Murton Community Steps Walking Group

Murton Glebe Creche.

10. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

Clerk reported on Larger Councils and SLCC virtual meetings she had participated in.

Resolved to receive the information.

11. MATTERS OF INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Crime Reference Stolen Spare Wheel off new pick up, Tractor windscreen, Hedgehogs Murton Welfare Park.

11.2 Remembrance Parades 2020 bigger discussion on national stage about in person events such as this in next few months. Meeting confirmed 30th September. Agreed to order x 2 Memorial Benches for Cenotaph, possible another x2 for village.

11.3 Virtual Meetings, John Taylor from DCC can meet up with us to discuss in more detail. Members preference was face to face meetings.

11.4 Numerous cards/letters of thanks for all hardwork done by Cllrs. And Staff delivering food parcels etc. during lockdown.

11.5 Tarmac entrance Welfare Park has been completed out maintenance budget, because of accident/covid shut down process was escalated.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that the following proposed applications be received:

- Erection of 1 two storey dwelling land rear of Valetta Bungalow, East Coronation St.
- Extension side of Georges Fish bar, replacement existing roof at Doxford Terrace North.
- Extensions to side and rear of existing factory unit, Bifold House, Cold Hesledon Ind Est.

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- Single storey side and rear extension at 29 Station Rd north.

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	£ 20,268.00
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment	£ 36,653.73
Total Wage Bill for the Month of Jul/Aug	£ 27,057.44
Contribution to Murton Welfare Assn.	£ 12,000.00

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.

Haswell and District Mencap Society £300

Charity Golf Day £300 towards De-fibs in Murton.

Resolved to donate through Power of General Competence.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.10 am.

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIRMAN

DATE: