

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COUNCIL held in THE GLEBE CENTRE, on WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY 2018.

Present: Councillor T Pinkney (Chair)
Councillors A Cowley, A Page, G Lormor, R Kelly, J Griffiths, P Penman, R Adcock-Forster, L Riley, G Maitland, G Rennoldson and S Ward.

Officer: LA Armstrong (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. M Haswell, M Errington, H Napier and L Grogan.
County Councillor A Napier.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. PRESENTATION BELINDA WILLIAMS

Apologies meeting change due to adverse weather conditions.

4. CHAIRMANS REMARKS

The Chairman asked if Members would prefer the Parish Meetings to start at an earlier time possibly 4 or 5pm instead of usual 7pm. Cllr. A Page said he would prefer a 7pm start.

Resolved to receive the information.

5. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 16th November 2017.

Copy of the minutes were circulated to members previously.

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

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

7. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held 13th December 2017, a copy of which had been circulated to members previously. These contained recommendations in Respect of the Revised Budget for 2017-2018 and the Council's Precept for 2018-2019. There was an amendment to agenda item 2, to contact NEREO for advice rather than requesting job evaluations for staff.

Resolved that the Minutes be adopted in full.

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8. COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

Copy of the calculations were circulated to members previously, 2% increase which equates to average household in Murton paying Parish Council £2.31 a week a 3 p increase per week which is an extra £2.19 a year.

Resolved to receive the information.

9. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Clerk gave members an update on information coming from NALC and SLCC, GDPR confirms that the Council is responsible for compliance with Data Protection Law, not the Data Protection Officer. NALC are looking to produce a Toolkit to use offering practical Action Plans, checklists etc. late January. NALC confirm that the Clerk will not be able to be the Data Protection Officer options are:

- Work with County Associations to ensure Council have access to reputable firms that understand the sector.
- Set up sector led body to provide a national DPO service and support.
- Look to see if it may be cost effective to work with a supplier to provide a national service which Council's can access.

Resolved to receive the information.

10. STREET LIGHTING ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAMME

Consultation documents relating to removal of Street Lighting around Dalton Park area.

Resolved to object to proposal.

11. BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTIES 2018

Clerk informed members that we had missed out on draw due to reconvened meeting.

Resolved to receive the information.

12. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr. S Ward reported from PACT meeting he attended at Mcrae House he was asked to write down the problem and police would look into at further date.

The Clerk informed members that she and Cllr. Griffiths attended the East Durham Ass. of Parish and TC's meeting on 16th January, cost of GDPR training was discussed some Councils sent all staff and members at some considerable cost general feeling was that the training was appalling. Mr John Murphy introduced himself to members he has taken over from Sheelagh Pearce as new AAP co-ordinator.

The Clerk informed members that she had been contacted by Durham Agency Against Crime running youth engagement programmes, they are running a 'Mini Hagrid' with Ribbon Academy based around young people learning horticultural skills whilst engaging with community. They were most impressed with our Welfare Park and Cemetery and we will be working with them in near future to help plant flower beds, do plant pots for elderly use bowling facilities and woodland areas for different projects.

Resolved to receive the information.

13. MATTERS OF INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Green Hill Residential Care Home proposed new development to the former nursery school down Glebe View, which will be submitted for planning in near future.

13.2 local Government Pay 2018 Clerk reported on deal on table which has not been accepted as yet.

13.3 County Council of Durham (Murton, Various Streets) Amendment No 1 Order 2018 Woods Terrace remove No Waiting introduction of new parking bays top terrace.

13.4 Thank you for kind donations from:

- Mrs A Park

Resolved to receive the information.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following proposed applications were received:

- Change of Use from Community Centre to Offices at Evolve Fitness Centre, Cedar Crescent.
- Erection of single-storey extension at side dwelling 16 Station Rd. North.
- Land North of St. Ives Place, 24 bungalows, 4 dormer bungalows and 22 two storey 3 Bedroom Houses. (50 dwellings).

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 Monthly Accounts and Wages

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

Total of Accounts Received	£ 2,010.98
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment	£ 22,486.26
Total Wage Bill for the Month of Nov/Dec	£ 25,513.37
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.

15.2 Clerk presented quotation from Schrijver regarding Cemetery Bungalow damp problem. Cllr. Lormor requested another quotation be sought from another company for comparison.

Resolved to receive and approve.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.05pm.

RESOLVED that the next Meeting of the Council be scheduled for 15th February 2018 at 7pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

DATE: **Thursday, February 15th 2018.**

CHAIRMAN