

**MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm.**

**Present;** Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Robert Fry, Cllr Dion Shoemark, Cllr Jim Cooper, District Cllr Tony Alford, and 13 members of the public.

**2017/0036. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS** – District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff and County Cllr Knox

**2017/0037. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA**

Planning Matters:

Mosterton Cross – Cllr Hickman reported that the AONB has now been consulted, and are objecting to the size and scale of the proposed development. There is a chance that the applicant may submit a reduced development application, with a lower density of housing on the site.

Dwelling next to Windsor Lodge, Chedington Lane Mosterton.

Neighbouring residents have met with the applicant, who has indicated he is looking to build a single storey bungalow. The neighbours have no objections to that. However, residents did voice 3 concerns 1) Access to the northwest corner of the site for servicing the septic tank, 2) the possibility of occasional flooding, on the north side of site. Surface water run off currently runs down the boundary of Windsor Lodge and out into the lane. There is a concern that if the area is converted to a hard standing, this may make matter worse and 3) the lane is very narrow, and vehicles may need to reverse out onto the lane, at the point of a slight bend. It was suggested that a solution may be to include an area for vehicles to turn on the site so they do not need to reverse out. It was noted that this is an application for a permanent dwelling, outside of the Defined Development Boundary of the village. It was also noted that the drains along that stretch of road regularly become blocked, and local residents undertake to clear them. Access to the property may be hazardous, and access to the site may be an issue, as the site is land logged.

**End of public discussion**

**2017/0038. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:**

**County Councillor**

**Not present.**

**District Councillors**

Cllr Alford explained that the AONB have raised a material planning consideration, with regard to the application for 40 dwellings as above. However, there are other material planning considerations, which all have to be taken into consideration as a whole. Previously applications outside of the Defined Development Boundary have occasionally been granted approval, usually where there have been specific needs demonstrated.

Cllr Alford explained that the decision to call the general election in June has led to a delay in the decision regarding the reorganisation of local government, and could be delayed further if a new minister is appointed.

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**Police – No report.**

**2017/0039. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> April & 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Hickman and seconded by Cllr Bullock and signed.

**2017/0040. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Defibrillator/Phone Box**

Clerk reported that having been advised by WDDC to make a planning application for change of use of the phone box, to house a defibrillator, WDDC have subsequently contacted BT and objected to the removal of all the BT phone boxes under review in the area. This means that BT will now not remove the telephony equipment, and the defibrillator cannot be installed in the phone box, rendering the planning application redundant. The clerk has contact WDDC to request a refund of the planning application fee. Cllr Alford agreed to look into the matter further. Mosterton Village Hall committee have agreed to the defibrillator cabinet being sited on the exterior of the village hall, and this is scheduled to be installed this month.

**Bus Shelter update** –The ground works will be carried out for the installation of the bus stop over the summer.

**Notice board works** – The works have been completed, Clerk expressed her thanks to Mr Dave Burgess for undertaking the work. The work required was more extensive that originally thought.

**Neighbourhood Plan -**

The parish council discussed the need for the village to have a neighbourhood plan, to assist with determining the outcome of planning applications, and to ensure that the village receives a greater proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy funding, if available. Cllr Alford agreed to pass on the contact details of the local authority representative who can assist with the process.

**2017/0041. BENCH AT MOSTERTON CROSS**

The bench at Axe Valley Close was badly damaged and needs replacing. The parish council has received a request for a bench at Mosterton Cross, near the bus stop. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways Department to enquire about installing a bench there. It was agreed to purchase two benches, one for Axe Valley Close, and another for Mosterton Cross, subject to approval by Highways to a combined limit of £800. Proposed by Cllr Hickman, and seconded by Cllr Fry.

**2017/0042. CUTTING OF HEDGES IN PLAY AREA**

Cllr Shoemark met with David Landscapes who has suggested that the dog wood surrounding the play area needs cutting back hard. The total cost of this will be £880.0 This was agreed, proposed y Cllr Hickman, and seconded by Cllr Bullock.

**2017/0043 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter

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**2017/0044. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a) Applications handled since last meeting –

WD/D/17/000540 28 MEADOWSIDE DT8 3LP – Erect Sun Room

WD/D/17/000626 LAND EAST OF BARN, POTWELL FARM ROAD MOSTERTON

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting

c) WD/D/17/000540 28 MEADOWSIDE DT8 3LP – Erect Sun Room - Approved

d) New applications to be considered

WD/D/17/000660 TELEPHONE BOX SOUTH OF THE OLD GOSPEL HALL, MAIN ROAD, MOSTERTON

Change of use of phone box to store a defibrillator (Change of Use) It was agreed that this application is redundant, please see item 2017/0040.

WD/D/17/000826 LAND SOUTH EAST OF WINDSOR LODGE, CHEDINGTON LANE, MOSTERTON Outline

application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling (Outline) Following the public discussion, it was agreed that the councillors would carry out a site visit. Concerns remain about the proposed development being out side of the village Defined Development Boundary, as well as issue regard highway safety, access to site, and surface water runoff.

d) Tree Applications - None

**2017/0045. FINANCE**

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Treasurers account

Payments since last meeting

Clerk salary March & April	£ 272.50
Clerk’s Expenses January to March	£ 50.00
Clerks Pension (employee contributions)	£ 23.69
Plan for planning app	£ 16.80 (Petty cash)

Income Since last meeting

Precept ½ year & LCTS Grant	£ 5250.00
Allotment rents	£ 134.00

New cheques/payments

Bidair website	£ 84.00
David Landscapes	£ 438.00
Insurance renewal	£ 488.53
Mosterton PCC (Allotment rents)	£ 134.00
Fry’s Commercial Wheel Horse	£ 76.80
Fry’s Commercial Mower	£ 89.16

Clerk reported she has made a VAT reclaim made of £237.10

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Bank balance as at 13th April	£19,835.52
Balance after above payments agreed	£23,909.03

Amenities account	
Balance as at 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£10,126.99
Interest accruing at rate of approximately £0.44 per month.	

The above payments were approved, proposed by Cllr Bullock, and seconded by Cllr Hickman.

The clerk reported that a new website will need to be set up, as the existing host is ceasing website hosting. The clerk will ask for an approximate cost from Bidair, in order that the cost can be included in the next budget.

Councillor asked who owns the Map Plinth opposite the shop. It was thought its may be the Ramblers Association.

Cllr Fry asked whether the small ride -on mower is included in the parish council insurance. The clerk confirmed that it is.

The main meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

**2017/0046. PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Date of next meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at **7.00pm**.

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