

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of **Morland Parish Council** on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.in  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing at 7.30 pm

### **Present**

Dan Fitton, Peter Taylor, Bob Brown, Lesley Robson, Andrea Runkee (Clerk), and Steve Wilson (chairman) and Paul Vines  
Cllr M Tonkin and 2 members of the public.

### **Apologies for absence**

20/001 Cllr P Hancock

### **Declarations of Interest**

20/002 RESOLVED that none were declared in relation to items on the agenda

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020.**

20/003 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Monday 9th March 2020 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

### **Public Participation**

#### **The Crown Inn**

20/004 It was confirmed that the Crown Inn is not for sale and therefore there is no further action to be taken regarding the potential purchase of the inn by the parish council.

### **Standing Orders**

20/005 It was agreed that an amendment to the Standing Orders are made to allow for virtual meetings of the Parish Council.

### **Elections**

20/006 Steve Wilson was elected as Chairman for the coming year, proposer Cllr B Brown and seconder Cllr L Robson. Cllr P Taylor was elected as Vice-chairman. Members of the Standing Committees are:

Planning Paul Vines (Chair), Phil Hancock, Steve Wilson

Maintenance Bob Brown (Chair), Dan Fitton, Phil Hancock

Finance Lesley Robson (Chair), Peter Taylor, Phil Hancock

Allotments Steve Wilson (Chair), Dan Fitton, Peter Taylor

### **Progress Reports**

#### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

20/007 Cllr L Robson reported that "donkey field's previous designation was removed therefore the level of protection has been reduced and in order for it to be protected the council should aim to get it categorized as an Open Space. In order to achieve this there must be a public consultation to gain if the parishioners are in support of the designation. A questionnaire will be drafted for approval at the next meeting which will then be circulated by a variety of methods.

### **Allotments**

20/008 All allotments are now occupied and there is a waiting list. There are several new allotment holders and Cllr P Taylor will get all of them to read and sign the allotment agreements and return to the Clerk. It was agreed to purchase two new picnic benches one for the allotments and another for the village green.

### **Payment of Accounts**

20/009 The Payment Schedule was approved and will be posted for signing by the chairman.  
20/010 The Bank Reconciliations were approved and will be posted for signing by the chairman.

### **Highway and Maintenance**

20/011 Manhole Covers There are several broken ones. J Banks at CCC Highways to be notified.

20/012 Cliburn Road is still needing a repair, John Banks at CCC confirmed the repair work has been instructed, however there are gas works being carried out over the summer and the road repairs will be completed at this time. These have not been carried out yet.

20/013 The Vicarage the road surface is breaking up. J Banks at CCC Highways to be notified.

20/014 Glenton Vale The stretch of river bank needs addressing. Cllr S Wilson to contact to landowner to decide what action MPC can take to aid the progression of this.

20/015 Lowergate There is an issue with rats on Lowergate, a trap was in use under the bridge, this will be check by Cllr D Fitton and the situation monitored over the next few weeks. If there is no decline in numbers the Environment Agency will be notified.

### **The Beck**

20/016 There is a large amount of gravel and stone that has built up in the beck, it is unclear whether all or some or none should be removed as it is needed in order to protect the wall from being eroded away. Cllrs Wilson, Cllr Fitton and Cllr Brown to take a look at the site and to report their findings at the next meeting.

There may be an issue with gravel and stone backfilling a drain, Cllr Brown to look into this a report his findings at the next meeting.

Cllr Hancock looked into the costs of removing the gravel and stone build up, which were approx. £4,000. The council agreed that this was too expensive and other low cost alternatives would be looked into if it was agreed that a quantity needed removing.

### **The Phone Box**

20/017 Cllr P Hancock reported that a BT engineer finally came to repair the phone which is now in full working order, a reminder was given to encourage everyone to make calls from it in order to keep the pay phone a viable option for BT.

### **External Audit**

20/018 The Clerk will draft the audit for approval at the next meeting. It was confirmed that for the financial year 19/20 the council will apply for the Exemption.

### **New Clerk**

20/019 The only applicant withdrew their application; another advert will be placed in the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald.

The meeting closed at 20.40pm, the date of the next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.  
Location to be confirmed.

Signed by the Chairman