MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COUNCIL held in THE GLEBE CENTRE on TUESDAY 18th July 2023.

Present: Councillor P. Penman, (Chair)
Councillors J. Maitland A. Cowley, H. Napier, S. Robson, B. Brown, M. Rafferty, M. Grogan, K. Dixon, R. Kelly,

Public: Chima Anyadikes-Danes (observing)

Officer: N. Honnor (Acting Clerk)

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES
Apologies, J. Griffiths, R. Adcock-Foster, L. Riley, R. Cunningham, L. Grogan & G. Maitland,

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None received.

3. POLICE REPORT
No report received. However Cllr Griffiths had informed the Acting Clerk prior to the meeting that theft of garden furniture was on the rise again in the area.

4. CHAIRMANS REMARKS
Nothing to report.

5. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 15th June 2023.
Copies of the minutes were circulated to members previously.
Resolved the minutes of the Parish Council meetings be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.
Members were informed that the monitoring forms discussed previously were being produced and would be available for the next meeting for review.
The Ray Lonsdale project was still awaiting confirmation from the planning authority that planning permission was not required.
Cllr Robson informed members that there were still ongoing issues with the HGV vehicles accessing the building site at Sea View.
The Chair advised that HGV in general were going through the village and ignoring the weight limit which he believes is only a small section of the B1285 and feels that better signage needs to be installed. Councillors agreed that better clarification and signage needs to be discussed further with the Police and DCC.
Resolved to receive the information

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT
County Councillors reported to the Acting Clerk prior to the meeting that the o0wner of the Chinese supermarket was to meet with Ian Harrison, Business Compliance

Officer at Durham County Council. Until this meeting had taken place there were no further updates.

Following a members discussion they felt that this ongoing issue which breaches a number of areas including parking, planning, safety and damage to the footpath, should have been addressed by now and feel that a letter of complaint needs to come from the Parish Council to hopefully get some positive results to make this area safe again.

Resolved to send letter to Chief Executive

7. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

Finance Meeting – 18th July 2023

Members were updated on the Precept budgets to date, along with roofing repair quotations for the football changing rooms, Glebe Centre and Glebe House. After a brief discussion it was agreed to accept the information and approve the quotations to commence the works

Resolved to receive the information and commence works with quotations provided

Members were advised that as part of the summer programme MWA were running bus trips to Harrogate and Scarborough, along with a trip for the walking group, in the past the charity has supported the costs to enable residents to access these trips at a subsidised cost. It was agreed to donate £1000 towards the overall bus costs and a new system for purchasing the tickets will be introduced so that Murton residents have preference for all trips as this money is to be spent supporting the residents of Murton, anybody from outside the village may be offered seats if there were any spare capacity closer to deadline.

Resolved to donate £1000 following approval from Henry Smith Trustees

8. MATTERS OF INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Becca Brooks (Clerk) to inform members of her official return date would be 21st August however she would be using annual leave therefore her first day back to work will be Monday 11th September 2023.

Resolved receive the information.

A request for a work placement 1 day a week had been received. Following a discussion it was agreed to support this request as part of our community work.

Resolved to agree and support the request

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received prior to Agenda being distributed, however a change of use application had been submitted with information being received on Monday 17th July 2023.

Change of bakery to sunbed tanning / beauty salon including single storey extension and new shop front on Woods Terrace. No concerns or objections were raised.

Cllr Brown informed members that a letter had been produced on behalf of Murton Residents Action Group, Murton Parish Council, County Councillors and Graham Morris M. P., this had been sent to Michael Gove, Secretary of State, in reference to the planning process of the Solar Farm.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Monthly Accounts and Wages

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

Total of Accounts Received in June	£ 2,325.00
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment in June	£ 13,753.80
Total Wage Bill for the Month of June	£ 15,580.01
Contribution to Murton Welfare Assn.	£ 18,000.00

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.

AC had queried the cost of the defibrillator supplies, NH advised that this is the cost for such items and because most of the De-fibs are different models it is difficult to buy in bulk due to expiry dates. NH had been informed that there is funding available to purchase these items however she is unaware of the process to access this.
Resolved to receive the information

Request from Murton Cricket Club to support their annual fundraising BBQ.
Resolved to agree to donate £200.

Request from the Air Cadets to support their summer activities.
Resolved to agree to donate £100.

The next meeting of Murton Parish Council is Thursday 21st September at 6pm in The Glebe Centre.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19.10pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT**:** CHAIRMAN DATE**: 21st September 2023**