MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COUNCIL held in THE GLEBE CENTRE on Thursday 18th January 2023.

P.V.P.

Present: Councillor P. Penman, (Chair)
Councillors B. Brown, S. Robson, R.Kelly, M. Grogan, R. Cunningham, R.Adcock-Forster, L. Riley

Public: Matthew Elliott
William Johnson

Officer: B. Brooks

Mr William Johnson attended to request the outcome of his enquiry of getting a new dog bin in his local area where he walks his dog
Resolved that this was reported to DCC but denied due to a rubbish bin already being in that area

Mr Matthew Elliott addressed the members with a request of an update on the situation with the Chinese on the Terrace
Resolved that this is in hand with DCC and there will be a resolution to this ongoing problem at the beginning of March

Mr Matthew Elliott also addressed the members with concerns of the state of the road through Murton, and the disregard of the weight limit imposed on HGVs, which he had already raised with the head of highways at DCC but had so far not received an answer.
Resolved for the clerk to put the question forward at the next PACT meeting on 24th January to find the polices position on this

1. **INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**
Apologies, H. Napier, G. Maitland, J Maitland, L.Grogan, A. Cowley, M. Rafferty, K. Dixon, J. Griffiths

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None received.

3. **POLICE REPORT**
Handout attached
Resolved to receive the information

4. **CHAIRMANS REMARKS**
The Chair wishes the members a happy new year, and takes the opportunity to acknowledge the events that were carried out over the festive period thanks to funding from the Parish Council and Henry Smith Charity. With special thanks given to Richard Jennings, the Glebe staff, and the Parish Lads for their contribution and hard work to support these events.
Resolved to receive the information

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5. **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 14th November 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.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Advised that there is a resolution to the problem with the Chinese in process, to be resolved by March.

PACT meeting at the Glebe on Wednesday 24th January

Resolved to receive the information

7. **REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Cllrs attended the AAP meeting and reported that there is a new programme 'Operation Zeus' focussing on organised crime, targeting shoplifting, antisocial behaviour. Police are educating in schools.

The PACT meeting in Blackhall highlighted problems with cannabis farms, shop lifting, and absent landlords

Resolved to receive the information

8. **2024/25 PRECEPT**

Following a finance committee meeting in December, members are asked to endorse a 2.5% increase to the Precept for 2024/25. Parish Reserves are being utilised in order to keep increase at a minimum.

Resolved to agree and endorse

9. **HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN COUNTY DURHAM**

Thank you to Cllr Adcock-Forster for getting the information of what support County Durham is giving

Discussion ensued

Resolved for Clerk to write to contact at DCC for further information

10. **DOGS IN THE PARK**

Concerns raised by park users about keeping dogs on a lead/under control

Discussion ensued regarding Cllrs views

Resolved for Clerk to discuss with Parks Superintendant

11. **MATTERS OF INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENSE**

Clerk made all councillors aware of vandalism to park and gates on Friday 5th Jan. This was reported to the police but unfortunately they were unsuccessful in their investigations

Quotes were obtained for new steel gates to be installed – the cheapest was £830 + VAT for which Clerk would pursue an insurance claim

Resolved to receive the information and approve the purchase of gate

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12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following proposed planning applications were received:

- 3 Stanton Court Murton Seaham SR7 9GZ
  Proposed conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation with first floor storey extension above, and side garage extension (DM/23/03525/FPA)
- The High House Church Street Murton Seaham SR7 9NX
  Variation of condition 2 of planning approval DM/22/03815/FPA to allow alterations to the shop fronts and also a change in surface material for the car park. (DM/23/03564/VOC)
- Pit Stop Garage Durham Place Murton Seaham SR7 9JA
  Prior notification for the installation of roof-mounted solar panels (DM/23/03704/PN56)
- Murton Moor Farm Murton Seaham SR7 9TN
  Erection of agricultural storage tank (DM/23/03782/PNA)

Resolved to receive the information, no concerns raised

13. 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 Nov	£ 6,508.50
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment in Nov	£ 29,217.19
Total Wage Bill for the Month of Nov	£ 20,306.24
Total of Accounts Received in Dec	£ 2,171.31
Total of Accounts Passed for Payment in Dec	£ 9,044.20
Total Wage Bill for the Month of Dec	£ 18,348.58

Contribution to Murton Welfare Assn.	£ 54,000.00

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 the information

The next meeting of Murton Parish Council is Thursday 15th February 2024 at 6pm in The Glebe Centre.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19:15.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: P.J. Parman CHAIRMAN DATE: **15th February 2024**