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## Murton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in The Glebe Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

- Present:** Cllr J Griffiths (Chair)  
Cllrs M Grogan, M Rafferty, J Rafferty, H Napier, J Maitland,  
K Dixon, T Parry, K Longstaff, B Brown, B Hastings, G Farn, S Robson
- Officer:** Becca Brooks (Clerk)
- Police :** PCSO Jane Bradley-Harding
- Public:** Matthew Elliott  
Kay Roham

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies: Cllrs L Grogan, D Rowe, G Maitland, County Councillors M Rowney & D Cumming

#### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Griffiths declares an interest for Item 9 and requests that items 9 and 10 be switched in order of Agenda

**Resolved to agree to switching order of items**

#### **3. POLICE REPORT**

10 Vehicle crimes

4 Criminal damage

3 Burglary

10 Anti Social behaviour

29 Theft from Shops – Co-op and Morrisons frequently targeted - £21k in stock in 6 months

**Resolved to receive the information**

#### **4. CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

None

**Resolved to receive the information**

#### **5. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

Copies of the minutes were circulated to the members previously.

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**Resolved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting to be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record**

**Matters arising**

Cllr Hastings advises that date is still to be confirmed by leader of rock choir for event

**Resolved to receive the information**

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None due to apologies received from County Councillors.

Clerk to report items brought forward to Councillors

**Resolved to receive the information**

**7. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Cllr Griffiths attended East Durham towns and Villages Local Network meeting as Chair

Explained that new Local network would only have 1 representative from each Parish or Town council, with 1 overall representing the 8 Towns and Parishes in East Durham

**Resolved to receive the information**

**8. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Following a discussion with local volunteer Derek Gibson, the Clerk has suggested to members that the Parish Councillors should take a more active role in the remembrance day service at the cenotaph each year and asked for volunteers

**Resolved that members contact the clerk to express an interest.**

**10. THE GLEBE CENTRE**

Cllr Griffiths reads a prepared statement regarding how the Parish Council support the Welfare Association

Discussion ensues following the recommendations of the finance committee regarding the options presented. The Clerk advises the members that discussions have moved into the financial support where a declaration of interest has been made

**Resolved to hold a closed extraordinary meeting in the next 2 weeks to discuss further options raised**

**9 WELFARE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Following a meeting of the finance committee, they have recommended financially supporting the Welfare Association until the end of financial year 26/27 at least.

Cllr Napier explains to members how the two organisations are intrinsically linked and the implications of losing the chairty status for both Murton Welfare Association and the Parish Council.

Discussion ensues regarding needs for financial support during the transition period and in the next financial year

**Resolved to fully support Murton Welfare Association subject to annual review**

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#### **11. COMPLETION NOTICE OF ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk provides copies of the External Audit to members to approve

**Resolved to approve and endorse**

#### **12. MATTERS OF INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

Movern having public consultation at the Glebe Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Thanks received from Katrina Fisher and the Dog Show for donations made

**Resolved to receive the information**

#### **13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Discussion ensues regarding the applications

**Resolved for Clerk to look into DM/25/02531/RM**

#### **14. 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 September £1,020.00

Total of Accounts passed for payment in September £10,346.17

Total Wage Bill for the Month of September £20,884.14

Contribution to Murton Welfare Association to date £36,000.00

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 and approve**

The next meeting of Murton Parish Council is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 6pm in The Glebe Centre.

**The chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19:33**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIRMAN

DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025