



MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: M Parker

Clerk/RFO: R Martin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018 IN ST PETER'S CHURCH AT 6:30 PM

Present: Councillors: Parker (Chairman), de Grey, Dunn, and Macro, and Rosemary Martin (Clerk); 7 parishioners in attendance.

797. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Riley.

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798. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

799. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd May 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Macro and seconded by Cllr Dunn that the minutes were a true record. All agreed, the Chairman signed the minutes.

800. Matters arising from the previous minutes (for information only)

Pockthorpe BOAT: two landowners lodged objections. The matter now has to be referred to the Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate for determination. The timetable for this has slipped due further loss of staff, but the bundle has been prepared.

Village Sign: will be replaced soon, with new post.

801. To adjourn the meeting for Parishioners' Questions

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was reconvened.¹

802. To receive update on repair of Village Bus Shelter

Cllr Parker reported that the American Oak used for the repairs was kindly donated by Clive and Annette King.

803. To consider parishioner requests for defibrillator

After discussion resolved to investigate whether planning permission would be required and whether any grants or match funding might be available. (**Action: Cllr de Grey**)

804. To consider Highways response to request for traffic calming measure in Crows Lane

A standard response was received from each of two NCC Highways staff ie:

...changes are only considered where there is a significant accident history. This is the most effective way limited funding can be directed towards the roads with the highest accident numbers. Having checked the accident data at Crow's Lane, Merton I am pleased to advise there are no recorded accidents.

Any concerns regarding speeding should be directed to the police who are responsible for enforcing the limits. Investigate team from village.

Cllr Macro and the Clerk to attend Watton SNAP meeting to request support from the police. (**Action: Cllr Macro/Clerk**)

¹ Requirement to obtain planning permission to site a static home on a residential site is dependent on the USE not the SIZE. Permission is required. for an annex but not for an outbuilding.



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805. Finance

- a) Invoices – none
- b) Bank Account balances
- c) Clerk's expenses – none claimed
- d) Grass Cutting 2019

Ray Barnard will probably continue to cut the grass. Clerk to ask for quote.
(Action: Clerk)

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Community	£1846.19
Saver	£1677.67
VHRP	2774.07

806. Planning

3PL/2018/0948 HOU 2 Broadflash Cottages	Two storey rear extension and single storey extensions to either side and erection of detached garage building NO OBJECTIONS
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807. To set a draft budget for 2019/2020

Clerk tabled a list of actual income and expenditure from 2017/2018. Following discussion, Clerk to amend to produce draft budget for 2019/2020 ahead of next meeting

808. To receive reports on Village Hall Renovation Project

Another successful year, enjoyed by all, and more funds!

Funds received to date - £2,328.05 including:

2018 get together (including £100 donation from Sowerbys)	£428.16
Collect your Coins	£151.34
Pledge a Plank	£1140.00
Easy Fundraising	£70.89
AVIVA	£100.00

809. To receive correspondence

Lisa Heath, Head Thompson School	Will notify parents of parishioner concerns about speeding traffic in Crows Lane
Robert Griffiths	Complaint about speeding traffic in Thompson Road
NCC	Hazard Waste Days Dereham 15 th /16 th September Thetford 6 th /7 th October
Anglianwater business	We can now use alternative supplier
AVIVA	Community Fund competition

Correspondence available to view at the meeting

810. To Confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 8th January 2019 in St Peter's Church, at 6:30 pm

Meeting closed at 7:25 pm



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