

Meeting Minutes for Monyash Parish Council July 11th, 2022

Present: - Cllr. J Scoggins, Cllr S Mudford (chair), Cllr J White, Cllr A Woolley, S Corble, L Fitton (acting clerk).

1. Apologies: - Cllr G Elliot, Cllr S Spencer.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on July were approved and will be sent to website for posting.
3. Declarations of interest. None declared.
4. Finances
 - a. Outgoing
 - i. Toilet cleaner £175 (tbc)
 - ii. Signage £39.28
 - iii. Jubilee party £481.44 (previously issued cheques were voided)
 - iv. Water rates £44.75
 - v. Southern electric £33.20
 - b. Income
 - i. Donation boxes £495
5. Update of asset register. Register was updated following advice from auditor (June 2022) and was approved with no changes
6. Planning updates. Nothing received this month
7. Appointment of clerk and new councillors. There are two vacancies for new councillors, and this will be posted on the Monyash website and notice board with a view to selecting by the end of August. If more than two people come forward, there will have to be a vote.

No one has come forward as interested in the clerk position so this will be re posted on the website and with DALC. As no locum clerk was available either LF has covered preparation of minutes and other activities shared amongst councillors. Going forward the councillors discussed reducing meetings to every other month to reduce burden of work. As there is no meeting in August this will be re discussed in September depending on clerk status.
8. Toilets, Natural England have shown some interest in taking over management of the toilets, but MPC needs a firm decision from them so a special meeting to be arranged with them at a date which can be attended by senior personnel can attend. Meanwhile toilets will be kept open. A new cleaner has been approached and we are awaiting feedback.
9. Environmental issues
 - a. Fere mere tree work requires a survey for 5-year plan and MPC have agreed to get cost from a private individual to prepare survey which can then be submitted to TPO

- b. Jack Mere tree work is ongoing
 - c. Mowing. Following mowing by the council (DDDC) on 16th June a complaint about the destruction of wildflowers was received. MPC have arranged a meeting with GE, and DDDC mowing team to discuss future mowing and evaluate the potential for rewilding part of the area near Fere Mere.
 - d. Emptying of dog waste bins work ok if they all done on the fortnightly rota. MPC to ask council for map of bins to ensure all being captured.
 - e. Propose moving waste bin on Church Street to area near notice board and dog waste bin.
 - f. Hole in pavement on Church Lane has been repaired.
10. Review of road signage and street signs. Highways agency have been contacted and confirmed they will not approve a road narrowing sign, agreed that 30mph sign coming into the village is faded but still visible and are unwilling to move speed signs on Tagg Lane. However, MPC have received more information on the installation of speed indicator devices which parish council can now instal if adequate evidence can be provided for their need and are following up on cost. It was agreed that tractor speeding through the village was still an issue.
- a. Repair of pavement on Church St (FS-case- 433863226) and road painting of slow signs (FS-case- 433860014) have been reported.
11. Proposed village newsletter. MPC thanked SC for preparing this and a prototype will be available for review at September meeting. It was suggested a gap was left at the bottom of the newsletter for potential sponsors to advertise.
12. Clerks report.
- a. It was agreed to purchase signage to large yellow sign for toilets to signpost donation box and sign to replace dog fouling notice on school playing field.
 - b. A letter to be written to local organisers of D of E to request drop off is outside village centre.
 - c. Film crew have returned until 14th July, notice to be put on village WhatsApp
 - d. Meter reading for toilets to be submitted to SSE
 - e. Footpath on Barrowstone Lane has become blocked by stones falling from disused barn. Local landowner to be contacted to discuss further.
13. Date of next meeting Tues 6th September, J Scoggins to chair.

Meeting closed at 20 .45