

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10 January 2023

Present: Cllrs P Rodger (Chair), P Cooper, C McDonnell, N Cullum

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk)

1 **Apologies** for absence: Cllr Sargent

2 **Declarations of interest:** none

3 **Public discussion:** The meeting was attended by resident Mr Stanley Youngman, who, along with Cllr McDonnell, is a trustee of Morningthorpe Non-Ecclesiastical Charity. They give grants for matters such as medical expenses, bereavement, funeral expenses etc. The board of trustees should include the clerical incumbent, but nowadays there is no such person. The trustees should be elected every four years by the parish council, but there has been no such election since 2015. Mr Youngman is drawing up a new governance document and believes the parish council should retain the right to nominate at least one of the trustees. It was suggested that the parish council should address this appointment at each Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – for discussion and a decision at the next parish council meeting.

4 **Report from County & District Councillors:** none

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 6 November 2022 were approved

6 **Matters arising** from the minutes: none

7 **Finances**

a Current bank balances as at 5 January 2023 NOTED

current account	£3,238.58
savings account	£1,062.99
savings 2	£2,035.70
balance	£6,337.27

b Payments APPROVED (proposed by Cllr Cullum, seconded by Cllr Cooper)

G Roderick-Jones	annual salary 2022-2023	£1251.62
HMRC	annual PAYE	£312.91

c Setting of precept demand for 2023-2024:

The council decided to demand a small increase in the precept to take into account in increases in running costs over the next twelve months -

new yearly precept:	£3250.00
new Band D charge:	£29.02
increase per household per year:	£1.99

proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr McDonnell

- 8 **Planning issues circulated to councillors since last meeting (no comments on the following):**
- a 2022/2342 2 Council Houses, The Street, Fritton: tree work (decided)
 - b 2022/2321 Willows Lodge, Hempnall Road: extension (revised)
 - c 2022/2146 Morningthorpe Farm: replacement porch
 - d late applications - none
- 9 **Morningthorpe Noticeboard:** ongoing
- 10 **Cleaning of road signs:** cleaning of road signs along The Street has been requested – clerk to follow up.
- 11 **Village Gateway for Fritton:** Cllr Cooper will send the clerk dimensions; clerk to contact Highways (will probably need site visit – for the next agenda.
- 12 **Jubilee Trees:** Cllr Rodger has found that the smaer sizes are not available but the larger size can be obtained and will be here soon. The approx cost will be £120.00 for all.
- 13 **Correspondence:** items already circulated to councillors
- 14 **Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda** as noted above, plus: Non-Ecclesiastical Charity; clerk's salary; parking to the end of School Road
- 15 **Next meeting:** Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 6.30pm