

Morton Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Wednesday 20 July 2016** at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS

PRESENT

Cllr J Browne, Cllr A Coates (Chair), Cllr C Lawton, Cllr S Fleming, Cllr B Roe.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr K Gillott – Derbyshire County Council

Tina Frost Morris – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Members of the public

01/07/16 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Austin, Cllr A Dean, Cllr J Funnell.

02/07/16 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

03/07/16 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

None

04/07/16 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council was noted.

05/07/16 - PUBLIC SPEAKING

Matters raised by members of the public and by councillors: the new Village Games Officer for the area talked about the services his team could offer to the community. Derbyshire Victim Services presented to the Council the types of services that were available to adults and children who were victims of crime. An update was provided regarding the £1 Community Fit Club. A query was raised regarding the maintenance of the Centre of England plaque and the adjacent grass verge. Cllr Gillott was already pursuing the issue of the flooding in that area.

06/07/16 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Gillott had approved a grant for funding for Morton Monkeys and had also been sourcing a company to look at a solution to the water draining off the pit tip onto the pavement. Additionally Cllr Gillott brought the Councillor's attention to a section of the High Speed Train line that would pass through Morton.

07/07/16 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

None

08/07/16 - POLICE UPDATE

The written report was noted which showed one nuisance incident during July 2016 which related to a concern regarding drugs on Main Road. There were four crimes during July 2016, which included the theft of an insecure bicycle on Main Road, a domestic incident on Penfold Way, the theft of lead from the roof of an outbuilding on Pilsley Road and the theft of items from an outbuilding on Pilsley Road, Morton.

09/07/16 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 June 2016 be approved as a true record.

10/07/16 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

11/07/16 - MATTERS TO REPORT

- a) Road sweeping and drain cleaning – The lack of road sweeping and drain cleaning at Sitwell Villas and Church Lane had been reported to NEDDC and operatives had been sent out to undertake both services.
- b) Village Games soccersise roadshow – The Village Games Officer requested permission to run a women only soccersise roadshow on the football field at New Street, which was subsequently granted. Councillors offered to publicise the event once the date had been confirmed.
- c) Footbridge corrosion – The matter had been reported and a response was awaited from NEDDC. It had been established that the footpath was not a registered public footpath and that the owner of the land where the footbridge was situated, was unknown.
- d) Flooding on Stretton Road - Cllr Gillott was investigating recent incidents of flooding in the village that he had been made aware of.

12/07/16 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a) Appointment of co-opted Councillor – The Councillor vacancy had been publicly advertised and no election had been called within the 14 day time period. Louise Rodgers had submitted an expression of interest. Councillors discussed what experience and skills Louise would bring to the Parish Council and following a show of hands and a unanimous vote in favour, it was agreed that Louise Rodgers would be offered the vacant Councillor position.

RESOLVED – to offer Louise Rodgers the vacant Councillor position.

- b) Fireworks entry fee – A suggested charge was proposed for the Fireworks event to be held on 4th November 2016.

RESOLVED – To charge £3 for adults and £1 for children for the Fireworks event in 2016.

- c) War Memorial cleaning – The war memorial was covered with algae and was due for a clean by a professional cleaner. The trees overhanging the war memorial were possibly contributing to the formation of the algae.

RESOLVED – To obtain quotes for the cleaning of the war memorial and inquire of the suppliers regarding the situation with the overhanging trees.

- d) Village tidy up day – NEDDC were unable to provide a free skip, however they could provide bags and litter pickers and also collect the bagged rubbish at the end of the tidy day. A skip would cost between £170 to £200 (plus VAT) to hire. A date for the tidy day would be set at the next meeting.
- e) Proposal for maintenance of “What’s on” section of Website – Further information was still awaited by Cllr Fleming who agreed to come back to the next meeting with a proposal.

- f) Seat for the top of the pit tip – The land surrounding the pit tip was owned by Derbyshire County Council but had been immediately leased back to the Coal Authority in the 1970's and who subsequently had control over the land. The Coal Authority appeared to be winding up their business and any requests were unlikely to receive a response.

RESOLVED – to obtain a quotation for the fitting of an Eco Rest black bench.

- g) Solar Christmas Trees – Plantscape were the only suppliers of the solar powered hanging Christmas trees and a quotation had been received from the company for the hire of 18 units at £54 per tree, which amounted to £972 (plus VAT) plus £20 for delivery. The trees would be situated on the same lampposts as the hanging baskets.

RESOLVED – To place an order for 18 solar powered Christmas trees at a total cost of £992 (plus VAT).

- h) Access my mowers to the field at the rear of Morton Manor – A site meeting with representatives from NEDDC had been arranged for Friday 22nd July at 10am to discuss possible solutions to the access problems. Cllrs Lawson and Roe offered to attend.
- i) Village Hall Lease – In order to claim the grant from the Big Lottery Fund the village hall would need a lease of 20 years without a break clause and it currently only had 6 years left. The lease therefore needed to be renewed.

RESOLVED – To obtain a quotation from Clayton, Mott and Lawton solicitors to draw up a new lease.

RESOLVED – That due to the urgency of the lease renewal, the quotation for the legal services would be circulated to Councillors via email in order to obtain consent to proceed with the legal work.

- j) Update bank mandate – Following the resignation of Cllr Martin, the bank mandate required updating and a replacement signatory was required.

RESOLVED – To add Cllr Funnell as the new signatory on the bank mandate and to remove Cllr Martin.

- k) Section 137 funding application from Morton Monkey's – The submission of the Community Grant form had not been received in time for the meeting and would be discussed at the next meeting.

13/07/16 - FINANCE

- a) Payments (including those approved earlier in the meeting)

Cheque Number	Supplier	Description	Net Amount	Gross Amount
001489	Spoilt cheque	N/A	-	-
001490	Woolley Moor Nurseries	Plants for village planters	£60.00	£72.00
001491	T Frost Morris	Clerk's salary (01 June–30 June)	£264.00	£264.00
001491	T Frost Morris	Clerk's expenses (01 June –30 June)	£36.46	£36.46
001492	HMRC	PAYE tax (01 June –30 June)	£66.00	£66.00
001493	Mrs S Mason	Plants for planter on Stretton Rd	£15.00	£15.00

RESOLVED - to approve the above items for payment and these were signed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllrs Coates and Lawton.

- b) The budget monitoring and bank reconciliation for the period ended 30 June 2016 were noted and approved.
- c) The external auditors report 2015/16 had not been received in time for the meeting.

14/07/16 PLANNING

- a) A planning application had been received for 81 new dwellings on land south and east of Oak View Gardens and south of Maltby Avenue. The Parish Council felt that the development was an intrusion into the countryside, that it conflicted with NEDDC's interim housing policy, was out of proportion in terms of the scale of the development and that the village did not have the infrastructure to support the additional needs arising from a development of that scale.

RESOLVED – To object to the planning application number 16/00661/FL for 81 new dwellings on land south and east of Oak View Gardens and south of Maltby Avenue prior to the deadline of 29th July 2016.

15/07/16 DALC CIRCULARS

Noted.

16/07/16 CORRESPONDENCE

None

17/07/16 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lawton reported on activities at the Church, School and Morton Events Committee. Cllr Pleming reported on activities at the Village Hall.

18/07/16 ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 20 JULY 2016

- a) War memorial cleaning/tidying
- b) Set date for village tidy up day
- c) Village Hall lease
- d) Proposal for maintenance of "What's on" section of Website
- e) Seat for the top of the pit tip
- f) Access by mowers to field at the rear of Morton Manor
- g) Waste bins
- h) Litter and smoking at the bus shelter, Sitwell Villas

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS