

Morton Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Wednesday 23 November 2016** at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS

PRESENT

Cllr J Browne, Cllr J Funnell (Chair), Cllr C Lawton, Cllr L Rodgers, Cllr B Roe.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr K Gillott – Derbyshire County Councillor

Tina Frost Morris – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Members of the public

01/11/16 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Dean

02/11/16 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

03/11/16 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

None

04/11/16 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

05/11/16 - PUBLIC SPEAKING

Matters raised by members of the public and by councillors: the ongoing issue of water leaking onto the pavement on Main Road was raised and Cllr Gillott confirmed that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had been out to have a look, but uncertainty as to what lay on the other side of the wall could mean the remedial work costing between £30,000 or as much as £250,000. A DCC capital funding bid would be submitted by the Countryside Department.

06/11/16 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Gillott updated Councillors regarding the decision by the bus company to change the route of the bus service, that previously turned at the triangle, due to the unprofitability of the service. DCC wanted to ensure that every village had childcare provision for the under 5's which could mean a long term rental agreement for the use of the village hall in the future. Cllr Gillott was happy to receive any requests for funding for up to £250 from village community groups, to be funded from Derbyshire County Council Member's Community Leadership fund.

07/11/16 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

None

08/11/16 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 October 2016 be approved as a true record.

09/11/16 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

10/11/16 - MATTERS TO REPORT

- a) Crime figures – The report was noted which showed one burglary at Sitwell Villas during August 2016. There were 6 crimes during Sept 2016, which included a theft on Back Lane, anti-social behaviour on Stretton Road, a burglary and two other crimes on Pit Lane and a burglary on Penfold Way.
- b) Village Hall update – Both the lease and the land transfer were close to being finalised, plus the owner of Morton Manor had kindly granted a right of access over the car park for a rental cost of £1 per year. Representatives from the Big Lottery had visited the village hall and a response was expected around the end of December.
- c) Bonfire Night update – The event was well attended with a net cost to the Parish Council of £224.67 which included a contribution from the Sitwell Arms public house. Galaxy Fireworks had been provisionally booked for the fireworks display for 2017.
- d) Morton Messenger update – Cllr Dean had produced the newsletter which would be ready for distribution in the first week of December.
- e) Website Workshop update – Andrew Coates had presented the workshop on 17th November with 6 representatives from village groups in attendance. Possible changes to the access rights to the Parish Council website would be discussed at the next meeting.

11/11/16 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a) Revision to Community Grant scheme and form – The form had been revised and simplified to encourage more people to apply for Community Grants. The guidance notes would also require updating.

RESOLVED – To approve the revised Community Grant form

- b) Village Housekeeping – A review of the maintenance and tidying of all areas of the village was proposed.

RESOLVED – That Cllr Browne and Cllr Roe would review the maintenance and tidying of all areas of the village and report back to Councillors with a proposal.

- c) Proposed removal of payphone – BT had informed the Council of the proposed removal of the payphone at Sitwell Villas and had offered the Council the opportunity to adopt the old phone box for the purchase price of £1. The Council would have to maintain the phone box following the purchase.

RESOLVED – Not to object to the removal of the payphone and to decline the offer to purchase the payphone at Sitwell Villas.

- d) New Councillors – There had been no applicants for the three vacant Councillor positions. The positions were still open and interested parties should speak to an existing Councillor for more information.

- e) Community Grant – Morton Holy Cross Sunday School had submitted an application for the funding of Christmas trees and decorations amounting to £500.

RESOLVED – To approve a payment of £500 for Christmas trees and decorations in support of the Community Grant application from Holy Cross Sunday School.

- f) First aider for fireworks display – Retrospective approval was sought for the quotation from St Johns Ambulance to supply a first aider for the bonfire and fireworks display at a cost of £92.00 (plus VAT).

RESOLVED – to retrospectively approve the quotation from St Johns Ambulance for the supply of a first aider at a cost of £92.00 (plus VAT)

- f) Expanding public awareness of Council website - There was a need to increase the awareness of the website by getting more people to sign up to the monthly email alerts.

12/11/16 - FINANCE

a) Payments

Payments listed on the agenda

| Cheque Number | Supplier | Description | Net Amount | Gross Amount |
|---------------|---------------------|--|------------|--------------|
| 001511 | T Frost Morris | Clerk's salary (01 Oct–31 Oct) | £322.37 | £322.37 |
| 001511 | T Frost Morris | Clerk's expenses (01 Oct–31 Oct) | £32.74 | £32.74 |
| 001512 | HMRC | PAYE tax (01 Oct–31 Oct) | £80.59 | £80.59 |
| 001513 | Morton Village Hall | Hire of Morton Village Hall (May, June, July, Sept) | £60.00 | £60.00 |
| 001514 | John Funnell | Reimbursement for 2 sets of laser lights | £158.33 | £190.00 |
| DD | 1&1 Internet Ltd | Extra email storage to 10GB | £2.99 | £3.59 |
| DD | NEDDC | Emptying dog bins July – Sept 16 | £520.52 | £624.62 |
| DD | NEDDC | Repairs to playground equipment | £360.69 | £432.83 |

Late Payments and payments approved during the meeting

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| 001515 | Alison Dean | Reimbursement for printing of Morton Messenger | £386.00 | £386.00 |
| 001516 | Brian Waterfall | Mowing, weeding, tidying of play area, pit wheels and triangle (Oct) | £180.00 | £180.00 |
| 001517 | St John Ambulance | First aiders x2 | £92.00 | £110.40 |
| 001518 | Morton Events Committee | Village Christmas tree and lights | £213.95 | £213.95 |
| 001519 | Morton Holy Cross Sunday School | Artificial Christmas trees and decorations | £500.00 | £500.00 |

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

- b) Budget setting 2017/18 – The draft budget was discussed.

RESOLVED – that the budget for 2017/18 be approved.

- c) Setting of precept 2017/18 – the precept for 2017/18 was considered in light of the budget and the council's plans for the village hall and general improvements around the village.

RESOLVED – that the precept for 2017/18 be set at £31,937.87, plus Council Tax Support Grant of £2,062.13 amounting to a funding requirement of £34,000.

d) The budget monitoring for the period ended 31 October 2016 was noted and approved.

13/11/16 PLANNING

- a) Averill Farm Lane – application to vary condition 3 of application 15/00307/FL was noted.
- b) 36 Bacchus Way – application to retain car port and garden area with change of use of land was discussed and noted.

14/11/16 DALC CIRCULARS

- a) Noted.

15/11/16 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Pensions Regulator – Notification of staging dating for Morton Parish Council on 1 February 2017
- b) INEOS Shale – Invitation to a meeting on 29 Nov 16, at Shirebrook Village Hall
- c) Derbyshire County Council – regarding shale gas exploration in the County
- d) Shirland and Higham Parish Council - Withdrawal of Safer Neighbourhood Teams from Parish Council Meetings
- e) NEDDC – Publication of a Local Plan Position Statement
- f) HS2 – Plans for proposed spur railway line affecting Morton

16/11/16 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lawton reported on activities at the Church and School. Cllr Funnell reported on activities at the Village Hall.

17/11/16 ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2017

- a) Changes to Parish Council website
- b) Updated Community Grant guidance notes
- c) Proposals for village housekeeping
- d) New Councillors update

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS