**Morton Parish Council Meeting**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall, Morton, Derbyshire, on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr N Radford, Cllr J Funnell Chair, Cllr A Glenn Vice Chair, Cllr P Kitcher

Cllr S Wright, Cllr S Barraclough, Cllr A Cooper, Cllr K Gilliott - North East Derbyshire, Cllr D Muizelaar – Derbyshire County Councillor and Amanda-Jayne Pike – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

**In Attendance-** Members of the public (30)

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| **01/07/2025- Apologies for Absence from Parish Councillors**  Cllr A Glenn Vice Chair |
| **02/07/2025- Apologies for Absence from District and County Councillors**  Cllr D Higgon– North East Derbyshire No apologies |
| **03/07/2025- Declaration of Members’ Interest**  Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time, or to request a dispensation. |
| **04/07/2025- Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)**  Feedback was received about the discontinued 55 bus service, which ended due to insufficient viability. Councillors Darren Muizelaar, Charlotte Hill, and Carol Ward met with the public; Carol Ward recommended increased dial-a-bus usage for more data. The East Midlands mayor will manage bus funding from 2026, with councillors aiming to prioritise Morton.  Adjournment 20.23 – 20.34  **05/07/2025- County Councillor Update or Questions**  Please see public speaking regarding 55 Bus. |
| **06/07/2025– District Councillor Update or Questions**  At the last full committee meeting it was decided to increase the cabinets member size to support the reorganisation. Clay cross active is now open bigger and better leisure centre. Planning committee have decided. That they in physically need to visit Sites To see what impact it has on the landscape. New rules and regulations are being debated regarding fly tipping. |
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| **07/07/2025– Minutes – Approved**   1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting 11th June 2025 - Approved |
| **08/07/2025- Exclusion of Press and Public**  To determine whether any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public, it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms:  “*That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”* |
| **09/07/2025– Clerk Report -** (including actions from previous meeting. All items discussed)  a) Crime figures – April New Street (2) Violence and sexual offences and vehicle crime.  b) Update Objection Post Office Waiting Bay – Awaiting meeting next week  c) Ordered Dog Bin Church Lane £383.12 + VAT  d) New Street 2 Bins - ordered  e) Dog Sign – placed and removed  f) Dog Stencil - done  g) Litter Bin New Street - approved  h) Removal of Bin at Grange - removed  i) Removal of Planter Morton Grange - removed  j) NEDDC 727457534 Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam  k) FS case 729540057 Trees overhanging Bus Shelter Morton Grange  l) Reported Grass verge Bus shelter Morton Grange to Davidsons  m) Bonfire night applied for 1st aid cover and licence for the village hall  n) Christmas market applied for road closure and 1st aid cover  o) Fence behind bus stop Station Rd - land owner  p) Annual Playground Inspection 2025 w/c 18th August  q) No contact Natalie Fleet – Cllr D Higgon- Letter received  r) Meet and Greet in the Café - NEDDC Council tax, Planning, Refuse, Environmental Health, Licensing, Bus passes (Gold Card) and more.   1. **Items for Discussion / Approval** 2. 106 Monies – Cllrs have copies, and all monies appear to be paid - **RESOLVED** 3. 55 Bus Petition update – See public speaking - **RESOLVED** 4. Update on Sports field stage 2 project plan – 2 days’ work needed – **Approved** 5. Playground inspection - **RESOLVED** 6. New Street Equipment painting – Cllr P Kitcher to come back with what equipment needs painting – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 7. Bacchus way Equipment painting - Cllr P Kitcher to come back with what equipment needs painting – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 8. Footpaths – Morton Brook and complaint Sycamore Farm – Brook to be cleared Cllr N Radford to contact Timberfella. Complaint - RESOLVED 9. Community Grant – Terms and conditions – Grant terms and condition to be adhered to - **RESOLVED** 10. Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam treatment and action plan – Letters to be sent to neighbouring land owners – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 11. Skate Park application for Grant – Made to the lottery for funding, it was discussed. It was raised that it was put on hold - **RESOLVED** 12. New Street Car Park – Cllr J Funnell to talk to contactor regarding barrier and fence and remedial work being completed. – **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING** 13. DDC Signs – Cllr J Funnell has refurbished the sign for New Street. - **RESOLVED** 14. Grit Bin – The Orchard – awaiting outcome of meeting with Julie and clerk - **RESOLVED** 15. Padlocks for gates New Street – **Approved** **- RESOLVED** 16. Coal Board update – Meeting taken place awaiting decision whether to rent, have a lease – **RESOLVED** 17. Severn Trent - Businesses are allowed to apply for compensation. The Parish Council do not qualify for this. Cllr J Funnell has contact details - **RESOLVED** |
| **11. Finance** |
| Balance on statement £47,652.64 on 6th May   1. Cheques/ BACS payments for approval and signature  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Cheque Number** | **Supplier** | **Description** | **Net Amount £** | **Gross Amount £** | | online | A J Pike | Salary | 488.80 | 448.80 | | online | HRMC | PAYE | 112.20 | 112.20 | | DD | 1 & 1 IONOS | Support and Mail storage | 21.27 | 25.52 | | online | S Palmer | Grounds | 155.00 | 155.00 | | online | Post Office | Postage | 17.48 | 17.48 | | 1914 | Community Grant | Morton Primary | 500.00 | 500.00 | | Online | Timberfella | Grounds | 80.00 | 80.00 | | Online | J Taylor | Internal audit | 290.00 | 290.00 | | Transfer | Current Account | Reserve Account | 13,068.86 | 13,068.86 | | Online | June Bonsall | Plants | 35.95 | 35.95 | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Income**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Supplier | Description | Value | | NEDCC | Precept | 32,621.00 | | HRMC | VAT | 9,359.73 | |  |  |  |      1. Bank reconciliation for period ending 6th May 2025 2. Budget for period ending 6th May 2025   Balance on statement £41,486.52 on 6th June   1. Cheques/ BACS payments for approval and signature  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Cheque Number** | **Supplier** | **Description** | **Net Amount £** | **Gross Amount £** | | DD | 1 & 1 IONOS | Support and Mail storage | 21.27 | 25.52 | | Online | A J Pike | Compost and plants for planters | 60.00 | 60.00 | | Online | A J Pike | Salary | 347.76 | 347.76 | | online | Timberfella | Grounds | 80.00 | 80.00 | | DD | PWLB | Repayment | 4,140.36 | 4,140.36 | | Online | HRMC | PAYE | 309.84 | 309.84 | | Online | Tesco | Paper | 14.00 | 14.00 | | Online | Pitchcare | Weedkiller | 53.75 | 64.50 | | Online | N Ganecki | Plants | 20.28 | 24.34 | | Online | HRMC | PAYE | 112.20 | 112.20 | | Online | Amberol | Planter | 399.00 | 478.80 | | Online | Timberfella | Grounds | 60.00 | 60.00 | | Online | A J Pike | Salary | 488.80 | 488.80 |   **Income**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Supplier | Description | Value | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  |      1. Bank reconciliation for period ending 6th June 2025 2. Budget for period ending 6th June 2025 3. **Planning**   No Objections   1. **DALC** 2. June 2025   **14. Correspondence** (all councillors in receipt of correspondence)   * NALC Newsletter * DALC Newsletter * NALC Events * NALC Chief executive Bulletin * NE Development – Planning * District and Parish Liaison Meeting * Chief Executive Bulletin * Links CVS * Extension to b\_line Discount Travel Scheme & School Crossing Patrol recruitment * Morton #55 Bus Service * Proposed changes to councils in Derby and Derbyshire – Consultation * Land Availability Assessment – Call for Sites Refresh 2025 * Sign on entrance to field behind Morton manor * North East Derbyshire Local Plan: Consultation on Issues and Options  |  | | --- | | **15. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies.**   1. Update Holy Cross Church – No update 2. Update Morton Primary School- No update 3. Update Speed Watch – 2 sessions completed 1st session 8 people caught 1 local to village and 2nd session 10 caught and 1 local to village. Councillors still need training 4. Update Village Hall – Meeting next week 2 acts for next year 5. Update on Village Hall Committee Meeting next week | | **16. Any items for the meeting to be held on 17th September 2025**  **Meeting Closed** | |