At a meeting of the Morton Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 1970 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Dr D J Hunt - Chairman
Mr A Harris
Mr A E Chambers.
Mr A E Lindley.
Mrs D M Roper
Mrs K H Chadburn.

Apologies Mr K Vardy
Mr A E Richards.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 1970 were read and confirmed

2. Playing Fields

The Clerk reported that no further communication had been received from the Solicitor, and it was resolved that an enquiry should be made as the stage negotiations had reached.

3. Cricket Field Footpath.

The findings of the sub committee appointed were put before the meeting. It was resolved that legal action be taken to close the footpath. It is noted however that the Council are not anxious to close footpaths, but in this case where it appears the footpath does not lead anywhere no other action seems appropriate. It was further resolved that a letter be sent to the Cricket Club stating the plan of action.

Hedges.

It was resolved that the Chairman should contact the National Coal Board.

Street Lighting Church Lane.

The clerk reported that he had not received a reply to previous correspondence. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Clerk of the County Council to familiarise him with the position.

Speeding

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the police for the action taken.

Dangerous Footpath.

Following receipt of a letter from the District Surveyor it was resolved that action should be taken to re-site the bus stop away from the dangerous section of the footpath. The County Surveyor to be informed of this decision.

Acquisition of Welfare Hall.

Following discussion on a letter received from E.I.S.W.O and report given by members present at a meeting in the Welfare Hall it was resolved and seconded that the project be dropped. An amendment was put forward and carried that advice should be sought re cost of putting the Hall into a usable condition. It was resolved that

the Clerk to the Rural District Council to be contacted.

9. New Street - Road Development.

Mr Chambers reported that the majority of householders had been approached. However a number approached were only tenants and it was resolved that when Mr Chambers & Mrs Ch had completed their survey the Clerk should write to the landlords with a view to obtainning their wishes.

10 Water Pressure

The Clerk read a letter from the North Derbyshire Water Board and it was resolved that they should be informed that complaints had been received from houses in Eversholt Lane about low pressure on Mondays and also dirty water.

11 Garden outside Church Pruning

It was resolved that this matter should again be brought to the attention of the District Surveyor, and also a request made on the evidence of a police visit for a no entry sign to be placed on the road adjacent to the Church at the main road end.

12. Scrap dumping and sale of disused railway line.

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the Chesterfield RDC on this matter. A complaint was brought up at the

meeting that rubbe was still being built.

13 Accounts for payment.

Debyshire Association of Parish Councils
Weekend course £6.10.0
less Annual meeting 10.0

Municipal Mutual Insurance
½ A Benefits 1. 16. 0

E.M.E.B.
Lighting & Maintenance 42. 15. 8

L. Hyslop
Salary & postages 13. 0. 5.

14. Annual Meeting. Debyshire Association of Parish Councils

It was resolved that Lynne Richards and the Clerk attend the above meeting.

15. War Memorial - cleaned.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the lady who had maintained the war memorial.

16 Footpaths and verges.

It was resolved that the conditions of footpaths and verges be reported to the District Surveyor.

17. Burial Ground.

It was resolved that the Church Council be asked how money donated was being used.

18. Bush side of path Cowley Farm.

It was resolved that the District Surveyor be asked to cut this bush which was overhanging the pavement.

19. "No Through Road" sign - end of Eversholt Lane.

To assist strangers who drive up Eversholt Lane and find that there is no through road it was resolved that the District Surveyor be approached with a view to erecting a sign to this effect.

20 Television Reception

It was reported that TV reception in the area was generally good.

21 Bus Fares

Bus fares in the village were discussed by the meeting.

22 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 20th October, 1970.

Yours faithfully.

Chairman.

At a meeting of the Morton Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th November 1970 at 7.00 pm.

Present.

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Mr A Harris
Mr A E Chambers
Mr A E Lindley
Mrs D. M. Roper
Mrs R H Chadburn
Mr K Vardy
Mr A E Richards

The meeting was held over until 4th November due to a one day strike by school ancillary staff on 20th October.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 1970 were read and confirmed.

2. Playing Fields.

A letter from the Solicitor outlining reasons why negotiations were held up was read by the clerk. It was resolved that a further letter be sent asking if negotiations could be expedited.

3. Cricket Field Footpath.

Since no reply had been received from Clerk to County Council it was resolved that a reminder be sent.

4. Hedges - Morton Colliery.

It was resolved that since the hedge had not been cut, the clerk should again write to the National Coal Board. Meanwhile the Chairman should also ring.

5. Street Lighting

A letter from the County Surveyor was read by the Clerk and it was resolved to send a letter of thanks to the County Surveyor at the same time reminding him that a new lamp had been promised for Pilsley Lane.

6. Dangerous Footpath - Bus Stop.

It was resolved that the District Surveyor be contacted regarding installation of flashing light on this section of the footpath. If possible a site meeting be arranged.

7. Village Hall.

It was resolved that a letter should be sent to the Parochial Church Council asking if a combined project could be launched for a village hall on land owned by Church. A site meeting be arranged with RDC Inspector to examine Welfare Hall and also closed C.o.p. building.

8. New Street - Road Development.

The meeting was informed that of twenty five owner occupiers interviewed, twenty four had said yes to the resurfacing of the road. Three council houses also have frontage on this street. It was resolved that other owners should be circulated to find out their opinion, and the County Council be contacted.

9. Water Pressure

A letter from the North Derbyshire

Water Board was accepted by the meeting.

10. Footpath - Welfare.

A report was received that the footpath over the Welfare had been damaged by an excavator. It was resolved that the District Surveyor be informed.

11. Red Lane - Footpath.

It was resolved that the County Surveyor be contacted regarding the right of way from the end of Red Lane to the Welfare.

12. Annual Meeting of Derbyshire Association of Parish Councils

A report of the meeting was given by Councr Richards.

13. Roadway Matters

It was resolved that a vote of thanks be sent to the District Surveyor for the work completed.

14. Burial Ground.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Parochial Church Council for the presentation of detail accounts of expenditure on Churchyard maintenance.

15. Accounts for Payment.

Chesterfield RDC	
Fidelity Insurance	£1.5.6
EM&B Lighting & maintenance	£12.15.8
National Coal Board	
Rent Bus Shelter	10.0

16. Election

A letter from the Returning Officer

stating that the cost of Parish Elections was £74.4.3 was read by the Clerk and accepted by the meeting.

17. Telephone Kiosk

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the General Post Office regarding siting of a Kiosk at the Top end of the village.

18. Footpath matters

It was resolved that the District Surveyor be informed that the footpaths in the village did not come up to standard.

19. Waymarking of Footpaths.

It was resolved that this matter be left until Spring.

20. New Development.

It was resolved that the K.D.C. should be asked for a copy of the plans of proposed development, so that the details of the access road could be examined. Also a letter should be sent to Contractors regarding mud on pavement and Eversholt Lane.

21. Armistice Mund.

It was resolved that a wreath should be provided by the members of the Council.

22. Excavations at Doe Hill.

It was resolved that the Chairman should find out what the excavations were for.

23. Pollution of Stream
It was resolved that the Public Health Inspector be contacted regarding an analysis of the water.

24. Traffic using Back Lane.
It would appear that there was no restriction on vehicles using this road.

25. Hedge. Silwell Villas.
It was resolved that the District Surveyor be contacted regarding condition of hedge.

26. Bus Stop - Triangle near Church.
It was resolved that the M.G.P be contacted regarding danger when buses were parked at this Bus Stop and their observations obtained.

27. Allocation of Houses
Comm Richards gave a brief talk on allocation of houses by the R.D.C following upon an inquiry from a fellow member. 1. Slum clearance, 2. Shared accommodation. 3. Overcrowding. Old people's Bungalows. Men 65 and not working, women 60 priority given to most needy.

28. Council - Lower Paid Workers
It was resolved that a letter be sent to the RDC supporting claim of lower paid workers

29. It was resolved that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 8th December 1970 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman 8/12/1970.

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Mr A Harris
Mr A E Chambers
Mr A E Lindley
Mr A E Richards
Mrs D.M Roper
Mrs R.H Cheetham
Mr V. Vardy

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 1970 were read and confirmed

2. Playing Fields.

It was resolved that the matter be held in abeyance until further notification received from Solicitor

3. Cricket Field Footpath.

A reply to the letter from the Council to the Clerk of the County Council was read by the Clerk and it was resolved that a further letter be sent asking for information on the National Parks & Access to Countryside Act 1949.

4. Street Lighting

It was reported that a reply had not been received from County Surveyor re siting of new lights on Pilsley Lane. The Chairman also reported that he had not received a reply to his request for a plan of the siting of the new lights on Church Lane. It was resolved

That the Chairman should ring the East Midlands Electricity Board to ascertain if the uprooting of the light on Church Lane was an act of vandalism

5. Dangerous Footpath. - Bus Stop
It was resolved that a letter be sent to the County Surveyor asking if the plan to shelve a proposal for the widening of the road adjacent to bus stop could be reconsidered. It was also resolved that a site meeting be arranged regarding the resiting of the bus stop. A further resolution was passed that the Clerk of the County Council be informed of the actions of the County Surveyor in not replying to correspondence.

6. Village Hall.
The Clerk informed that a site meeting had been arranged with a representative of the Rural District Council.

7. New Street - Development.
It was resolved that a letter be sent to the County Surveyor informing him of the steps taken, and asking what further action was necessary.

8. Red Lane - Footpath
The Clerk informed the Council that the County Footpath Surveyor was considering the matter, and it was resolved the Council wait further correspondence.

9. Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk informed the Council that this matter had been overlooked. It was resolved that the G.P.O. be contacted.

10 New Development.

The Clerk reported to the meeting that he had contacted the Rural District Council and was informed that plans for the new development could not be forwarded to the Council. However if anyone wished to call at the offices they would be able to have sight of them. The mud was being cleared from the roads.

11. Excavations at Doe Hill

The Chairman told the meeting that the excavations were for the purpose of obtaining red shale.

12. Pollution of Stream.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had not contacted the Public Health Department due to the fact that owing to the heavy rainfall the stream was high and water running clear.

13 Hedge Silwell Villas.

It was resolved that this matter be again mention to District Surveyor.

14. Accounts for Payment.

Mansfield Office Supplies	£1.5.0
Derbys Ed Committee	£2.16.0

Loop Insurance Society Ltd £1.0.0
L G Skeland £13.13.8.

15. Precepts Estimate.
It was resolved that the estimate of rates required for the year ending 31st March 1972 be 2½p. producing a product of £462.50

16. Loan Applications for 1971-2
It was resolved that the contingency for playing fields be recorded on the return to the Treasurer of the N.J.C.

17. Assistance for Rural Bus Services
A letter from the Chesterfield R.D.C. was presented to the meeting.

18. Footpaths outside Post Office and War Memorial
It was reported that the footpath outside Post Office and War Memorial had not been filled in properly. It was resolved that Dr Hunt and Mrs Chadburn should examine them and report to the next meeting.

19. Flooding - Eversill Lane
It was resolved that this matter should again be brought to the District Surveyor.

20. Collecting Box Refused.
It was reported that two schools were collecting for this charity. It was resolved to leave this matter in abeyance

21. The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New

Yeas, and was thanked by the meeting

22. It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Tuesday 19th January 1971

Chairman. 2/2/1971

Mr H Harris Vice Chairman