

At a Meeting of the Morton Parish Council held in the Morton School on Tuesday, 16th October, 1973, at 7 p.m. the following Councillors were present:-

Dr. D. J. Hunt (Chairman)
 Mr. A. E. Harris (Vice Chairman).
 Mr. A. E. Chambers.
 Mrs. D. M. Roper.
 Mr. S. H. Townshaw.
 Mr. J. Else.
 Mrs. V. Hudston.

Apologies received from Mrs. R. H Chadderton and Mr. K. Vardy.

1. Welfare Hall.

Confirmation has now been received from C.I.S.W.O. that the Charity Commission had now authorised the Trustees to sell the property to the Parish Council. Four members of the P.C. are to represent the Parish Council on the running of the village Hall.

2. Playing Field.

A letter received from the R.D.C. was read to the meeting, which indicated that it did not seem that the work would be carried out this financial year. A return letter to be sent stating that we wished the plans to equip the field, which had already been approved by the R.D.C. to be brought forward.

3. Morton Tip.

As no satisfactorily reply had been received from the R.D.C. regarding the non-forwarding of our objections to the proposed project to the tip ~~had not been~~ it was resolved that we write to invite Mr. Hawkins to our next meeting.

4. Bus Shelter - Sitwell Arms Area.

An invitation to be sent to the bus company to attend our next meeting to discuss proposals.

5. Unlawful Tipping - Morton Tip.

This item to be discussed at our meeting with Mr. Hawkins.

6. Everstall Lane - Flooding.

Write to Prime Minister that no replies have been received in this connection.

7. Lighting.

Write to Mr. McDonnell regarding the light to be erected in Everstall Lane.

8. Footpath - Stonebroom to Morton.

An acknowledgement received from the R.D.C. to our letter of complaint

9. Telephone Box, Main Road, Morton:

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received that this work had been carried out.

10. Ditch - Flooding.

A letter received from the R.D.C. that they are unable to help in this matter. This problem to be discussed with Mr. Hawkins.

11. Dogs on Leads.

This point to be raised with Mr. Hawkins.

12. Further Development of Houses at Corner P.n.

The R.D.C. Representative reported that Planning Permission for a further 36 properties had been turned down.

13. Closure - Higham Lane.

The R.D.C. Representative reported that an Order was to be made by the Closure of Higham Lane. It was resolved that we contact Shieland and Higham with a view to them joining us against this action.

14. School Bus - Mortimer Wilson School.

An approach to be made to the Bus Company that a School bus be provided to accommodate the children from the area to school each day.

15. Appointment of Clerk.

Interviews took place to appoint a new Clerk; Mr. H. H. Dean being the successful applicant.

16. Noise from factories.

The Clerk read a letter from the R.D.C.

17. Pavements - Stretton Road.

Contact Mr. Cawte again

R.H.A.

Accounts for Payments:

Derbyshire Educ. Committee
Use of School Room:

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Derbyshire Times:
Advertis. Clerk.

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E. M. E. B.: 7. 76
38. 81.

46. 57

N. C. B.:
Rent - Bus Shelter . 50

Shaw & Sons: (Recept Book). 1 - 32

Clerks Salary 12. 50
plus 4. 00.
Postages. 3. 25 19 - 75

To Council of 20th November 1973
Recd by J. H. Dean

Chq's made out and signed
by Mrs. Woods Feb 4 sent
and by her
Recorded by J. H. Dean

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held in Afton School on Tuesday,
20th November, 1973, at 7.0 pm.

PRESENT: DR D J Hunt - CHAIRMAN - M^{rs} A HARRIS - V/Chairman
M^{rs} D M ROPER - M^{rs} V. HUDSON - M^{rs} R. CHADWICK
M^c K VARDY - M^{rs} TOWNSEND - M^{rs} A.E. CHADWICK
IN ATTENDANCE: H.H. DEAN - CLERK & M^{rs} BROADSTOCK (Retiring Clerk)
MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were read
& approved for signature as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: A lengthy discussion ensued on the Welfare Hall project following a report of the meeting between the new Clerk & the ^{adviser} who raised queries as to the eventual ^{cost} up keep, the on-going & incoming expenses.
The Chairman was of the opinion that £240 would be contributed per annum by the Parish Council & a Sub-Committee be then responsible for the day to day running of the Hall. Matters relating to Heating, Insurance & Occasional Licences were also discussed along with the legal ownership & management.
Resolutions in respect of visiting C.I.S.W.C. The Lawyers were withdrawn in favour of a suggestion that the Clerk seek an interview with the Lawyer acting on behalf of the Council in order to clarify the whole position. This was unanimously agreed.

PLAYING FIELDS: The Council noted with approval a report from the R.D.C that the Playing Fields would be completed by the end of March, 1974.

Norton T.P.: Disappointment was expressed at Mr Hawkins being unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. Reference to his replies in correspondence was

discussed & the Clerk was instructed to again invite Mr. Hawkins to attend a meeting of his own date convenience in order to thrash the matter out to a satisfactory finality. The Clerk to also point out that no letter dated 2nd November had been received.

Our Shelter:

It was resolved that a copy letter from the Brewery Co be sent to the Bus Company with a request that it was desirable that the project be finalised as soon as possible.

Eversholt Lane:

A reply from the D.O.C in London was read & agreed to be of little help & consolation. The Clerk agreed to take up the matter again with the appropriate authorities.

Street Lighting:

It was further resolved that the suggestion of the County Surveyor re the installation of a cast iron lamp in position 71°8' - PLAN SL/952/E be implemented at Eversholt Lane.

Telephone:

It was reported that the Telephone Box was now repaired. This was warmly received.

Footpath:

Relative to the Norton-Stonebroom Footpath, nothing further had been received.

Dogs on Leads:

Following an explanation by the Clerk, it was agreed pointless to pursue this issue further.

Ditch Flooding:

It was resolved to write CISWO that this was a source of further trouble & also quote Sec. 16 of the Handbook 1970 that outlined the legal responsibilities involved.

HIGHWAY LAW: It was agreed that the Clerk thank the Sheriff & Highland Parish Council for their proffered help over the proposed closure of Highland Lane. It was further agreed notice of protest be sent to the County Council with copies to the R.D.C & Sheriff Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Letter from R.D.C re Factory House Nuisance. Agreed to write & ask to be kept informed of the result, of the investigation.
- 2 Letter from Mr. Carter in respect of complaint of a dangerous footpath. Agreed to reply to the effect we disagreed with his viewpoint & state why.
- 3 Letter from R.D.C. suggesting street names. None of these were acceptable & it was agreed to submit River Way and Bacchus Way as alternate names.
- 4 Letter from Bus Company disputing overcrowded busses at school times. Whilst disagreeing with the Bus Company's contention, it was resolved to write to the Director of Education requesting a complaint be

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council noted with approval that the Clerk would be attending the Clerk's Course at no expense to the Council.

The Chairman raised the matter of increasing the Salary of Clerk. After discussion and calculations from the Assoc. recommended form, it was unanimously resolved that the Salary be fixed at £60 plus £40 Tax free allowances not to include routine expenses. 95 p.m. 1/10
It was further resolved that Mr. Broad

be awarded retrospective pay based on the new increment with effect from the 1st April 1973 to the end of October 1973. At this juncture the Chairman led expressions of thanks to Mr Broadstock for past services & good wishes for the future.

It was reported that a light on the main Rd. adjacent to Telephone Kiosk was defunct. The Clerk to investigate.

It was resolved that the Clerk give notice to the District Authority that this Council desires notification of all Planning applications.

Following a report that a plot of land was for sale at the Corner Inn Development area, it was agreed the Clerk query for what purpose the land was designated.

Mr Hudson requested application be made for a Conservation Order on the disused railway line. This was agreed.

Mr Broadstock replied to enquiry re the Poppy Heath that no bill for same had been presented.

Following reports of Horses fouling footpaths, it was agreed the Clerk write the stables.

Mr Chedburn gave a detailed report on the stocking conditions prevailing at the Setwell Vales caravan site. Following a lengthy

discussion, the Chairman asked that the Clerk contact the M.O.H at County & R.D.C levels on a top priority basis. This was agreed.

It was resolved to ask the Land Reclamation Officer as to the possibility of factories on these sites.

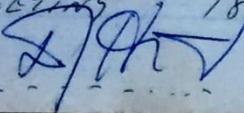
It was requested that notice be forwarded to the dangerous condition of the bridge on the Mortar-Stonebroom Footpath, also a dangerous man-hole in the footpath against the old entrance to the tipping site.

<u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u>	:	Accounts submitted for payment were approved & Cheques signed for the following:
DERBYSHIRE EDUC COMMITTEE - ROOM HIRE CHARGES	- £8.80	
DERBYSHIRE TIME - ADVERTISEMENT FOR CLERK	- £4.50	
E.M.E.B - ELECTRICITY ACCOUNTS	- £46.89	
N.C.B - BUS SHELTER RENT	- .50	
SHAW & SONS - PRECEPT BOOK	- £1.32	
CLERK'S SALARY & EXPENSES	- £19.75	
CLERK'S RETROSPECTIVE PAY INCREASE	- £33.30	
TOTAL		£114.80

The Clerk enquired as to being allowed to purchase a Filing Cabinet since the documents were most unsightly stored in cardboard boxes. It was resolved that the Clerk purchase a cabinet to suit his requirements, also stationary items.

CLOSURE : The Chairman thanked the members for their attention over a lengthy meeting & closed the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS 18/12/1973.

SIGNED  CHAIRMAN DATE 18/12/73

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 178
Marion School on Tuesday 18th December 1973
at 7.00 pm.

PRESIDENT: DR D J HUNT - CHAIRMAN MRS A HARRIS - VICE CHAIRMAN
COUNCILLORS MRS ROPER, MRS HUDSON, MRS CHAMBERS
MRS CHAMBER, MRS VARDY, MRS TOWNSEND, MRS ERSE.
IN ATTENDANCE: H. Dean-Clark also M^r H O Hawkins &
M^r M C Moore, Clerk & Surveyor to Chesterfield
R.D.C respectively.

M^r Harris took the Chairman initially in the absence
of D Hunt but vacated the Chair after agreeing an
agenda & the arrival of D Hunt.

D Hunt gave a warm welcome to M^r Hawkins &
M^r Moore & expressed the hope that both sides may
enter into frank discussions on the matters that
appeared controversial to say the least, in particular,
Marina Tip.

In reply, M^r Hawkins thanked the Chairman &
went on to say he wished to make it quite clear that
press reports of poor relationships between the R.D.C &
the Parish Council were unfounded & most misleading.
Agreed, there had been misunderstandings over the
Tip issue & the Parish Council's objections should have
been forwarded to County level. However, apologies had
been tendered & assurances given that the County
Council had been made aware of the objections.

Councillor Chambers disagreed with M^r Hawkins & failed
to understand why County had been informed there
was no objections when everyone was aware of the
dangers to children created by the lagoons when built.
He also queried the feasibility of factories in the Pt Y
yard since these could preclude the ultimate
removal of the tip.

Other Councillors supported these viewpoints & also

suspect others in respect of Unlawful Tipping, Flooding, Public Footpaths & Eversholt Lane flooding, this of long standing.

After these items led to very lengthy discussions, arguments which led the Chairman to state that the R.D.C Officers could now understand the prevailing feeling that the village was being neglected.

M^o Moore stated that much of the displeasure should be levelled at County level & went on to say that he thought that the N.C.B & the Rivers Board had agreed the 1st Feb 1974 as to start the Leagues. He reminded the meeting that the R.D.C had disagreed with these Officers that the site was unsuitable for industry. He agreed to some delay in replies to correspondence & would right this matter in the future. He would look into the enforcement orders served for unlawful tipping & also query County as to the legality of the Footpaths in question.

Cllr Hawkins also assured the Council that he would try to improve communications in future & hoped that the misunderstandings had been cleared up.

The visitors left after an exchange of thanks & Seasonal Greetings at 9.10 p.m. following which Councillor Chambers wished to record his disappointment of the R.D.C Officers & their replies in discussion.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & agreed for signature as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING : In view of the time factor it was agreed that discussion on the purchase of the Welfare be deferred to the next meeting. In the interim the Clerk was to take up the matter of licensing & occasional licences with the Lawyer since

the Contract of Sale left these matters too open & not at all in respect of the licence.

BUS SHELTER:

The Clerk read a letter from the Bus Company suggesting a site meeting with County & Police representatives. Agreed the Clerk write County to arrange same.

TOUCH FLOODINGS &
FOOTPATHS

The reply from CISWO was read out & it was hoped M^r Moore would keep his promise to look into these matters further. The man-hole had been re-covered.

RESERVATION ORDER
(HIGHWAY LINE)

The Clerk had received the necessary application forms & M^r Hudson agreed to fill these in after suggestions by the Chairman on a ~~humorous~~ note.

RAVAN DWELLERS

The Clerk & Chairman reported on the immediate action taken to help these people. In a following discussion note was taken that conditions were improved but the people themselves seemed reluctant to complain. It was generally agreed that the site had been lastly prepared.

PANNING.

The District Authority had replied to the formal application for notification & agreed to supply copies.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Letter from the Education Officer agreeing a contract bus for children attending Fortune Wilson School.
- 2 Letter from R.D.C asking reasons for objection to the few submitted street names & selection of our own two alternatives. Agreed the Clerk reply that the names submitted were out of character with

- the village as against our alternatives & that the Council reserved some right to pick its own name.
- 3 Letter from R.D.C. that the Public Health Inspector had investigated the Factory House Nuisance complaints & found no justification for complaint. Agreed unless to pursue further.
 - 4 Letter from the Assoc. for the Disabled asking to hold a flag day on 21st September, 1974. This was agreed.
 - 5 Letter from R.D.C. re advertising of Casual Vacancies. Noted & Filed.
 - 6 Letter from E.M.E.B. quoting £70 for Cresshill Inn, light. Agreed.

PRECEPT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1975.

The Clerk reported that the R.D.C. Treasurer required the estimate not later than 21st December 1974 & also that the estimated product of a penny rate was £538. Following discussion it was agreed to Precept a 3½p rate based on 5p rate for lighting (£269) & 3p general rate (£164) in total £1883. It was further agreed, following explanation by the Clerk, that the Council's finances be accounted in one book since there was only one financial account for all purposes, the Clerk to obtain the necessary books for this purpose.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: accounts for payment were submitted. Following examination, Cheques were issued as follows:

Jones & Co	-	Filing Cabinet	- £28.81
H. Dean	-	Stationery	- £ 1.44
R.D.C.	-	Advertisement	- £ 9.20
Stone Ltd	-	Printing	- £ 4.95
Co-op.	-	Insurance	- £ 2.00
		TOTAL	£ 46.40

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: It was reported that the Paisley Road & Richard Shale areas were in a very

dirty & muddy state & it was agreed that the Clerk write & ask for this matter to be attended to as soon as possible.

The issue of getting & lack thereof in the recent icy conditions were discussed & it was resolved that the County Surveyor be informed accordingly.

CLOSURE

The Chairman apologised for the lengthy meeting caused by the attendance of the R.D.C officers but expressed his thanks for the support given by the members. The next meeting would be Tuesday 15th January 1974 & in closing the meeting he wished everyone the Compliments associated with Christmas & the New Year.

Signed: - A. Hart -----
Date 15.1.1973. -----
Chairman