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MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 19th. September, 1978, at 7.00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Coun. Mrs. D. Roper(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs.N.Shepperson, A. Harris, S.Towndrow, R. Swain.
Apologies for absence were tendered from Cllrs.Gough, Mrs.Hudston, Vardy and County Cllr.Bert Parr.

In view of Dr. Hunt being delayed, Cllr.Mrs. Roper opened the Meeting.

78/22. Minutes of the Meeting held 20th. June,1978 were approved and signed.

78/23. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS(78/16b refers)

The Clerk explained the position to date and stated that Mr. Jackson had effected the work left by Mr. Meggett who had not yet submitted his account. When this was received it would be debited by the amount charged by Mr. Jackson.
Cllr. Towndrow stated that he had to report that the new window did not match and the Time Switch was not working properly. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr. Jackson.

(b) TIPPING OF WASTE(78/16F refers)

Letters from the Dept of the Environment and the County Council were read and it was reported that there was no new development to date.

(c) FAULTY FIREPLACE(78/16I refers)

From further letters received it now seemed apparent that lack of finance was preventing further action. Following discussion on this issue it was
RESOLVED : that a further letter be sent to the District Council indicating that the repairs effected were inadequate and why one house conversion and not another and was Mrs. White to suffer another winter without adequate heating?

(d) VILLAGE HALL CHARITY(78/17(8) refers.

Further information requested by the Solicitor had been sent which was hoped would finalise this matter.

(e) FOOTPATH ALTERATIONS(78/18a refers)

A letter from the Divisional Engineer indicated that the conversion scheme from grass to tarmac verges would be placed in next years estimates. Following further discussion on these conversions it was

RESOLVED : to enquire if Stretton Road footpaths from Evershill Lane towards the Hospital could be included in the programme.

(f) WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS- HIGHAM LANE(78/18b refers)

The Clerk detailed his enquiries into this matter and stated that despite what the County Council would desire, there was nothing to prevent application being made.
RESOLVED : that a weight restriction application be made for this roadway.

78/23. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter re information to be supplied to Parish Councils by The District Council.
2. Letter from County Council re Red Lane. Following discussion it was RESOLVED : that the ownership of the land be queried, the owners rights and if this if this footpath will be definitely recorded onto the Definitive Map.
3. Letter of thanks from the School Headmaster for the grant for Best Kept Village.
4. Letters in respect of the Parish Review along with Time Table. Noted.
5. Letting stating increased School hire charges. Noted.
6. Notice of Conference at Matlock re Parish Review. Chairman's action in mandating Cllr. Mrs. Roper and the Clerk to attend during the recess was fully endorsed.
7. Notification that Cllr. G. Haslem would replace the late Cllr. Fellows on the Village Hall Management Committee.
8. Documentation re Fluoridation of Water. Following lengthy discussion it was
RESOLVED : that the views of the Minister of Health and the Occupational Health Middlesex Hospital be sought before any replies sent to the enquiries received.
9. Results of Best Kept Village Competition. Morton gained 4th.place.
10. Urban Programme for 1979/80. Noted and filed.

78/24. PLANNING

578/541. Garage & Extensions at 2 Penfold Way - G.Waller. Notification of refusal.

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- 678/617. Extensions at Padley Wood Lane for J. Blount. Notification of granted.
 478/397. Agricultural change of use Pyewyke Farm -G.Goodall. Notice of refusal.
 578/516. Conversions at Sycamore Farm -D.& A.Totty. Notice of granted.
 878/900. Extensions 2 Penfold Way - g. Waller. No objections.
 878/945. Garage 8 Bacchus Way - K.Owen. No objections.
 978/978. Garage, Esta Vila, Pilsley Rd. - E.Lenthill. No objections.
 978/982. Garage & Hairdressing Salon, 60 Stretton Rd.- K.Vardy. No objections.

78/25. FINANCE.

Payment of the following accounts were agreed after scrutiny :

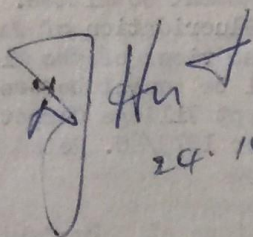
H. H. Dean.....	Half Year Salary	£75.00
H. H. Dean.....	Expenses $\frac{1}{4}$ ended 30th.June..	10.45
Dept. of Environment..	Audit Fees.....	21.60
N. C. B.	... Bus Shelter Rent.....	21.50
G. Curley	... Additional Insurance Premium.	32.69

Endorsement of £.5.00 in respect of Conference Fees to Tawney authorised by the Chairman between Meetings was Agreed.

The Clerk presented the Audit Report which was accepted with thanks to the Clerk for his attendance and attention to detail.

78/26. GENERAL BUSINESS.

- a. The Clerk was thanked for the circulation of proposed revision of Bus Services and in discussion it had been reported that the last Bus from Clay Cross was earlier than Closing Time at Licenced Premises and patrons would have to leave such premises early or walk home. The Chairman said this could be brought to the notice of Cllr.Parr who would no doubt be attending the Meeting arranged.
- b. Report of N.C.B. lorries mounting newly laid pavements were discussed and referred back until more information was available.
- c. In reply to questions re a footpath being constructed under the bridge at Pilsley Road, the Chairman said the Parish Council had made many suggestions in the past and got nowhere. The bridge was too narrow for a footpath.
- d. Coun. Harris reported that the Police had referred a complaint about Padley Wood Bridge to British Rail, Westhouses, who had effected a crude repair. He also reported that the Hobby Horse was missing from the Playing Field and that the swings were being tied up over the top, Shrubs trampled down and fencing broken. **RESOLVED :** British Rail be contacted re Padley Wood Bridge and following enquiries by the Clerk re the Playing Field, the Police again be informed.
- e. It was Resolved the Clerk enquire at County level re a missing Bridlepath Sign on Padley Wood Lane.
- f. It was Resolved that the District Council be asked to provide a litter bin outside the School and notify that the litter bin was missing from the Corner Pin Bus Shelter.
- g. Cllr. Mrs. Roper queried the use of the grant for Churchyard maintenance since she had heard many comments on the poor maintenance. The Rev.Children had stated that lack of man-power rather than finance was the reason. The Chairman stated that a Statement of Accounts would be requested before any further grant made. The matter of another incumbent was for the Parochial Church Council to take up.
- h. The Clerk asked if the Council would consider providing its own equipment for use on Quiz events. This would not be a heavy expense, would prevent having to hire equipment and could be used as a Village Hall amenity for Social purposes. Supporting the Clerk, the Chairman thought it a good idea and stated that the Parish Council team would have done a lot better if able to practice on the equipment. It was Agreed the Clerk pursue further enquiries and report back.


 24.10.78

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday, 17th. October, 1978, at 7.00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Coun. Mrs. D. Roper(V/Chairman.
Cllrs. Mrs.V.Hudston, A Harris, Mrs. Shepperson K.Vardy, R.Swain,
S. Towndrow, S. Gough. H. H. Dean.(Clerk)
Also present: Cllr.B.Parr, Cllr.W.Beaumont, Cllr.G.Haslem, Mr.H.Camm and
representatives from his firm and some 100 members of the public.

78/26.

In opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed all assembled and stated that being aware of the reason for so many attending this meeting he was prepared to ask for Standing Orders to be suspended to allow for discussion on the issue in question, viz., Toxic Waste Disposal and then proceed with the business of the Parish Council as arranged.

It was moved by Cllr.Swain, seconded by Cllr.Towndrow and carried unanimously that Standing Orders be suspended as suggested by the Chairman.

The Chairman then proceeded to outline the action taken by the Parish Council both in the past and currently, regarding the tipping of Toxic Waste in open cast workings outside the Parish Boundaries. He enumerated this action in the order of event on the blackboard and reputed any suggestion that the Parish Council had done nothing. He went on to read replies to the correspondence sent to the County Council, District Council, M.P.s. and other responsible bodies such as the Minister for the Dept. of the Environment and the Water Board. All this, he maintained was a very active interest in the vexatious issue with them at the moment. He had also written privately to Dennis Skinner, M.P. and was awaiting his comments. He asked 'What more can the Parish Council accomplish? You give us further suggestions and we will actively consider them, and if of merit, take them up.' Dr. Hunt maintained that all along, the grievance had been aggravated by lack of consultation and information from the County Council who had granted the licence to Mr. Camm to tip the Waste, in actual fact, both the Clerk and himself had obtained all the relevant information to hand from other sources. He had invited the District Councillors and Mr. Camm to attend to present their views if they desired and since Cllr. Beaumont had played such an active part in the matter to date, he now asked him to address the Meeting.

Cllr. Beaumont then traced events up to the present time much of which was already known, but, he maintained that under the original Town & Country Planning Act application that was granted the owners of the site, they were now acting in contravention of the permission granted. Legal opinion had been sought that gave rise to optimism that an injunction to revoke the licence to tip Toxic Waste could be served and the District Council would be considering this next Monday. Further to this, he did not wish to add in order not to pre-judge the issue or to prejudice the case. Replying to queries regarding the footpaths across the site, he promised to make enquiries into this matter next day. He thanked the pickets who were operating at the site and asked for further co-operation when Tom Swain M.P. visited the site the next day.

Mr. Camm, invited to present his views, stated he had never desired to enter into any grievous arguments regarding his activities. The licence had been granted and he was complying with the terms laid down. He had never tipped anything illegally and it was considered that the Toxic Waste being tipped was not of the hazardous type. Members of his Staff present described this Waste which was of oily metallic substance, the manner of disposal in the form of sludge and stated there was no other conflicting chemicals inherent in the tipping. Mr. Camm stated that the matter of footpaths was indeed news to him. He was complying with the directions laid down in his licence.

Following a very lengthy question and answer session, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the Meeting regarding this issue at an end.

Before resuming the Parish Council Meeting, Dr. Hunt asked Mrs. Roper to take over as Chairman to allow him some respite after an arduous session and this was Agreed.

It was further Agreed that in view of the time factor, only the financial part of the Agenda be discussed and another Meeting be arranged as soon as possible to finalise the Agenda.

78/27. FINANCE

From a prepared document previously circulated, the Clerk outlined the finances required to be discussed in formulating the Precept for 1979/80 which had been

requested by the District Council. A penny rate product had been estimated at £653 and the Parish Council had to bear in mind the projects inherent in the Reclamation Scheme which now had the go ahead and the Street Lighting improvements on the Main Road which could cost £250 approximately for each new light that was commissioned. Further to this, the Clerk respectfully asked the Parish Council to provide a new typewriter or second-hand one of its own since his typewriter was now defunct and beyond repair.

Following discussion it was unanimously Resolved that a 3p. rate be levied for 1979/80 to realise £1959.00. It was also unanimously Resolved that the Clerk make enquiries as to prices of a new typewriter and obtain same at the most competitive price.

Following perusal, the following accounts were approved for payment :

E. M. E. B.....	Street Lighting Improvements...	£560.00
Clerk's Expenses...	Quarter Ending 30th.Sept.1978..	9.87

78/28. PLANNING

1078/1057. Erection of House-Morton Filling Station for T.Hoggarth. No objections.

Before the Chairman closed the Meeting, Cllr. Harris stated that he wished to place on record the admirable way that Dr. Hunt had conducted the open Meeting, especially as to his presentation of the activities of the Parish Council. The remarks of Cllr. Harris were unanimously endorsed.

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24/10/78

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, 24th. October 1978 at 7.0.p.m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. D. Roper(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Hudston, S. Towndrow, S. Gough, A. Harris, R. Swain, K. Vardy.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. Shepperson

78/29. MINUTES of the MEETING HELD 19th. SEPTEMBER 1978 previously circulated were approved for signature as a true record.

78/30. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Further discussion ensued on the issue relating to the tipping of Toxic Waste and the Chairman related other enquiries he had requested the Clerk to make from the County Council Chairman, Stretton and Pilsley Parish Councils. Replies were now awaited. A letter from the County Council, belatedly answered former queries and Cllr. Towndrow queried the validity of the contents of the letter and asked that a copy be sent to Cllr. Beaumont. Following discussion, it was Agreed that the County Council be asked to supply a copy of the letter to Coun. Beaumont or to Shirland & Higham Parish Council. Cllr. Harris related a conversation he had had with Dennis Skinner, M. P. and from this, it was learned that Tom Swain claimed not to have received correspondence sent to him. The Chairman commented that this seemed ironical since all the other M. Ps. contacted had replied fairly quickly. Cllr. Towndrow related all the current activity taking place to date and it was Agreed that the Parish Council had done all it could do for the present and had now to await further events.
- (b) FAULTY FIREPLACE. (78/23c refers)
A further letter from the District Council was read and found no favour with members.
RESOLVED: Cllr. G. Haslem be requested to take up this issue.
- (c) VILLAGE HALL CHARITY. (78/23d refers)
The Certificate of Registration was read out and Cllr. Towndrow voiced the thanks of his Committee to the Clerk for all his efforts towards the finalisation.
- (d) STONE VERGES. (78/23e refers)
A letter from the Divisional Engineer informed the Council that conversions requested on Stretton Road were unjustified and therefore refused.
- (e) WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS-HIGHAM LANE. (78/23f refers)
The County Surveyor had replied refusing the request made, but indicated the matter would be reviewed from time to time.
RESOLVED : a further request be made for the County Surveyor to re-consider.
- (f) RED LANE FOOTPATH. (78/23(2) refers)
A report of the site meeting held with County Officials was given and also a letter was read from these Officials that detailed future action and also affirmed that the footpath would be recorded on the next Definitive Map. In the event of any future blockage of the footpath, legal action was permissible providing that evidence could be obtained that the footpath had been constantly used over the last 20 years. County should be informed of any untoward occurrences.
RESOLVED: the report be received and the facts noted.
- (g) FLUORIDATION. (78/23(8) refers)
A letter from the Ministry of Health informed that successive Ministers had recommended water fluoridation and Dr. Hunt gave a synopsis of the differing opinions on this issue.
- (i) LITTER BINS. (78/26 refers)
The District Council had replied that finance for bins at new sites was expired. Existing Bins in need of replacement would receive attention.
- (j) MISSING BRIDLE WAY SIGN. (78/26e refers)
The County Council informed that they had not removed the sign in question, but a new sign would be erected in due course.

78/31. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Application for Poppy Day street collection. Approved.
2. Letter from the District Council in reply to query re the Reclamation Scheme. The Clerk expressed his annoyance at the lack of consultation by the County Council after so many promises made that the Parish Council would be the first to be informed of any progress towards the implementation of the Scheme.
RESOLVED: a letter of complaint be sent to the Chairman of the County Council.
3. Notice of District/Parish Liason Meeting. Delegates were asked to enquire re the publicity of Planning applications.
4. Letter regarding Grant Aid for Parish Councils for 1978/79. Noted and filed.

5. Application for Street Collection-British Sailors. Previous policy applies.
6. Derbyshire Festival Newsletters. Noted and filed.
7. Notice of Meeting-N.E.Derbyshire Playschem Assoc. Passed to Village Play Group.
8. Meeting dates of District Council & Committees. Clerk to retain same
9. Letter from British Rail re Padley Wood Bridge. Comments noted.

78/31. PLANNING

- 879/945. Garage at 8 Bacchus Way for K. Owen. Notice same granted.
 978/978. Garage, Esta Vila, Pilsley Road for E Lenthall. Notice same granted.

78/33. HIGHWAY MATTERS

No relevant matters submitted for discussion.

78/34. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED the following accounts be paid and cheques signed :

Chesterfield Typewriter Co..... New Typewriter..... £189. 00
 N.E.Derbyshire District Council.. Playfield repairs.... 73.79

The Chairman reported that he had mandated the Clerk to transfer £600 from the Investment Account to the Current Account and his action thereon was endorsed.

78/35. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Complaint was made regarding Television interference that was causing annoyance to Main Road residents.

RESOLVED that the complaint be notified to the Head Postmaster for investigation.

- b. Queried as to the possibilities of Grant Aid to the Youth Club, the Chairman suggested that the Youth Club make written application
- c. The Clerk was requested to enquire of the District Council as to the possibilities of a sign depicting 'Sitwell Villas' being erected.
- d. Cllr. Towndrow queried the possibility of roof insulation and more storage space being effected at the Village Hall. In reply, the Chairman suggested that the Management Committee obtain some estimates for this work in order that the matter could be fully discussed at a future meeting.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. Roper reported that the Bus Stop sign on Stretton Road had been broken by workmen effecting footpath repairs. They had taken the sign away in their lorry.

RESOLVED : that the County Council be informed and a new sign requested.

- f. It was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the N. C. B. Opencast Executive requesting that the overgrown hedges on Higham Lane be cut back.
- g. The Clerk was requested to obtain a Poppy Wreath for Armistice Day and make the arrangements for this to be laid.
- h. It was reported that youths had been seen near the lagoons on the N. C. B. property and that the fencing around the lagoons was broken. Youths had also been seen using the area for 'scrambling' practice.

RESOLVED: the N. C. B. be informed of these matters.

78/36. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17th. OCTOBER 1978

These were RESOLVED as a true record and signed accordingly.

Since the majority aspects related to the issue of Toxic Waste and had been further discussed, no other matters or comments were raised for discussion.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, 21st. November 1978, at 7.0.p.m

PRESENT : Dr.D.Hunt(Chairman) Cllr.Mrs.D.Roper(V/Chairman) H. H. Dean(Clerk)
Cllrs. Mrs.V.Hudston, Mrs.N.Shepperson, R.Swain, S.Towndrow, S. Gough, A. Harris.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.K.Vardy & Cllr. Bert Parr.

78/36. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 24th.October, 1978, previously circulated were approved as correct and duly signed thereas.

78/37. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) TOXIC WASTE.(78/30a refers)

A further lengthy discussion ensued on this issue. Letters from the Chairman of the County Council and the Clerk thereto, indicated that enquiries were being made on queries submitted. The Clerk of Stretton Parish Council had supplied a copy of the Diversion Order in respect of Footpath 24 and Cllr.Towndrow queried this. In reply, the Clerk stated the copy was from the original issued and was authentic. The Clerk also complained of two anonymous telephone calls he had received accusing him of being a Mr.Camm sympathiser and also telling him to resign as he was not wanted in Morton. Cllr. Swain expressed concern at the amount of abuse being levelled at Parish Councillors and also at the rumours being spread around the village, these of a serious nature. He maintained that these silly actions did nothing to help the cause. Cllr. Harris maintained that the Parish Council had done everything possible and did not merit any accusations whatsoever. For himself, he could still walk the village conscious of having carried out his duties. The Chairman deplored the actions stated and agreed with Cllr.Swain that the cause was not being helped. The Clerk had done everything the Parish Council dictated and he was sorry he been subjected to abuse. He suggested that there was little more that could be done at present but to await the outcome of the action to be heard in the High Court in January. This was AGREED.

(b) FAULTY FIREPLACE(78/30b refers)

The Clerk reported that he had sent Cllr.Haslem a copy of the last letter received regarding this issue and Cllr. Haslem had promised to take up the matter again with the District Council in an endeavour to free some finance to enable work to be done.

(c) WEIGHT RESTRICTION - HIGHAM LANE

A further letter from the County Surveyor stated that there was no further grounds on his which he could base a case to impose a Weight Restriction.

(d) TELEVISION INTERFERENCE.(78/35a refers)

Accard and a telephone call from the Postmaster at Nottingham stated that the complaint was being investigated. It was AGREED tha Cllr. Gough contact the Clerk if complaints were still being made.

(e) SITWELL VILLAS SIGN. (78/35c refers)

The Clerk requested further guidance and it was pointed out that another Village Notice Board was suggested for this area. AGREED the Clerk take the necessary action.

(f) OVERGROWN HEDGES.(78/35f refers)

A letter from the N.C.B. Opencast Executive assured the hedges would be cut.

(g) LAGGON FENCING.(78/35h refers)

The N.C.B. notified that the fence was repaired and scrambling reported was not on their property

(h) VILLAGE HALL ROOF INSTALLATION.(78/35d refers)

Cllr.Gough reported that enquiries had been made and no grant was available for this purpose but other enquiries were being made.

78/38. CORRESPONDENCE (Other than dealt with in Matters Arising.)

1. Card acknowledging Street Lighting correspondence and also letter re the new Maintenance system now in force. It was Agreed that the new system was somewhat erratic at the moment since a light reported had been defunct over a fortnight.
2. Letter from the District Council on the Grant aided amended policy. Noted & filed.
3. Letter from Tawney House re a Clerk's Conference. Chairman's action in appointing the Clerk to attend was approved along with the £2.50. fee.
4. Letter from District Council that Planning enquiries was receiving attention.
5. Letter from County Council that the Reclamation Scheme would start on 13/11/78.
6. Letter from Bank re charging arrangements. Noted and filed.
7. Notice of Public Meeting arranged by the Environmental Action Group. Received to late.

78/39. PLANNING

987/982. Garage & Hairdressing Salon - K. Vardy. Notice of refusal.

78/40. HIGHWAYS. No matters presented for discussion.

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78/41. LIASON MEETING-DISTRICT/PARISH COUNCILS.

Cllr. Harris reported that along with Clerk, he had attended and had raised the matter regarding litter bins. A promise had been given that this matter was being looked into and extra money had been projected for in next years estimates. A new scheme of emptying had also been agreed with the refuse collectors. The Clerk had complained that the District Council Minutes specifically referred to the Tipping of Toxic Waste as at Morton and been assured that this would be corrected. Complaint had been made of the delay at County level regarding Street Lighting improvement schemes submitted by Parish Councils. Some of these were aimed at reducing acts of vandalism in dark areas and the District Council promised to send a letter to the County urging them to speedier action. The Derbyshire Festival was also discussed. In thanking the delegates, Dr. Hunt urged members to report immediately any acts of vandalism seen within the Parish and welcomed any move towards speedier action by the County Council on lighting since we were awaiting action on our proposals.

78/42. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment :

G. Curley - Village Hall Insurance - £134.41

British Legion - Poppy wreaths 9.60

The Cheque for £2.50 in respect of the Clerk's Conference was also approved.

78/43. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a Relative to the Derbyshire Festival, it was Agreed that the Clerk pass all relevant information to the Village Hall Committee.
- b Cllr. Harris paid tribute to the excellent repair carried out at Padley Wood Bridge and it was Agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to British Rail.
- c Reporting on the Conference he had attended, the Clerk thanked the Council for allowing him attend. He had found it most interesting and instructive but he had been asked so many questions regarding Toxic Waste that it had rather spoiled it for him.
- d It was reported that nothing further had been heard re the Bus Sign on Stretton Rd.
- e Some discussion took place on the difficulties experienced in arranging any service at all on Armistice Sunday and thanks were expressed to Cllr. Mrs. Hudston for the part she had played on this issue. Regarding the issue of there being no resident incumbent in the Village, the Chairman pointed out that if the Parochial Church Council made any representation towards a new Vicar, the Parish Council would give them every support.
- f In reply to questions, the Clerk stated that he had heard nothing further from the Contractor who did the Village Hall repairs and it was agreed that the matters requiring attention should be asked to be done by a local contractor. The Clerk also promised to take up again with the Gas Board the matter of the light fitting.
- g. It was Agreed that the Clerk pursue further enquiries into obtaining equipment for use on Quiz entertainment.

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19.12.78

Minutes of the ORDINARY Meeting held in Morton School, 19th. December 1978 at 7.0.p.m

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman) CLLR. Mrs. D. Roper (V/Chairman)
 CLLRS. Mrs. N. Shepperson K. Vardy R. Swain A. Harris S. Gough
 S. Towndrow. H. H. Dean (Clerk)

78/44. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 21st. Novemebr, 1978, previously circulated were approved as correct and duly signed thereas.

78/45. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. TOXIC WASTE. (78/37a refers)

The Chairman of the County Council now replied to the letter sent to him. He set out all the salient details involved in the issue. The County Surveyor also replied that he could not foresee the possibilities of flood water contamination. Pilsley Parish Council also replied that only a small portion of land was involved within their area. They also supported the move towards notification to Parish Councils be legislated.

The Chairman commented that we could only await the outcome of the High Court action to be heard in January, following which, further policy and discussion could be made.

b. TELEVISION INTERFERENCE. (78/37d refers)

It was reported that despite investigation by the G.P.O., this still persisted.

RESOLVED : that the Clerk further inform the Postmaster at Nottingham accordingly.

c. STREET LIGHTING. (78/38(1) refers)

Further discussion ensued on the County Council's new maintenance system which was described as ludicrous. The defunct light at the junction of Evershill Lane was still awaiting attention after repeated reports to the County and other lights were also awaiting attention.

RESOLVED: that a strong letter of protest be sent to the County Surveyor, also point out the dangers associated with defunct Street Lights.

78/46. CORRESPONDENCE

d. Letter re typewriter maintenance. RESOLVED no action.

e. Letter from County Council Chairman. Noted and filed in Toxic Waste file.

f. Letter from Pilsley Parish Council. Noted and filed in Toxic Waste file.

g. Minutes of the Meeting re Bus Services. Noted and filed.

h. Road safet Minutes and notice of Quiz. Referred to Youth Club.

i. Reply regarding Planning Procedures. Noted and filed.

j. Letter with price list of Xmas Trees. Noted and filed.

k. Reply re amendment of District Council Minutes. Noted and filed.

l. County Plan re Public Transport. In discussion it was reported that the services now running were most unsatisfactory. Buses were late, sometimes did not run at all and cases were reported of Drivers ignoring waiting passengers.

RESOLVED : that this information be communicated to the Public Transport Unit at county level.

m. Reply re flooding of Toxic Waste site. Noted and filed in Toxic Waste file.

n. Letter from the School Managers' re supply of a Litter Bin.

RESOLVED : that we await the outcome of the District Council's promises and to inform the School Managers' accordingly.

o. Notification of Holiday Schemes grants. Noted and filed.

p. Notification of Sports Council A. G. M. Chairman would be attending and report.

78/47. PLANNING

1178/1225. Vehicular Access-Rectory Cottage-P.J.McArdle. After discussion it was AGREED the decision should rest with the District Council.

1278/1302. Garage & Porch-4, Evershill Lane-C. Clements. No objections.

1078/1057. Notice of Refusal for House at Morton Service Station. AGREED that some of the refusal conditions be queried.

78/48. HIGHWAYS

q. Complaint was made regarding the narrow stile on Footpath No.7.

RESOLVED : that the complaint be relayed to the County Council.

r. In reply to questions, the Clerk stated he had heard nothing regarding next years proposals for improved Street Lighting. He was still pursuing a site meeting as suggested previously.

78/49. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that there were no matters for discussion.

78/50. GENERAL BUSINESS

- s. Some discussion ensued regarding the efficiency or lack of, the communication system at the Warden Scheme Dwellings at Sitwell Villas.

RESOLVED : that Cllr. Towndrow obtain relevent information in respect of this matter and liase with the Clerk with a view to any necessary action being taken up with the District Council.

- t. Cllr. Swain requested that a copy of the Diversion Order in respect of Footpath No,24 be sent to Cllr. G. Haslem and a heated argument ensued between Cllr. Swain and the Clerk who expressed reluctance to supply this information, based on the grounds that the document in question was most confidential to him by Mr. Cotterill for use and information only to Morton Parish Council. The Clerk maintained that Cllr. Haslem, or anybody else for that matter, had equal opportunity to obtain information if they were prepared to exert the effor involved. He resented of being accused of non-co-operative and pointed out his efforts and concern for the Parish Council. However, since he had previously informed the Chairman by telephone that he had been offered another position as Clerk, perhaps this was the time to tender his notice.

Dealing with the Diversion Order firstly, the Chairman asked for the opinion of the Meeting.

RESOLVED : that a copy of the Order be sent to Cllr. G. Haslem as requested
The Clerk then stated he reserved the right to communicate with Mr. H. Cotterill who originated the document and he would communicate with the Chairman on whatever Mr. Cotterill determined.

Relative to the Clerk's decision to terminate his position, the Chairman, supported by all present, asked the Clerk to re-consider. In particular, the Chairman expressed the excellent relationship and liason he had always enjoyed with the Clerk on every mundane matter that arose and his knowledge and abilities were without question.

In thanking the Meeting for their confidences, the Clerk stated that he would re-consider after sorting out one or two problems he anticipated in his new position.

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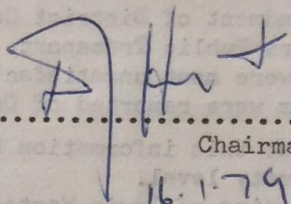
Before declaring the Meeting closed, the Chairman expressed the Sincere Good Wishes associated with Christmas and the New Year, to all Members and their Families from Mrs. Hunt and himself.

These Good Wishes were reciprocated.

Signed.....

Chairman.

Date.....


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