

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in Morton School, 12th. February 1980, at 7.00.o'clock p.m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs.D.Roper, Mrs.G.Bacon, Mrs.N.Shepperson, A.Harris, S.Gough,S.Towndrow.

Apologied for absence : Cllrs.Mrs.Hudston, R.Swain, B. Parr, J. Rotter.

Also Present : Mr.J. Woodisse, Sergt.Monk and P. C.Yeoatt.

79/59. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 18th.December 1979, approved and signed as correct.

79/60. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. FLOODING-EVERSHILL LANE(79/51 refers) - A letter of reply from County Level stated no useful purpose would be served in holding another site Meeting. It was now being suggested that powers under Sec.103 of the Highways Act 1959 be utilised in order to expedite this issue. Cllr. Harris reported that he understood the M. P. had been activated on this matter and suggested the Clerk supply him with all relevant details. He also asked if the Clerk would contact Mr.Tattersley of the District Council who have made an investigation and promised a report within seven days, but none received.  
RESOLVED : the Clerk take action as suggested and also ask County as to the possibility of Flood Warning Notices be erected in Evershill Lane.
- b. TOXIC WASTE(79/51 refers) - A letter from the Parishes Environmental Health Committee requested addresses of representatives to the Committee and also requested a £10 Grant Aid donation. In discussion, Cllr. Mrs. Bacon detailed the objects of the Committee also stated that activities at the Toxic Waste site had been observed at week-ends contrary to the Licence. Mrs. Bacon asked that any further such activities seen should be reported and a complaint made to County level, though she doubted any action would be forthcoming. AGREED unanimously, also that £5.00 be donated to the Committee.
- c. PLAY AREA(79/51 refers) - The Clerk read a letter from County level which he had thought merited the reply he also read out. This in effect, reminded County that their contribution had only been to delay the matter and cause the Parish Council extra expenses. He had also made another appeal for Grant Aid to the District Council. The Chairman stated that the Clerk was to be complimented for his efforts and he liaised with himself at all times in an endeavour to resolve this matter.
- d. FOOTPATH No.7.(59/51d refers) - A letter from Mr. Billington informed that the District Council compromise was reasonable under the circumstances. Despite the derision expressed against this letter, the Chairman felt there was nothing further could be done other than see that everything was carried out under the compromise.
- e. VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS.(79/51f refers)- Cllr. Towndrow reported that he had met the Community Industry representative and a list drawn up set out the minor repairs that required attention. The Clerk agreed to contact the Manager for details and also for when it could be expected for the work to be carried out.

79/61. POLICE MATTERS

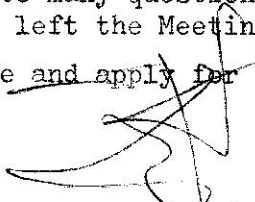
Sgt. Monk reported that the derelict houses had been monitored and children warned off. He agreed that it would help if the houses in question could be boarded up so that non-entry could be effected. Motor cyclists had been warned and cautioned and in a general discussion it was agreed that there had been some deterioration of the nuisances, evidently due to the Police action. In reply to questions, Sgt. Monk explained the Law relating to dogs fouling footpaths and of mud being deposited on the Highway.

79/62 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Woodisse, the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Local Councils and invited him to address the Meeting.

Mr. Woodisse first detailed his work and that of the Association. Since his being appointed he had got to know the Clerk very well through other channels and he was aware of some of the resentment against the former Secretary now retired. He had brought along documentation relating to the Association activities which he circulated and whilst not canvassing, he felt the benefit to the Parish Council far outweighed the expenses of membership, in fact, could save money if Legal affairs arose. Following a lengthy discussion during which Mr. Woodisse replied to many questions, the Chairman thanked Mr. Woodisse for his attendance and he then left the Meeting.

RESOLVED : the Clerk ascertain the new financial year starting date and apply for membership of the Association as from that date.



79/65. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Review of Electoral arrangements. Clerk posted notice of same.
- b. Support request for Playscheme course from Unstone Parish. Clerk replied.
- c. Letter from County Surveyor regarding Reinstatement of Trenches after Street Light Improvements. Agreed this be rejected.
- d. Letter from R. Wheway with copy of 'Play Mounds'. Agreed payment for this with thanks.
- e. Community Council News Sheet and Grant Aid Appeal. Agreed £5.00 donation be sent and also join 'Best Kept Village' Competition.
- f. Letter re Litter Bin Emptying Agency. Cllr. Harris queried as to where the 11 bins enumerated were sited and requested his vote against this matter be recorded. AGREED unanimously the Scheme be rejected.
- g. Notice of rejection of Urban Aid Grant 1980/81. Noted and filed.
- h. Minutes of Public Transport Plan Meeting. Noted and filed.
- j. Renewal of Village Hall Licence. Clerk attended to this detail.
- k. Advertisement re Tree Surgery. Noted and filed.

79/64. PLANNING

- a. 1179/1341. Utility Room-17 Church Lane for T. Wildsmith. Notice been granted.
- b. 180/48. Bungalow Extension to form Garage-64 Stretton Lane for Mr. Wayne. Approved.
- c. 1279/1441. porch over rear door-Sycamore Farm. Approved.
- d. 180/110. One or two Semi-Detached Houses rear of 17 Main rd, for Mr. G. Talbot. Quoted backland development.
- e. 180/109. Garage-1 Bacchus Way for Mr. Porter. Approved.

79/65. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following matters were discussed and AGREED for report to the appropriate Departments : Pot-holes and flooding at Pilsley Road Bridge, Footpath reinstatement by Water Board at 81 Stretton Road (Stop Valve left protruding), Lights failure at the position Pit Yard entrance, Bridge at Higham Lane (gaps in adjacent fencing and road verges dangerous), Paving Slabs uneven at Everhill Lane Bungalows.

79/66. FOOTPATH No. 24 DIVERSION ORDER

The Chairman explained that this matter had caused him to alter the Meeting date due to the time factor involved. In general discussion it was stated there was no reason why the public right of way should not be returned to its original line. The proposed new line was often waterlogged and despite claims that gas leaks had been repaired, there was still evidence of leakage. It was AGREED to object to the Diversion based on the matters discussed.

79/67. FINANCE

It was AGREED the following accounts be paid and Cheques signed :

R. Wheway.....	Play Moulds Publication.	0.90
H. H. Dean. ....	Quarter End 31/12/79 Expenses.	22.95
Derbys. Community Council.	Grant Aid.....	5.00
Clay Cross Parish Council.	Grant Aid.....	5.00
Derbys. Community Council..	Best Kept Village Competition	5.00

The Clerk was also requested to pursue enquiries and purchase copies of the Parish Councillors Handbook and other Association publications.

79/68. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairman outlined the Meeting of the Sports Council he had attended to which he had been elected in an official capacity.

Cllr. Towndrow raised issues relating to Housing and was advised to consult either the District Councillors or the Chairman of Housing.

The Clerk agreed to write and enquire at County level regarding designated roads in respect of dogs on leash and also if notices warning of the offence of dogs fouling footpaths.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date..... 18/3/80 .....

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, 18th. March, 1980 at 7.00. p.m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. Hudston (V/Chairman)  
Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Shepperson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Towndrow, Mr. Gough, Mrs. Bacon  
Mr. Swain, H. H. Dean (Clerk)  
Also Present : P. C. Toeatt and 3 members of the Public.  
Apologies for absence received from Cllr. B. Parr and Cllr. J. Rotter.

79/69. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12th. February 1980 were approved and signed.

79/70. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING. (79/60a refers) - The Clerk reported his various enquiries and a copy of the letter sent by County to Mr. Tattersley was read. This in effect only reiterated what was already known. Following further discussion it was AGREED that County be requested to supply a firm date on which the Scheme would be put into action. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr. Harris when a reply was received.
- b. TOXIC WASTE. (79/60b refers) - A reply from County regarding week-end working at the site stated they had no evidence that this was carried out other than pumping duties which was allowed. Members reported the position was still being monitored. A lengthy and heated discussion arose from the issue of the Dioxin Tipping that had again been raised at various levels. Letters of concern were read from members of the public and the Chairman allowed members of the Public into the discussions on the matter. Dr. Hunt stated that in order to allay some of the fears expressed he had taken the decision to release for publication, previous correspondence received in 1976 from the various Authorities concerned, which informed the substance was by no means harmless. He expressed his disgust that having previously been refused the exact site location, this had now been disclosed to certain people in confidence. It was finally RESOLVED : that the County be requested to disclose the exact site location and to also give an assurance in writing that the site be declared a non-development area for all time in order to prevent any disturbance of the site.
- c. VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS. (79/60c refers) - The Clerk reported that the Community Industry were in process of moving Headquarters which had delayed their programme. However, he had now obtained an estimate of £33.59 to cover cost of the minor repairs required and this was AGREED. The Clerk further suggested that the matter of interior decor be discussed at the time when the repairs are nearing completion and this also was AGREED. Cllr. Towndrow informed that he was in process of completing the purchase of 10 tables and the Clerk volunteered to transport these if Cllr. Towndrow would let him know when. In thanking the Clerk, Dr. Hunt also asked Cllr. Towndrow to present the account for payment through the usual Parish Council finance matters. Both Cllr. Towndrow and Cllr. Gough thanked the Clerk for his assistance.
- d. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANT. (79/63c refers) - a letter of thanks and Good Wishes was read.
- e. LITTER BINS. (79/63f refers) - A letter was read that enumerated bin positions.
- f. FOOTPATH 24 DIVERSION. (79/66 refers) - A reply from County to the request made, stated it was impossible to restore the Footpath to its original position. The letter also informed that when last walked, there had been no flooding on the Footpath and also the Gas Board had been requested to repair the leaking mains.

79/71. POLICE MATTERS

Arising from matters relating to dogs discussed at the last meeting, the Clerk stated he had obtained and posted notices on the Village Noticeboards relative to the dogs fouling footpaths offence. He had also obtained a copy of the Bye-Laws on same. Matters discussed related to car obstruction, motor cyclists again on the disused railway line and also as to whether or not burst water main could have been a contributory cause of an accident at the Corner Pin. These matters were noted the Constable who also informed of the Police Buffet Dance at Hardstoft on the 10th. April 1980.

79/72. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Statement of Accounts Holy Cross Churchyard Maintenance. AGREED £40.00 be donated.
- b. Proposed new Electoral Arrangements. Noted and Filed.
- c. N.E. Derbyshire Community Health Council Report. Circulated.
- d. Various Parish Councils Health Committee Minutes. Noted and Filed.
- e. Details of Gas Board Servicing Scheme for Village Hall. AGREED to be adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

- f. Notice of House to House collection for Chesterfield League of Friends.
- g. Bus Service Revision notification. Noted and filed.
- h. Road Safety Minutes. Noted and filed.
- i. Reply regarding re-instatement of Trenches. Noted and filed.
- j. Notice of Annual Meeting of Green Belt Trust. Passed to Cllr. Mrs. Hudston.

79/73. PLANNING

- 1279/1441. Porch Construction, Sycamore Farm, Church Lane. Notice of approval.
- 180/48 . Bungalow extensions, 64 Stretton Lane-Mr. Wynne . Notice of approval.
- 180/109 . Garage at 1 Bacchus Way- Mr. A. Porter. Notice of approval.
- 280/225 . Factory & Storage Unit, Main Road for Ashfield Hydraulics Ltd. No objection in principle but assurances required of no noise nuisance, also that some screening is required.

79/74. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment and cheques duly signed :

Assoc. Of Local Councils...	Handbooks.....	£1. 50
H. H. Dean.....	Salary & Expenses.....	160. 44
Parochial Church Council...	Churchyard Maintenance.	40. 00
Mobile Physiotherapy Unit..	Grant Aid.....	10. 00
Community Industry.....	Village Hall repairs...	33.59.

The Clerk requested permission to transfer £500.00 from the Deposit Account into the Current Account. AGREED. In view of the impending financial year end, the Clerk also presented a temporary Statement of Accounts of the Council's finances.

79/75. GENERAL BUSINESS.

- a. It was reported that the Mansfield Co-operative had withdrawn the mobile Butchers service to the village. AGREED that a letter be sent to the Co-operative Society querying this loss of service.
- b. Relative to the overflowing sewer on Main Road, it was AGREED that the County Council be requested to ensure that the man-hole to this sewer was made easily accessible by reason of the fencing that had been erected around the man-hole.
- c. It was reported that the Bus Stop sign was broken down at the Corner Pin. AGREED this be reported to County level.
- d. Relative to the Coach still being parked and operating from Stretton Road and also the Diesel Tank erected thereat, it was AGREED the Clerk make enquiries of the Planning Officer as to any progress on this issue.
- e. Since no information was available regarding 9 New Street, it was AGREED the Clerk contact Cllr. Rotter to seek a progress report on this dwelling.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date...15.4.80.....