

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, 15th. April 1980, at 7.00.p.m.


PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Mrs. V. Hudston(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Bacon, Mr. Towndrow, Mr. Harris, Mr. Swain.
ALSO PRESENT : Cllr. Bert Parr, P.C. Sly.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllr. Gough.

80/1. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 18th. March 1980 were approved after amendments, viz. addition to Minute 79/66 - 'that this Council will not withdraw objection to the proposed DIVERSION of Footpath 24', and alteration to Minute 79/75 - the word 'objecting' to replace 'querying' be inserted.

80/2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING(79/70a refers) - Copy letter of notification by County to Mr. Barrett informing him of enforcement action was read and welcomed. Cllr. Harris in reporting of current work being effected wished to place on record both his and the residents thanks for the support given to alleviate this problem. In particular, he thanked the Clerk who had even made personal efforts at times to resolve the issue. The Chairman and Clerk suitably replied and hoped the problem was solved.
- b. TOXIC WASTE(79/70b refers) - Letters from the M. P. informed that his efforts to obtain a Private Members Bill had failed. County also replied that request to disclose the location of the Dioxin contaminated waste. Tibshelf Parish Council had requested copies of evidence that this tipping showed no contamination and through Chairman consultation, the Clerk had refuted the statement claimed and informed Tibshelf they could site only, what information we had. Dr. Hunt stated that he had consulted Dr. May regarding the breakdown of Dioxin and gained valuable knowledge. Cllr. Swain stated that there was far too much conjecture going about on this issue and the Parish Council should resolve that they were not satisfied with the disposal of both the Toxic and Dioxin Waste and that any future quotes on this issue were personal views only and not those of the Parish Council. Cllr. Mrs. Bacon stated that numerous breaches of the Licence had been reported and there was seemingly little action taken. The motion of Cllr. Swain was unanimously adopted and it was AGREED to write County regarding Licence breaches and also regarding the Drift Mine direction of approach towards the Dioxin site. Cllr. Parr was asked to enquire as to the results of the post mortems carried out on animals reputedly deceased as a result of contamination poisoning. Copy letters to be sent to Cllrs. Rowley and Wright at County level.
- c. BUS SERVICE REVISION(79/72g refers) - Further letter and Time Tables were read and lengthily discussed, particularly in respect of Hospital visitors. it was AGREED that any complaints made should be relayed to Cllr. Parr who was also asked to make known the Parish Councils viewpoints at County level. Relative to the broken Bus Stop sign, the Clerk stated County had this matter in hand.
- d. LITTER BINS(79/70e refers) - AGREED a letter of thanks be sent to the District Council for their services and ask if the Bin at the Village Hall could be replaced.
- e. BUTCHERS SERVICE(79/75a refers) - A reply stated that lack of skilled personell had caused withdrawal of this service. Members agreed to enquire as to alternate means.
- f. OVERFLOWING SEWER(79/75b refers) - County informed that similar happenings were remote and that seepage problems were being investigated.
- g. COACH PARKING & DIESAL TANK(79/75d refers) - The Clerk reported on his enquiry at District Council. An Enforcement Order was being considered on this issue.
- h. NEW STREET HOUSE, No.9(79/75c refers) - this matter had been relayed to Cllr. J. Rotter who had not replied to date.

80/3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Notice of Audit. Clerk mandated to attend.
 - b. Notice of adoption of Hackney & Private vehicles Hire by District Council. Noted.
 - c. Letter from County that complaints listed being dealt with.
 - d. Letter of thanks from Physiotherapy Service for Grant made.
 - e. Correspondence re West End Village Competition. Mr. Wass be invited to assist.
 - f. Notice that Parochial Church Council withdrawn objection to Pastoral Measure. AGREED to sustain Parish Council's objection submitted.
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80/4. PLANNING

1279/1421. Dwelling erection of Pit Lane. Notice of refusal.

480/487. Removal of unburnt refuse at old Morton Tip for C.D.Robinson. No objection principal but request landscaping afterwards and guarantee of no more tips. Also to query County re interference with Red Lane as a footpath.

480/487. Lay out of Land for Industrial Estate roads and sewers between Station Road and Stonebroke Lane for Severn rent Water Board. Object on grounds that Stonebroke Estate not fully allotted as yet and Morton not Scheduled for Industry.

80/5. POLICE MATTERS

Complaints were made of Airgun and Pistol shooting on the Reclamation Site and trees and shrubs thereat also being vandalised. Motor cycles and scooters still persisted on Evershill Lane and the Recreation ground and a copy letter of complaint was passed to the Constable to read and take note of. Complaint was also made of persons urinating in fields adjacent to Stretton Road.

80/6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a. Complaint was made of pot-holes almost everywhere in the Village. The Clerk noted specific cases which would be relayed to the County Surveyor.

b. The Footbridge on Footpath No.7. was reported as dangerous. To be reported to County.

c. Discussion ensued on the dangers associated with the Welfare out-buildings and it was Agreed to write the Trustees informing them of liaison with them regarding enquiries for Grant Aid to restore these buildings.

d. It was reported that Footpath No. 4. was not negotiable and the Bridge thereon was vandalised. Agreed to inform County.

80/7. GREEN BELT MEETING

Cllr. Mrs. Hudston reported on the recent Meeting held and felt that some success was now becoming evident. A wedge area was in process of being formed and she would report further after the next Meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hudston for her attendance and interest in this issue.

80/8. FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and Cheques signed for payment of same :

Education Committee .. Hire of Classroom.. 22.80.

Association Membership.. 26.79 following discussion and vote in respect of again re-joining. Voting resulted in 6 for and 2 against.

Cllr. Towndrow reported on the negotiation for new tables for the Village Hall and the Cheque for same was Agreed - £322.28. The Clerk to transport same from Chesterfield.

80/9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Complaint was made of obnoxious smells emanating from the factory site off Main Road. Agreed the District Council be requested to investigate.

In reply to questions regarding the sale of land by C.I.S.WO., the Clerk stated he had heard nothing further.

Signed..........
Chairman

Date...17.6.80.....

Minutes of the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING held in Morton School, 27th. May 1980 at 7.30.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. V. Hudston (V/Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Roper, Mr. Harris, Mr. Towndrow, Mr. Swain.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr. J. Rotter, P.C. Swain & P.C. Wardle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllr. Gough.

AS/1. MINUTES of the last Parish Assembly Meeting held 24th. April, 1979 were approved.

AS/2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES - None raised.

AS/3. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr. Harris reported the vandalism in respect of the huge coping stones pushed off the bridge on Higham Lane and stressed the dangers associated with nonsensical act. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston stated that she had contacted the N.C.B. Opencast Dept. who had promised repairs would be effected. Cllr. Harris also reported the condition of the bridge over the cutting on Footpath No.7, this again being dangerous and in his opinion, the condition being helped along by some vandalism. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston reported the fire hazard in the old building at Church Lane and Cllr. Mrs. Bacon related incidents of Motor Cyclist nuisances at Evershill Lane. In a lengthy discussion on the merits and dis-merits of Police action, Both Officers present explained the lengths of investigation that the Police carried out, sometimes being obstructed by the Law in itself that placed certain restrictions upon them. However they always endeavoured to investigate any complaint made in full and it was wrong for the public to think they did nothing if at the end of the day as it were, there was headlines. Supporting the Police, the Clerk suggested that it had been muted in many quarters that the Law itself required some re-organisation to help the Police and Cllr. Swain agreed and stated that punishments were minimal and should be made to fit the crime. He also complained of lack of parental control and discipline in general that often caused much of the trouble and indeed, hindered the Police. The Chairman asked the Officers to appreciate that the Parish Council had welcomed the Police liason and thanked them for their work since its inception. The Officers suitably replied.


AS/4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tracing the events over the past year, Dr. Hunt detailed all the activities that had been pursued regarding the tipping of Toxic Waste and the dumping of Dioxin contaminated material. The Environmental Health Committee set up had done splendid work, a joint Parish Councils Committee had been formed to which we had contributed both by delegates and finance and Morton Parish Council would still continue its objections at every level possible. He went on to explain that the state of the Highways and footpaths were continually reported despite County pleading lack of finance impeding remedial action. A milder Winter had made for less snow clearing complaints and at long last, the Evershill Lane flooding was he hoped successfully eliminated. We had rejoined the Association of Local Councils and had supported the Village Hall Management Committee by Grant and various other means. A new Playing Field for the children at the lower end of the Village was nearing completion and whilst the old Colliery Spoil Heap had been subjected to a reclamation scheme, the Parish Council had voiced its opinions that this was not as promised initially. He thanked the Police for their liason and all the Councillors, District, County and Parish, for all their support over a trying year. In particular he thanked the Clerk for his often tireless efforts on behalf of the Parish Council. A letter of thanks from Evershill lane residents was then read out.

In thanking the Chairman for a most comprehensive report, Cllr. Harris expressed his disappointment that there was no village residents present to hear what the Parish Council endeavours were. He could only conclude they were satisfied. Cllr. Swain supported and stated he also wished to pay tribute to the Clerk for all the work he had carried out. The Report was adopted.

AS/5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chairman and Clerk explained the Parish Council finances which had been passed by the District Auditor and went on to explain the financial implications of the new Playing Field in respect of Urban Aid Grant. The Report was unanimously adopted.



23.6. PARISH BUSINESS

Cllr. Rotter was requested to make some urgent enquiries regarding No.9. New St. since this residence was described as 'blot on the Street as a whole.

It was requested that the swings at the new Playing Field be amended to 2 Chair Seats and 2 Ordinary Seats. The Clerk promised to contact Mr. Cracknell. It was further reported that landscaping trees planted on the reclamation site had been pulled up and vandalised. County had already been informed.

A letter was read requesting the Parish Council to withdraw the objection to the Pastoral Measure since the Parochial Church Council had withdrawn its objection. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston, supported by the Chairman, took objection that the Parochial Church Council had refused Parish Council representation at the meeting when this matter was discussed. AGREED the Parish Council's objection remain in force.

Cllr. Towndrow reported on the lack of storage space at the Village Hall and this opened a lengthy discussion on the merits and dismerits of providing hirers with storage space for their equipment. No decision was taken on this matter other than Cllr. Towndrow was requested to obtain an estimate of the cost of a scheme he had suggested and report back in order that the matter could be further discussed.

The Clerk agreed to chase up the Community Industry regarding the outstanding items of repair for which they had been paid.

It was requested that the Clerk enquire as to the possibilities of a Litter Bin at the Corner Pin area.

Since nothing further had been heard regarding the offer of sale of land by CISWO, Cllr. Rotter undertook to query Mr. Billington on this issue.

Signed..........
Chairman

Date.....21.4.87.....

PRESENT : Chairman - Dr. D. Hunt Cllr. Mrs. Hudston(V/Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, Mr. Towndrow, Mr. Harris, Mr. Swain.

Apologies for absence : Cllr. Gough.

A/1. MINUTES of the last Annual Meeting were agreed and signed.

A/2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES - Nil.

A/3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1980/81

CHAIRMAN - Dr. D. Hunt was unanimously elected and thanked the members

VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllr. Mrs. Hudston by unanimous decision, who also thanked members.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE- PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - Cllr. Mrs. Bacon was unanimously elected to replace Cllr. Harris who wished to stand down. Cllr. Harris paid tribute to the Committee during his tenure of office.

FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE - Elected en bloc. viz. Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bacon, Mr. Harris and Mr. Gough.

LIASIN COMMITTEE DELEGATES - Cllr. Harris and the Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE - Cllrs. Mr. Towndrow, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson and Mr. Gough.

SPORTS COUNCIL DELEGATE - Dr. D. Hunt.

A/4. PLANNING MATTERS

500/110. Detached House rear of 17 Main Road for G. T. Talbot. Notice of refusal.

500/225. Factory for Ashfield Hydraulics- Main Road. Notice of approval.

500/664. Garage - 8 Bacchus Way for K. Ownes. No objection.

A/5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter re Pastoral Measure informed that Parochial Church Council had withdrawn its objection. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston deplored the fact that the Parish Council had been denied a representative at the Meeting when this decision had been taken. AGREED the Parish Council maintain the objection as previously forwarded.

2. Notice of W/End Conference at Nottingham in September. Clerk to obtain more details.

3. Further letter refusing location of Dioxin site. AGREED to continue for this location.

4. Reply regarding Public Rights of Way complaints made. Will be investigated by County.

5. Reply that Red Lane will be indicated on the Definitive Map.

7. Reply that Obnoxious Smells and complaints re derelict buildings would be investigated. It was AGREED that the Clerk further request enquiries as to the disconnection of Water, Gas and Electricity which was reported as still connected.

8. Notice of one day Conference on Planning at Matlock. Cllrs. Mrs. Hudston and Mrs. Shepperson were elected to attend.

9. Letter re Provision of Bus Shelters incorporating advertising. No interest.

10. Grant Aid appeal for Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. AGREED no grant be made.

11. Letter from County re drainage and re-seeding of Football Pitch. The Clerk reported that Mr. Cracknell was of the opinion that the pitch was not up to Football Assoc. standard and would probably be only a kick about area. It was now obvious that nothing further would be done and since loan finance was now being discussed, was it feasible to expend finance on goal posts which came very expensive these days. There was also the issue of maintenance to be looked into and ratified. The Chairman stated that we had been let down in more ways than one and did not think a kick about area justified any expense. Following lengthy discussion, the Clerk was mandated to discuss the issue with Mr. Cracknell and obtain all the salient information possible.

A/6. FINANCE - Cheques were AGREED to be signed in respect of the following accounts :

V. C. Printing - Printing Letterheads - £6.25

Playing Field Assoc. - Copy of Trust Deeds- 0.65

Tawney House - Conference Fees - £9.00

A/7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Reporting on the monitoring of the Toxic Waste site, Cllr. Mrs. Bacon thought that this was having some effect as there appeared some improvement generally.

The Clerk was requested to ask Mr. Cracknell to make the new swings erected to two each of cradle and ordinary seats.

Signed

Chairman

Date 2...6...8....

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, 17th. June 1980. at 7.00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(chairman) Cllr. Mrs. V. Hudston(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Swain, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Bacon, S. Gough, A Harris, S. Towndrow,
ALSO PRESENT : Sgt. Laughton and members of the Public.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. B. Parr and J. G. Rotter.

30/11. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 15th. April 1980 were approved and signed. The Clerk explained to Cllr. Mrs. Hudston the Minute presentation procedure.

30/12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING(80/2a refers) - Cllr. Harris reported that the recent rain storms had tried out the improvements and was pleased to say the trouble now seemed to have been cured at long last. Residents were pleased and he suggested that it was appropriate that we extend thanks to County for the work done. AGREED
- b. TOXIC WASTE(80/2b refers) - A further letter from Mr. Ashcroft still refused the site location of the Dioxin contaminated material dumped. The Clerk stated he had written to Cllr. Bookbinder seeking his comments and that Cllr. Parr had informed that his enquiries re deceased animals and other matters had been somewhat evasive. AGREED letters be sent to Shirland & Higham Parish enquiring if they were informed of the Dioxin location and also to the M. P. seeking his assistance on this issue.
- c. BUS SERVICE REVISION(80/2c refers) - The Clerk had obtained numerous copies of the time tables which Cllr. Hudston had circulated in the Village. Dr. Hunt made report that Mickley residents could not get to the Doctors Surgery and Cllr. Mrs. Bacon reported that people could not get home from work and also Hospital workers could not get home after 8.0.p.m. and the Health Authority could not help on this matter. AGREED that in forwarding the complaints to Mr. Orford, he also be asked to attend the next Parish Council Meeting and bring along a Bus Company representative.
- d. LITTER BINS(80/2d refers) - In reply to a telephoned enquiry, the Clerk had been told action would be taken as soon as possible. Cllr. Mrs. Shepperson stated that a new bin had been supplied at the Corner Pin.
- e. REMOVAL OF UNBURNT WASTE-PLANNING 480/48-(80/4 refers) - The Chairman explained that was now a County matter and following receipt of a letter therefrom. he had instructed the Clerk to forward all the Parish Council's comments previously sent to the District Council, to County level and repeat the objection to any tipping. The Clerk stated all the information had been sent and read out the accompanying letter sent. Cllr. Harris stated that the letter certainly detailed the Parish Council's views and since he had visited the site, he failed to see what useable material there was to be had. It was AGREED that this issue should be carefully monitored as it developed.
- f. No. 9. NEW STREET(80/2h refers)- The Clerk reported that Cllr. Rotter had informed him that following a mix up at District Council level, it was finally agreed that the house be sold and this decision was now awaited from the Housing Committee.
- g. PASTORAL MEASURE(80/3f refers)- The Rev. Baltsleer had written confirming that Church representatives would attend the September Meeting to discuss this matter. The Chairman explained events leading up to this and stated that Mrs. Hudston and the Clerk had made every effort to accommodate the Church representatives otherwise.
- h. FROM HIGHWAY MATTERS(80/6 refers) - There had been no reply to the complaints made re Pot-holes, but it was reported some work had been effected on this. There had also been no reply from the Welfare Trustees regarding repair to the out-buildings.

Regarding Footpath and Bridge complaints, Cllrs. Mrs. Hudston and Mr. Harris reported on a site Meeting held with a County Representative when all the complaints had been investigated. A letter from Mr. Underwood following this meeting informed that his Engineer had now been requested to make a report, following receipt of which, he would write again. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hudston and Mr. Harris for their interest.

- i. SALE OF LAND(80/9 refers) - Copies of correspondence relative to this had been sent to Cllr. Rotter who was enquiring further into this matter.

30/13. POLICE MATTERS

Circumstances relative to the car parked at New Street were explained to the Sergeant who was requested to make a diplomatic approach to the owner. Details were also given regarding the continued vandalism of a footpath bridge handrail and matters relating to Footpath No. 7. Relative to Main Street Parking, the Chairman suggested an approach be made to County level regarding integrated parking lay-byes as in many other villages and asked if the Police could give any support on this. The Sgt. stated he would consult the Police Road Safety Engineer for his opinion and in reply to questions on previous matters, he would enquire as to progress from the Officers who attended the last Meeting.

30/14. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Chief Constable regarding Police Liason. Already being applied at Morton.
- b. Review of Electoral Arrangements. Clerk explained this issue in discussion.
- c. Letter regarding the Quiz Competition. The Clerk explained the arrangements made and Cllr. Mrs. Hudston agreed to advertise the event further than already done. Mrs. Bacon informed that unfortunately the date clashed with the Vari Parishes Meeting and asked another Committee member to accompany her since Mrs. Hudston would be engaged on the Quiz arrangements. Cllr. Towndrow noted the date and time.
- d. Notice of District Council representative to Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr. Towndrow was informed of the procedure to adopt if the delegate was unsatisfactory.

30/15. PLANNING

680/709. Garage - 18 Bacchus Way for Mr. M. Niblett. No objections.

Notices that the following applications were now granted ; 580/587 & 678/611

Reporting on the attendance at Tawney House of Mrs. Shepperson and herself, Mrs. Hudston stated that the one day Conference on Planning had been interesting and also instructive. Being advised from the Conference, she asked if application could be made for detailed and full scale plans being supplied with the notices sent to the Parish Council. Following discussion, it was AGREED the Clerk enquire into this. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hudston and Mrs. Shepperson for their attendance and report of the Conference.

30/16. FINANCE

The following accounts were agreed for payment and Cheques signed :
Dept. of Environment.. Audit Fee..... £21.85
O. Heap & Sons..... Fire Equipment Service... £13.24

30/17. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a. Comment was made of the number of Street Lights not lit and it was explained that power cuts could originate some of this trouble. Cllr. Mrs. Roper informed that she had already reported the matter to County level.
- b. Following discussion, it was AGREED to complain of lack of roadway sweeping and query the frequency of this work.

30/18. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. It was reported that rats had been seen coming from the Village Hall. The Clerk stated he would report this immediately by phone the next morning.
- b. Discussion ensued as to what was classified as Household Refuse since it was stated that collectors of same had left behind garden refuse left out for collection. It was also reported that in the emptying of the refuse into the vehicle, spillage was left on the highway. It was reported that rubbish was being deposited at various places on Higham Lane and was thought to be associated with the refusal to remove certain refuse left out for collection. It was AGREED the Clerk report these matters and seek an interpretation of Household Refuse.
- c. The Chairman informed that the Clay Cross Sports Centre would be opened by Dennis Skinner, M. P. in January or February.
- d. It was AGREED the Clerk ascertain Typewriter Maintenance costs and have the typewriter rectified.

Signed

Chairman.

Date.....