

MINUTES of a meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 15th. July, 1980, at 7.30. p. m.

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

Cllrs. Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Roper, Mr. Swain, Mr. Gough, Mr. Towndrow,
Mr. Harris, H.H. Dean(Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr. B. Parr, Cllr. J. Rotter, P. C. Willis, Mr. J. Hunt, Assistant Transport
Co-Ordinator and Mr. Huddleston, Trent Bus Company Manager.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and his proposed Agenda alteration was approved.

80/19. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr. Towndrow expressed concern of the increasing vandalism in general and quoted instances relating to cars. It was also stated that younger children were afraid to go out at night. Cllr. Harris reported damage by air rifles and Cllr. Parr stated this issue was becoming widespread and other Authorities were making complaints. The Clerk informed that a Resolution calling for Air Rifles to be registered was currently with the Assoc. of Local Councils for deliberation. Mrs. Shepperson reported that a hand rail on a footpath bridge had been vandalised immediately after repair. The Constable made a plea that cases, particularly of criminal damage, be reported immediately and not left until the next Meeting. The Police welcomed any information helpful to their efforts to stamp out these acts of vandalism, and in reply to questions, he knew that his Stonebroom colleague was paying some attention to footpaths complaints.

80/20. BUS SERVICES

Mr. Hunt of the County Transport Co-Ordination Dept. detailed the County attitude re the changes and cancellations of Bus Services. The suggested Time Table sent in by the Parish Council had been carefully examined, but unfortunately, whilst admirable, it cut across someone else. However, he welcomed any information sent in since this was of use when arguing cases with the Traffic Commissioner and the Bus Companies. They had to accept many of the changes due to poor passenger patronage, which argument put forward by the Bus Companies was invariably held valid. Relative to complaints forwarded by the Council, he met the Area Health Authority and the Bus Company re Hospital Workers with little success. Some small changes had been effected to the proposals and a Sunday Service restored but this was so poorly patronised that he doubted its continuance. A Royal Commission had been passed that would allow for Private Companies to compete for Bus Services in October. This might ginger up the present Companies, but he felt that the competition would be for the more lucrative routes.

Mrs. Shepperson queried the use of single and double deck buses and Mr. Huddleston explained how crew manning and Time Tables dictated this issue. In reply to Mr. Harris re high fares, he explained that the Government would not erase the Capital Debt and by Law they had to break even at least. They even had to borrow money to repay the debt. Mrs. Roper detailed personal incidents and Mr. Huddleston promised to investigate and reply. Mrs. Bacon pointed out the anomaly of buses going as far as Sitwell Villas to turn and this amazed Mr. Hunt who repeated this was the sort of information they wanted. Mrs. Hudston and Mr. Towndrow complained of buses running late and not running at all and Mr. Towndrow stated that some of the excuses given by the Bus Company was indeed really pathetic and he maintained the old Companies gave a far better service. Mr. Huddleston explained the employment situation and the manning system which was often cancelled out by Holiday and Sickness absences. This also effected the relief roster. Mr. Gough stated that if we had to accept the ever annoying changes, the keynote should be reliability rather than the present muddle. Mr. Hunt agreed this and stated that since the County subsidised the Buses by £1.2million, they too, expected a reliable service system in return and again, would welcome any information sent in that would help towards this.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hunt and Mr. Huddleston for their attendance and they then left

80/21. MINUTES of the Meeting held 17th. June, 1980 were approved and signed.

80/22. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a. TOXIC WASTE. (80/12b refers) - Letters from R. Ellis & Dennis Skinner, M.Ps., were read that inferred some contradiction by the Minister. Shirland & Higham Parish also replied they were under the impression Morton Parish Council was in possession of the information required. The Chairman agreed with the Clerk that we had explored every avenue possible and posed the question as to what else can be done other than await a further letter promised by Dennis Skinner. Cllr. Parr informed that a dispensation from covering up every day at the Toxic Waste site, had been refused.

Cllr. Swain agreed that a lot of effort had been made by the Chairman and Clerk and he doubted if anyone could have done better.

- b. FOOTPATH No.7.(80/12b refers) - Notice of closure was read and the Clerk made reference to the poor liason on this matter.
- c. No.9.New Street and Sale of Land(80/2h & 80/9 refers) - Cllr. Rotter reported that No. 9 was to be sold and C.I.S.W.O. had been contcted re the valuation of the land.
- d. QUIZ(80/15 refers)- The Assoc.had written thanks for staging the event and the team was congratulated for winning the Shield. It was AGREED a letter be sent to Wessington Parish thanking them for staging the Finals and the arrangements made for Dr. Hunt.
- e. PLANNING(80/15 refers)- A reply was read to the query made and no alteration to the system was envisaged as this was felt to be adequate.
- f. VERMIN-VILLAGE HALL(80/18a refers)- A letter informed that an inspection had been made and no vermin found. Rats, however, had been reported in other parts of the village.
- g. REFUSE COLLECTION(80/18b refers)- A letter informed investigation was being made

80/23. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter re shortage of internal Painting work by District Council workmen. Noted.
- b. Confirmation of BYELAWS-RECREATION GROUNDS. Noted and filed.
- c. Letter re Free Bus Shelters for advertising purposes. Noted.
- d. Reclassification of Roads used as Public Paths query. None in Morton.
- e. Notice re Structure Plan. Clerk posted public notice as requested.
- f. Final notice of W/End Conference at Nottingham. No nominations.

80/24. PLANNING

580/664. Garge at 8 Bacchus Way for K. Owens. Notice same been granted.

80/25. FINANCE

- AGREED the following accounts be paid and Cheques signed :
- H. H. Dean... Quarter Salary and Expenses. £81.83
- Various Parishes Environmental Health Committee... Grant of £5.00
- A letter for Grant Aid was read from the Mother & Toddler Group. This was refused.

80/25. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Cllr. Harris made reference to the signpost previously reported an Evershill Lane and this was noted.
- b. It was AGREED that roadway ruts, overhanging trees and weed nuisances be reported to County level. The Clerk stated he had reported the Water Spring in the footpath.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston reported on the matter of stone being dumped on the landscaping site and her enquiries had revealed this was to be buried.
- d. A letter requesting aid in getting Solid Fuel central Heating converted to Gas, was read for Mrs. T. Harris, Sitwell Villas. Following discussion, she was to be advised to contact Mr.D. Templeman, Ass/Director of Social Services.
- e. In reply to questions, the Clerk stated the new Playing Field was Insured.

Signed.....
Chairman.

Date.....

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, 16th. September 1980, at 7.00. o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: Dr.D. Hunt(Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. V. Hudston(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs.D.Roper, Mrs.G.Bacon, Mrs.N.Shepperson, S.Towndrow, S.Gough, A. Harris,
P. Swain, H.H.Dean(Clerk).

ALSO PRESENT : P/Sgt.Hindley, Cllr. Rotter, Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Rev.Children,
Rev.Batsleer, Dr. Wilderspin, Mr. Hopkinson.

In welcoming the Church representatives to discuss the issue of the proposed Pastoral Measure, Dr.Hunt explained that this had arisen firstly being asked to support the main objection to this and despite the Parochial Church Council withdrawing its objection, the Parish Council were resolved to sustain its objection and request a Vicar for Morton alone. Mrs. Hudston supported Dr. Hunt and expressed the concern of the villagers who had not been consulted. She also queried as to the Church Hall and the Rectory and asked for part of the garden. The Archdeacon welcomed being allowed to attend and explain the position of the Church. It was not finance alone that dictated the issue, although this played a part. Resources of manpower were depleted and it was envisaged that it would be five or six years before this improved. Hence the Bishop had to equate his present day forces and this meant two or even more Parishes having to share one Vicar. In reply to questions as to the future, he held little hope of Morton ever again having its own incumbent. Cllr. Towndrow spoke of the loss of the Rectory and the Garden Party that had been part of the village life. Cllr. Harris referred to the lack of spiritual influence and queried as to what the Church was doing towards this crisis. Cllr. Swain was of the opinion that the village was not the same without its own Vicar and enumerated his own case whereby he had not been visited by the Clergy throughout his long and painful illness. Following a very lengthy discussion on all the matters raised, the Archdeacon thanked the Parish Council for putting its views so ably and frankly, these he would report back to the Church Commission. He respectfully requested that Rev. Batsleer be informed of the Councils decision as to whether or not they would now withdraw the objection. Following an exchange of thanks, the visitors then left and the Council then deliberated further on this issue. It was moved by Cllr. Harris and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hudston that the objection to the Pastoral Measure be sustained. Since he was of the opinion that he did not feel the village was being neglected, Cllr. Gough did not vote for the Resolution which was carried by 8 votes to one. AGREED, that Rev. Batsleer be accordingly informed.

80/25. POLICE MATTERS - Due to the lengthy proceedings as above, Cllrs.Mrs.Bacon and Mr. Towndrow discussed one or two issues with the Sergeant privately since he had to leave.

80/26. MINUTES of the Meeting held 15th. July 1980 were approved and signed.

80/27. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- a. FROM POLICE MATTERS(80/19 refers) - The clerk reported that he would be presenting a Resolution on Air Rifles to the Association A. G. M. in October.
- b. TOXIC WASTE(80/22a refers) - Letters from D. Skinner,M.P. and Cllr. D. Bookbinder were read and it was AGREED that Cllr. Bookbinder be asked to meet the Council on either the 14th. or 28th. October,1980. Cllr. Mrs. Bacon informed that the County Council was to take action against Cnabro for breaches of the Tipping Licence. Discussion also ensued on the Footpath Closure notice published.
- c. REFUSE COLLECTION(80/27g refers) - A reply to the enquiry made of Mr. Billington was read out and it was AGREED the reply that probably the reason garden refuse was dumped willy-nilly was because of the distance to take to the refuse dump stated in the letter and also that the road sweeping schedule was very approximate indeed since there was a lack of sweeping.
- d. WELFARE FOOTPATH(80/25b refers) - Comment was made that the water nuisance thereat was becoming worse and the Clerk stated he would contact County immediately on this issue.
- e. FOOTPATH No.7(80/22b refers) - Matters relative to the repairs of this Footpath were raised but the Clerk stated that these were irrelevant since the Footpath was under closure order whilst repairs being carried out and we had to await the finished project. Other matters regarding Footpaths were reported, viz., the handrail on the bridge over the Brook on Footpath No.4. still required fixing and was now in the Brook, a heavy lorry had tipped material on Red Lane Footpath and it was AGREED the Clerk inform County on these matters.

80/28. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Results of West Lept Village Competition.
2. Notice of increased Gas Maintenance Contract.
3. Delegate request for Association A. G. M. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston to attend.
4. Local Council Review order form. AGREED that three copies be ordered.
5. Notice of Quiz Second Stage. All arrangements in hand and event publicised.
6. Notice of Street Collection for British Legion. No objections.
7. Reinstatement of Trenches after Lighting Improvements. County proposals.
8. Reorganisation of Health Service. Chairman explained this matter.
9. Information re Tree Planting Campaign and Grants thereto.
10. Notice of Liason Committee Meeting in October. Cllr. Harris and Clerk to attend.

80/29. PLANNING

- 780/934. Utility Room & Lounge Extension, Rectory Cottage for Miss D. Stevenson. AGREED to request District Council to carry out neighbor consultation.
- 680/709. Garge at 18 Bacchus Way for M. Nibblet. Notice application granted.

80/30. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a. It was reported that despite repair work carried out on Pilsley Road, water was still seeping therefrom. AGREED the Clerk ask County to investigate
- b. Complaint was again made regarding Street Lighting Maintenance and in discussion, the Clerk informed that the Contract was to be up for tender next May and everyone was hoping that a new Contractor would be insatlled. he would phone in the complaints as follows: 4 lights on Evershill Lane, 3 on Stretton Road, 1 on Pilsley Road, 1 at Doe Hill Station, 1 at 'Live & Let Live', 1 at Sitwell Arms.

80/31. FINANCE

Payment for the following accounts were AGREED and cheques signed :

Association of Local Councils..	A. G. M. Fees.....	£1.60
Association of Local Councils..	Local Council Review Books..	£1.50
Mrs. V. Hudston.....	Quiz refreshments.....	£5.20

80/32. GENERAL BUSINESS.

- a. The Chairman detailed the events of the N.E.Derbyshire Sports and also reported that the Sports Centre at Clay Cross was on schedule.
- b. Cllr. Towndrow explained dissatisfaction with work carried out the Village Hall and the Clerk stated he would contact the Community Industry who carried out this work.
- c. It was AGREED a letter of congratulations be sent to MR. & Mrs. J. Moseley who had celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

Report of a Meeting held in Morton School to discuss with County Councillor David Bookbinder, issues relative to the location of the Dioxin Contaminated Materials buried within the Area and other Toxic Waste Disposal matters.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Roper, A. Harris, S. Gough, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson
S. Towndrow, Rr. Swain, H. H. Dean (Clerk)

Representing Shirland & Higham Parish

Cllrs. W. Beaumont, Mrs. Carter, H. Howard, G. Shaw, H. Lowe.

Representing Stretton Parish Council

Cllr. Beaver.

In opening the Meeting, Dr. Hunt welcomed Cllr. Bookbinder and all the members present and stated no doubt everyone present was fully aware of the business to be discussed. For the benefit of Cllr. Bookbinder he explained that along with Shirland & Higham Parish, since it became known that dioxin contaminated material had been dumped within the area, strenuous efforts had been made at every level, even Ministerial, for the precise location of this site to be revealed, at to no avail. Both Councils were deeply disappointed and even annoyed that other persons had this knowledge in confidence and the issue was further aggravated by Cllr. Bookbinder also claiming this fact on Radio Derby. He queried as to what Cllr. Bookbinder was prepared to reveal to the Meeting.

Supporting Dr. Hunt, Cllr. Beaumont quoted from documentation prepared and sent by his Council to every level and spoke of the many promises made and broken by the County Council. With the introduction of the Toxic Waste Tipping an Action Group had been set up that had continually monitored the site and relayed information of breach of the Licence which was ignored and very little done about it. His Council, too, had also received certain assurances regarding the Dioxin but were far from happy regarding the situation as a whole.

In reply, Cllr. Bookbinder welcomed the invitation to talk to the Parish Councils on this issue and stated he was fully aware of the concern regarding this matter. In reply to Cllr. Lowe, he apologised for being late, this occasioned by small domestic matters. As far back as 1976 he had been perturbed as to how he gathered information on the issue of the Dioxin material dumped, even from County Officials. He had eventually made approach to Mr. Needham, Director of Coalite, the firm involved, and under threat of a Writ of Mandamus had finally been informed of two sites and these had been indicated to him on a map. It was true that he had agreed to accept this information in confidence and he too, had been assured that there was no danger to Public Health. However, in his prolonged investigations, he found differences of opinions regarding a volatile substance such as Dioxin and he was prepared to believe the information he had collated from a Manchester University source that it was impossible to remove this with safety. Despite this, he was still convinced that it would accomplish nothing and there would be no public benefit from revealing the location of the sites.

He then related incidents regarding the Toxic Waste Site and deplored the power that County Committees had delegated to County Officers. This was a matter that required seriously looking into to eliminate the secrecy and often information withdrawn from proper circulation. He assured the meeting that if the May Elections resulted in a change of political administration, all this would be changed and one of the first priorities would be to close the Toxic Waste Site.

Applauding and corroborating that statement, Cllr. Lowe spoke of the present day issue which was becoming more alarming since subsidence from the old colliery workings had become apparent. He went on to elucidate his fears of what the breakdown of the strata could cause and concluded by asserting that it was no use all the 'big boys' stating 'there's nowt to worry about lad', there is something to worry about.

Supporting this viewpoint, Cllr. Beaumont maintained that the dangers to public health had become more real. Animals were being affected and they were still awaiting the result of the post mortem of the dog that had died. He doubted if this would be revealed as it appeared to have been put on the secret list.

Adding to this, Cllr. Lowe queried as to whether Cllr. Bookbinder could obtain the preserved remains of the animal and have these subjected to clinical analysis through his connections at Manchester University.

Cllr. Bookbinder thought this would be difficult, but he would institute enquiries.

Cllr. Mrs. Hudston implored Cllr. Bookbinder to reveal the information they sought and maintained it was not to the public good for this to remain so secretive.

Dr. Hunt expressed his concern that if the information they sought was vested in only a few individuals, was it possible the location would never be known if such information died with those individuals. In his professional capacity and having studied under a leading authority, he naturally watched out for any signs or symptoms of illness that could be attributed to Dioxin. He thanked God that so far, so good, but his Council wanted every possible assurance nothing ever would arise.

Cllr. Bookbinder appreciated everything that had been said but posed the question in return - What could be accomplished if he revealed the location. He had placed the site location on record at County level to ensure it was never lost. He had obtained the site location under threat of a Writ and in confidence, he was striving to obtain whether or not his information was correct or otherwise and along with Cllr. Lowe and his party, was doing everything possible to allay the fears of the Parish Councils concerned and to eliminate the abomination of the Toxic Tip. He suggested that he give the Clerk the name and address of his Manchester University informant and respectfully invite her to meet and address a forum of the Parish Councils on the topic of Dioxin. Further to this, the Councils' had the same opportunity as he had done to approach Mr. Needham, even under a threat of a Writ of Mandamus.

What can be do? stated Cllr. Shaw. Perhaps monitor the site better than the assurances given by the County Council to ensure it was not disturbed. At the present time, what was preventing the former drilling into the land and contacting the buried material. This could be prevented if it was known where it is.

Cllr. Beaver supported this viewpoint and pointed out all sort of things could happen if we could not put a finger on the spot.

Cllr. Mrs. Roper spoke on the issue raised relative to political connivances and rather explored this. Cllr. Bookbinder explained the necessity for this in detail.

Cllr. Swain spoke strongly on the dangers to Morton and queried as to why make reference to the issue on Radio Derby at all. Cllr. Bookbinder should have the courage to tell this meeting what it wanted to know. Expert advice was alright, he stated, we seemed to get plenty of that rightly or wrongly, but we could'nt be told the site.

Cllr. Bookbinder regretted that the meeting could not accept his decision and assured the meeting he fully appreciated as to how the Councils' felt. Having had the opportunity to hear their views and indeed, see some of the correspondence passed to him, he himself had learned somethings he did not know. He reiterated his promises made and would ask the Councils to believe that his political party and himself would continue to work in an effort to resolve all the grievous problems relative to the issue of Toxic Waste.

Dr. Hunt asked the members opinion as to contacting the lady suggested by Cllr. Bookbinder with a view to joint meeting of all Parish Councils involved under the Derbyshire Various Parishes Environmental Health Committee. This was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

He then thanked Cllr. Bookbinder for his attendance at the meeting which he thought had been worthwhile and after Cllr. Bookbinder had responded with his thanks, the meeting was declared closed.

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 21st, October 1980, at 7.00. p. m.

Present : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. Hudston(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Shepperson, A. Harris, S. Gough, R. Swain,
S. Towndrow, H. H. Dean(Clerk)
Also Present : P. C. Hall
Apologies for Absence ; Cllrs. Bert Parr and J. Rotter.

80/33. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 16th. September 1980 were approved and signed.

80/34. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Cllr. Mrs. Hudston queried if anything further had been received regarding the

- a. Pastoral Measure and went on to quote from personal correspondence she had received from Rev. Batsleer. The Clerk informed that he had corresponded the Council decision to Rev. Batsleer and had received nothing in reply. AGREED the matter now lie on the table.
- b. AIR RIFLES(80/27a refers) : the Clerk informed the Association had now adopted the Resolution submitted on this issue and Government legislation would be sought.
- c. TOXIC WASTE(80/27b refers) - The Clerk had ~~circulated~~ a report on the Meeting with Cllr Bookbinder and had written Mrs. Hennessy as requested and received no reply to date. Cllr. Swain was still of the opinion that appreciating ~~further~~ knowledge of the dangers of Dioxin, this was valueless if the site remained unlocated. AGREED to await the reply
- d. FOOTPATHS(27/80d & e refers) - County had been informed of all the matters complained of and no reply received.
Cllr. Harris informed that the supposed repair of the Welfare Footpath was useless and claimed this had got worse. It had become obvious that the water required piping away. AGREED that County be informed and piping suggested.
- e. LIASON COMMITTEE(80/28(10) refers) - Cllr. Harris supported by the Clerk reported on the Meeting held at Chesterfield. The main topic had been the District Council adopting the right to appoint representation onto Village Hall Committees where grant aid had been made. The Clerk maintained this was not legal and was usurping the rights of the Parish Council. AGREED to seek advice from the Association on this issue.
- f. STREET LIGHTS(80/30b refers) - All the complaints had been reported and the Clerk was of the opinion that phoning in was serving no usefull purpose and he would enumerate all future complaints by writing so as to keep record. Complaint was made of lights out on Main Road, Church Corner and Sitwell Villas area on Stretton Road. The ironic part was that the Contractor had been in the Village the same day and nothing done.
- g. VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS(80/32c refers) - Following complaint by Cllr. Towndrow he would discuss this issue with the Community Industry and if the results were abortive, he was mandated to negotiate with the community Services Agency at Clay Cross regarding the Hall being decorated and the repairs completed inherent in the scheme.

80/34. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr. Towndrow raised the issue of Parking on Main Road and queried reports that Parish Councillors had phoned in regarding this matter. Since this was denied, the Constable was questioned as to records of messages being received at Police Stations being kept. The Clerk stated that it was grossly wrong for people to phone in complaints under the guise of a Councillor. This was a serious matter and could get the Council ill thought of. The Officer stated he would keep an eye on these issues and would have a diplomatic word with persons who parked near the School at school closing times.
Vandalism was reported at the Telephone Box and Motor Cycles causing nuisance at 4 a. m. in the morning was met with some astonishment by the Officer. This was occurring in a field and the Officer, in reply to questions stated he had nothing about a cow that had been injured according to rumour going about.
The Council welcomed P. C. Hall's remarks that his attachment was now to serve Morton and he was in effect the 'Village Bobby'. The Chairman wished him every success.
In reply to question by the Officer, there had been no further complaints regarding noise and litter in the 'Live and Let Live' area.

80/35. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Proposals for restructuring the NHS in Derbyshire. The Chairman explained in detail and it was AGREED to suggest 3 Areas based on his suggestions.
- b. Notice of Community Services Agency. To be contacted.
- c. Notice of proposals to be adopted by District Council re Street Naming. In reply to Cllr. Gough, the Chairman explained procedure required to alter a Street Name.
- d. Notice regarding Urban Aid Grants for 1981/82.

- e. Publication re Fireguard Campaign. Notice posted.
- f. Notice of Transport Conference at County Offices. Clerk to attend.
- g. Notice of Transport Conference at Tawney House. Noted.
- h. Minutes of Various Parishes Environmental Committee. Noted and filed.
- i. Re byelaws for new Playing Area. The Clerk reported that the District Council had named this as 'Vic Hallam' play area and he resented not being asked to seek the Parish Council's views regarding this. It was Agreed to protest at this high handed attitude and the Parish Council would select its own name.
- j. News letter and notice of Meeting from Green Belt Trust. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston notified.

80/36. PLANNING

- 1080/4184. Vehicular access, 27 Sitwell Villas for Mr. Harris. Object on grounds this is a danger on a junction relative to old persons' dwellings. Also query a garage base already put down.
- 1080/1133. Change of use-Hairdressing to Fish & Chip shop, 39 Main Rd. for E. Shaw. Agreed.
- 1080/1188. Garage at rear of 152 Main Road for K.A. Radford. Agreed.
- 980/20. Illuminated Pelmet sign at 'Live & Let Live' for Mansfield Brewery. Agreed.
- 980/22. Illuminated Logo sign at 'Live & Let Live' for Mansfield Brewery. Agreed.

80/37. FINANCE

The following account was agreed for payment: *MRS HUDSTON - QUIZ REFRESHMENTS - £5.00*
H. H. Dean.. Quarter Salary & Expenses.. £70.49. *D. County Council - CONFERENCE FEE 11.00*

A letter from the District Council gave notice that a Precept was required for 1981/82. From a financial statement prepared of the Council's commitments, the Chairman and Clerk suggested that it possible to reduce the rates by a penny. In reply to questions, the Clerk stated he had cut back to a minimum and hoped for a favourable grant from the District Council towards the new Play Field. Even without this, he could hope for a small balance to work from for the next financial year. Cllr. Gough thanked the Chairman and Clerk for an excellent report and it was Unanimously AGREED a 2p Rate at £700 per penny rate product to realise £1400 for 1981/82.

80/37. General Business

- a. Comment was made regarding work being done in the village on footpath repairs. It was AGREED to inform County a good job was being done and reminding them of outstanding work from the School to the Corner Pin, Church Lane and also hedge cutting.
- b. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston gave a report on the Green Belt Trust Meeting she had attended. One of the main topics had been that this organisation would rely greatly on the Parishes for information regarding developments. In discussion it was suggested that the Various Parishes Committee may be able to assist. Dr. Hunt thanked Mrs. Hudston.
- c. Further discussion ensued regarding No. 9. New Street and in view of the absence of Cllr. Rotter, it was AGREED information be sought from the District Council.
Cllr. Mrs. Bacon was of the opinion that Cllr. Rotter had taken umbrage with her regarding the issue of Council house letting she had raised on a previous occasion. Both the Chairman and Clerk informed Mrs. Bacon she had the right to raise any matter that was pertinent to the village or village residents.
Mrs. Shepperson reported that the burst water pipe still persisted on Pilsley Road and the wire fencing against the Bus Stop at Corner Pin had been cut. The Clerk would again inform the Water Board.
Mrs. Hudston suggested that the N. C. B. Executive be approached with regard to the old railway cutting being dedicated as a public footpath. This old line was much used as a pleasant walk to Mickley and abounded with flora and fauna. AGREED the Clerk make pertinent enquiries.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date...18.11.82.....

80/42. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved and Cheques signed for payment :


C. Curley..... Village Hall Insurance...£160.17
Community Council.. Quiz Final Tickets..... 4.00

80/43. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Cllr. Towndrow asked if the lighting on the Village Hall exit signs could be examined. The Clerk stated he would arrange for this to be done at the time of the electrical examination in respectf of the Licence.
- b. With regards to reaching the semi-finals of the Quiz and thence failing to make the final, the Chairman stated this was a case of so near and yet so far as it were. However, he wished to thank everyone who had contributes towards the semi success of the event. It was Agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Chambers and Mr. Caffey for their valueable participation.

Cllr. Mrs. Hudston detailed the efforts she had made regarding the demolition of the old Welfare out building which was of historical value. Unfortunately she had not been able to prevent the demolition but her activities had led to seeking information on any other buildings within the Parish that could be listed for preservation. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hudston for all her efforts.

The Chairman stated he had ordered the Poppy wreath and thanked Mrs. Hudston for collecting smae and laying this at the Memorial on Remembrance Day.

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

Date.....16. 62.....82

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT : Dr.D.Hunt(Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. V. Hudston(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, A. Harris, S.Towndrow, R. Swain
ALSO PRESENT : P.C.Yeoart and P. C. Vallance.

80/44. MINUTES

Following substitution of the word 'nothing' for 'little'(80/39b) and 'neighbors' for 'residents(80/41A), the Minutes of 18th. November 1980 were approved.

80/45. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. TOXIC WASTE(80/39a refers)- The Clerk reported no reply to date regarding the legal advice sought from the Association. A letter was read from the V. P. E. Health Committee regarding support for a writ to be served. In discussion, the Chairman stated we were committed to await the advice sought and Mrs. Bacon informed that the Committee hoped to meet Mr. Needham of Coalite on the 30th. December.
504 It was AGREED that in the interim of awaiting information and guidance, a letter be sent to Mr. Needham asking him to meet the Parish Council for discussion.
- b. FOOTPATHS(80/39b refers) - It was reported that nothing further had been done to remedy the complaint made. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Blair at County.
- c. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE(80/39d refers) - Following discussion on further matters and complaints, it was AGREED to invite Mr. Stead, the County Assistant Surveyor, to attend the next meeting for discussions on this issue and bring along with him the Maintenance Contractor.
- d. VILLAGE HALL DECORATING(80/39d refers) - Following a report by the Clerk it was AGREED advertisement be made for tenders to carry out internal and external painting and the minor repairs required.

80/46. POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that further damage had caused on Footpath 7, presumably by vandals. Fencing had been dislodged and tipped over along with a stile. Spillage of silage being transported on the Highway was also reported and the Officers promised to look into these matters.

Relative to the parking on the Main Street it was reported that the Police had caused to be moved off the grass verges and this had caused some annoyance and aggravation. Relative to the Parking near the School, the Officers stated that this had been looked into by the Road Safety Officer and the Chief Constable should now be contacted for further discussion on the issue. It was AGREED the County Surveyor be requested to arrange for a site meeting with all the appropriate representatives concerned.

80/47. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from County regarding Winter Road Conditions- Salting etc. Noted and filed.
- b. List of Officers for District Council Emergencies. Noted and filed.
- c. Notes on Health & Safety- Christmas Trees. Noted.
- d. Supply of Christmas Trees and prices thereof. Not required.
- e. Reply from County regarding Highway matters reported 22/10/80. AGREED to remind them that Church Lane still required attention.
- f. Notice that Parish Agencies on Litter Bins cannot be extended. Noted and filed.

80/48. PLANNING

- 1080/1188. Notice this application refused.
1080/1221. Notice this application granted.

In reply to Mrs. Hudston, the Clerk stated he had received no further information in respect of the proposed Fish & Chip shop. He would make telephone enquiry forthwith. At the same time, he would also query the progress in respect of coaches at Stretton Rd.

80/49. FINANCE ACCOUNTS APPROVED

Duffin & Son..... Stationary..... £10.56
Spire Typewriter Co... Typewriter Service.. £12.48

80/50. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was reported that an overspill of water from a natural spring on Higham Lane was accumulating at the roadway bend further down the roadway. This was not only a nuisance, but could cause some danger. AGREED that County be informed.

In view of the heavy vehicles using Higham Lane, it was AGREED to request County to reconsider a Weight Restriction Order be placed upon this roadway.

30/51. GENERAL BUSINESS

It was reported that in effecting repairs to dwellings at Evershill Close, an overflow pipe had been left obtruding over the pavement in a position as to be termed dangerous. It was AGREED to notify the District Council of this complaint.

Cllr. Harris raised the issue of the Dogs Fouling Footpath signs that had been erected on Evershill Lane only. He appreciated that the Clerk had made every effort to find out how these had come to be erected without success, but again respectfully asked if further enquiries could be made either for the signs to be removed or alternatively, the whole village be so signed. Dog owners travelling Evershill Lane had been accosted and this was grossly both unfair and out of order. Following a general discussion the Clerk stated he would write to Mr. Billington setting out all his previous enquiries and the problems being encountered and request either the signs be removed or notices be posted similarly throughout the Village.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman extended the Good Wishes associated with Christmas and the New Year to all present. These were reciprocated.

Signed..........

Chairman

Date.....20.1.81.....