

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, 20th. January 1981, at 7.00. o'clock p. m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman) Mrs. V. Hudston (V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, Mr. Gough, Mr. Towndrow, Mr. Swain
APOLOGIES for ABSENCE : Cllr. Harris.
ALSO PRESENT : P. C. Hall, 3 Press Reporters.

80/52. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 16th. December 1980 were approved following the substitution of 'Action Group' for Committee, Minute 80/45a.

80/53. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. TOXIC WASTE (80/45a refers) - A reply from the Association now informed that there was no legal right involved in withholding information required, but, concrete and scientific evidence would be required that the Dioxin had not become inert and still remained a public hazard. A further letter from Mrs. K. Hennesy was also read and amongst other things, she informed that she had asked Mr. R. Mann if he would be able to give the value of his expertise on Dioxin. Further to this, Mr. Needham had replied that he would be prepared to meet the Chairman and the Clerk to discuss the issue. The County Council also informed they had nothing to add to what they had previously said.
In a lengthy discussion, it was AGREED the Chairman and Clerk meet Mr. Needham. It was further AGREED we had to await any information Mr. Mann was willing to supply. It was also reported that County Councillor Collins was now also entering the arena with Press reportings of statement he had made and it was AGREED he also be asked to meet the Parish Council and show them the site location. The Chairman was of the opinion this would be as abortive as was inviting Cllr. Bookbinder. Following the reading of the Notice of date of the Appeal against the Closing of Footpath 24 and proposed Diversion, Mrs. Bacon outlined the suggestions that it was proposed to suggest as the alternatives.
- b. FOOTPATHS (80/45b refers) - In reply to questions, the Clerk stated that he had heard nothing further from County level. Mrs. Hudston reported that further to this, there was now fencing against Sheep on a stile at the footpath boundary with Tibshelf. The Clerk stated he would report this and make another endeavour to get action on all the Footpaths previously reported.
- c. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE (80/45c refers) - No reply to date. In discussion, Cllr. Gough queried whether or not a Patrol Man was employed. If not, he would volunteer to do this work. It was further queried as to further lights beyond the Parish Boundary towards Stretton. The Chairman explained this had been muted before and refused on lack of finance. He suggested we write Shirland & Higham Parish on this matter. AGREED
- d. VILLAGE HALL DECORATING (80/45d refers) - The Chairman stated that Tenders were now coming in but circumstances had arisen that had dictated him mandating the Clerk to get the outside guttering and other work done as soon as possible. The Tenders had been a guide as to the cost involved and the Clerk had negotiated with Mr. Whitworth to proceed with the work at £320 plus VAT. The Clerk explained also and stated that the materials had to be specially ordered, this was now done and Mr. Whitworth had personally explained to the complainants that he hoped to start the work within a fortnight. The Chairman's action was unanimously endorsed.
- e. PARKING-MAIN STREET (80/46 refers) - The County Surveyor had replied that he was not able to take any positive action and went on to explain publication of information to parents of school attenders on how they could co-operate. Mrs. Hudston agreed to pass on this information to Mr. Wass, the Headmaster.
- f. WATER NUISANCE & WEIGHT RESTRICTION-HIGHAM LANE (80/50a, b, refers) - County informed that the water nuisance had been alleviated and that it was not possible to place a weight restriction on the Lane.
- g. DOG NOTICES (80/51 refers) - No reply to date other than card acknowledgement.
- h. OVERFLOW PIPE NUISANCE (80/51c refers) - Letter informed nuisance abated.

80/54. POLICE MATTERS

Complaint was made regarding car parking over the pavement at 52, Main Road. The Chairman and Police Officer explained regarding queries in respect of the Citizens Band Radio interference. The Officer reported that complaints made at the last Meeting were still being investigated and was informed that deposits on the highway still persisted. The Chairman warned that dogs were now roaming on the Reclamation Site and since sheep were now grazing thereon he feared trouble could arise.

80/55. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Association Minutes and Circulars.
2. Notice of increased charges for hire of Schoolroom.
3. Notice of Sports Council A. G. M.
4. Reply that N.C.B. could not dedicate old railway cutting as a Footpath.
5. Notice of closure of Tibshelf Library.
6. Reply re naming of Playing Field. AGREED the name be "Pinfold".
7. Grant Aid Appeal by Physiotherapy Unit, Clay Cross. AGREED to grant £20.00.
8. Notice of Road Safety Quiz. To be passed to Mr. Wass.
9. Notice re ratification of Pastoral Measure. AGREED to make appeal as permitted to the Privy Council and that Mrs. Hudston be mandated as the Council's representative to arrange and conduct the appeal.
10. Notice or renewal of Village Hall Licence. Clerk attending to this detail.
11. Letter re overpayment to Community Industry. Clerk had paid Cheque into Bank.

80/56. PLANNING

Notice that application 1080/1183 (Fish & Chip Shop) was refused and 1080/1184. Following discussion it was AGREED the Clerk make further enquiries into the Fish & Chip Shop being refused and also seek the views of the applicant.

80/57. FINANCE

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

Education Authority... Hire of Schoolroom...	£34.20
H. H. Dean..... Salary & Expenses....	81.63
British Gas..... Boiler Repairs.....	26.86
Derbyshire Times..... Advertisement.....	10.50
Physiotherapy Unit.... Grant Aid.....	20.00

N. DAFT - INSPECTION £5
M. NEVINS - LICENCE FEE .0.25

[Signature]

80/58. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. It was reported that the verges in the area of the previous Pond on Church Lane left much to be desired. Mrs. Hudston stated that the W. I. had made efforts in the past to keep this tidy but there was a lack of top soil plus the fact that deposits from highway repairs and sweepings had been dumped on this area. She still had visions of the Village Pond being restored which would be better than the present situation. It was AGREED the Clerk ask the County Council if top soil could be contributed towards this area being cleaned up.
- b. It was AGREED to ask the County Council advice on the pruning of the Chestnut Tree situated at the Triangle.
- c. Complaints of the Bus Stop sign requiring attention, the Sign Post being tilted and water emanating from derelict buildings, all in the Corner Pin area, were AGREED to be reported to the appropriate Authorities.

Signed.....
[Signature]
Chairman

Date.....10.2.87.

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 10th. February 1981 at 7.00.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, R.Swain,
A. Harris.
ALSO PRESENT : Police Inspector Slack, Cllr. B.Parr, Press reporter.

In opening the Meeting, the Chairman explained the circumstances that had determined him to bring the Meeting forward from the normal date. Chairman's action endorsed.

80/59. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 20th. January 1981 were approved and signed.

80/60. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. TOXIC WASTE(80/53a refers) - In a discussion following the reading of a letter from Mr. Needham of Coalite, it was Resolved that no meeting take place unless the delegation comprise of the Chairman, V/Chairman, Mrs. Bacon and the Clerk.
A letter of reply was read from Cllr. Collins which in effect, told nothing that was already known and was AGREED was of no purpose whatsoever other than for election propaganda.
comment by council members.
- b. FOOTPATHS(80/53b refers) - A letter from the County Council acknowledged receipt of the complaints made and further stated the District Council were being consulted. The Clerk reported on a phone conversation directed from the District Council and had referred the issue in question to Mrs. Hudston and Mrs. Shepperson, who informed they had been consulted. The Clerk had also spoken to Mr. Blair who had stated he was willing to come down any time to discuss the complaints if action was not effected. Mrs. Hudston made reference to conversation she had conducted with Mr. Lee of the Peak and Northern Ramblers Association regarding rights of let and incident and suggested the Clerk also contact Mr. Lee who was very helpful.
Notice of a further closure of Footpath 7 was also read out and the Clerk stated he was perturbed at these continual extensions and would contact Mr. Lee as suggested.
- c. STREET LIGHTING(80/53c refers) - A letter from Mr. Stead indicated that a nominee from his Department would attend the next Meeting. Since this would now be in March, the Clerk was requested to have further consultation with Mr. Stead.
- d. VILLAGE HALL DECORATING(80/53d refers) - The Chairman stated he understood that work was in process of completing the outside repairs and since the closure date for tenders was now expired, he had asked the Clerk to circulate members with full details for discussion. He thanked the Clerk for all his efforts and since he had met all the Contractors he would no doubt be able to answer any relevant questions. Following a lengthy discussion it was finally RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that the Contract be awarded to Mr. L. Hazelgrove of Alfreton as per his tender submitted and on record. Cllr. Towndrow also wished to thank the Clerk for all the work he put in and further asked if he would bring Mr. Hazelgrove to a Management Committee Meeting that would be arranged in order to discuss colour schemes and other details. The Clerk replied he was confident this could be arranged.
- e. DOG NOTICES(80/53g refers) - Following the reading of a letter from the District Council, the Clerk detailed the further action he had taken and which he thought would now resolve this issue. He had received great assistance from a Mr. Chesterman of the Engineers Dept. at Clay Cross. In thanking the Clerk for his persistency to clear up this vexatious matter, Cllr. Harris suggested Mr. Chesterman be also thanked. AGREED.
- f. GRASS VERGES CHURCH LANE(50/58a refers) - County acknowledged letter of complaint.
- g. CORNER PIN COMPLAINTS(50/58c refers) - A letter acknowledged receipt of complaints.

/61. POLICE MATTERS

For his information and guidance, Inspector Slack was informed of former complaints regarding parking of vehicles over the pavement. This was causing some aggravation by reason of others who had been stopped from Parking over grass verges. The Inspector related the Law and stated he would look in to the matter as of some urgency. The problem of vandalism was again lengthily discussed with instances quoted around the Village Hall and other places. Names of offenders would be given to the Inspector in confidence and he promised investigation. Case of missing dogs was also reported.

80/62. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of further closure of Footpath No.7.
2. Request for Agenda items for Liason Committee.
3. Offer by District Council for Parish Council to collect Rates. No interest.
4. Notice of amended Ecclesiastical Fees. Noted and filed.
5. Nominations request for Sub-Committee on Sporting Activities. Chairman explained.
6. Letter re Byelaws Prohibiting Horse Riding on Definitive Map Footpaths. Noted.
7. Reply regarding Street Lighting and Patrol Man. Noted.

80/63. PLANNING - Nil

80/64. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a. Complaint was made regarding water on the Highway at the junction of Evershill Lane due Water Authority activities. Mrs. Roper gave information relative to this and stated she would make further enquiries.
- b. Cllr. Parr reported on matters relative to the Footpaths on Stretton Lane and Main Street.

80/65. FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED and Cheques signed thereto :


Derbys. Community Council.. Quiz entrance Fee.....	5.00
Derbys. Community Council.. Village Hall Conference Fee. .	2.40
Derbys. Community Council.. Best Kept Village Competition.	5.00

80/64. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairman opened discussion on the issue of the appeal against the Parochial Measure and stated that it was now important as to whether or not this appeal was continued. He went on to explain information he had collated in respect of appeals of this nature which could be very costly if the appeal was dismissed. We were aware that the Parochial Church Council had agreed the new Measure but he suggested we should again ask them if they either would, or would not support the appeal being made by the Parish Council.

Mrs. Hudston related correspondence and dialogue she had already conducted with the Church Commissioners and agreed that costs would be involved, some heavy, and in some instances very light and some none at all.

Following lengthy discussion in which all the history of the matter was again raised, it was AGREED that the Clerk write the Parochial Church Council seeking their views as to whether or not they would support the appeal and await the reply on which further discussion could then take place.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date,.....17.3.87.....

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 17th. March 1981, at 7.00. p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. Hudston (V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Bacon, R. Swain, S. Towndrow, S. Gough, A. Harriass.
ALSO PRESENT: P. C. Chielow, Press Reporter, Members of the Public.

80/65. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 10th. February 1981 were approved after wording alterations.

80/66. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. TOXIC WASTE (80/60a refers) - The Clerk explained the difficulties in arranging a Meeting with Mr. Needham of Coalite Ltd. The latest letter stated that the 6th. or 13th. April was suggested and following discussion, the Chairman stated he would inform the Clerk which was the most suitable after consulting his diary. Further discussion then took place on a letter received from the Various Parishes environmental Health Committee which asked if Morton Council were of the opinion that a Writ of Mandamus should be proceeded with and also, would they be prepared to share the costs involved which could vary between £1000 and £5000. The Chairman stated that we had already obtained legal advice and were still awaiting the expert advice that would be required before any legal action was entertained. Regarding finance, he reminded the members that we had ; the Precept and had to meet other costs which would considerably reduce our finances and the amount of money involved was just not available. Members generally were of the same opinion and it finally **RESOLVED** that we could not support any legal action and point out the financial limitations of the Council.
- b. FOOTPATHS (80/60b refers) - A letter was read from Mr. Ashcroft that indicated No. 7 Footpath repairs was restricted to not being able to find the owner of the bridge. Mrs. Hudston and the Clerk had made various suggestions as to help in this matter but nothing further had been heard of the outcome. Regarding other complaints made, letters were read that indicated these were to be attended to. Cllr. Harris made strong complaint regarding the condition of the Welfare-Stonebroom footpath, which he stated had got worse and worse. The Clerk pointed out that he had made representation previously regarding this footpath and minor works had failed to eliminate the trouble. Short of finance had been advanced as preventing further work, but he would write again. Cllr. Harris was of the opinion that he could do the work required in less than half an hour.
- c. VILLAGE HALL DECORATING (80/60d refers) - Members expressed satisfaction with the work carried out and the Clerk reported that one or two small items remained and the Contractor had informed him he would commence outside when weather conditions improved sufficiently.
- d. DOG NOTICES (80/60 refers) - In view of the notices still being posted, the Clerk stated he would contact Mr. Chesterman and again solicit his help.
- e. GRASS VERGES-CHURCH LANE (80/60f refers) - Letter from Surveyor that top soil will be provided when this becomes available.
- f. WATER ON HIGHWAY (80/64 refers) - Following further representation by Mrs. Roper to the Water Authority, this work had now been done.
- g. PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEASURE (80/64 refers) - The Chairman read out a lengthy letter from Parochial Church Council that affirmed their previous adoption of the Measure and set out relative costs of an appeal. The Chairman felt it was regrettable they had not supported an appeal in the first instance, but the Parish Council had now to decide whether or not to continue in view of the financial risk involved and our finances being limited. Mrs. Hudston also read out replies to letters of enquiry she had made and also reported on other enquiries she was making leading up to a meeting with the Archdeacon. She asked that the appeal be allowed standing in the interim of finalising all her enquiries and reporting back. It was **RESOLVED** by 5 votes to 1 with 1 abstention, that Mrs. Hudston proceed with her investigations and enquiries and the appeal stand in the interim.

80/67. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman informed the Officer present that the reason members of the Public were attending the Meeting was in relation to the Parking problem on Main Street. He went

Or to read out letters addressed to himself that inferred the Parish Council had been instrumental in causing the problems. This he refuted and reminded the Meeting of the action taken by the Council long ago for layby to be created for Parking only. This had been refused by the County Council. Cllr. Towndrow made strong objection to the fact that person or persons unknown had phoned the Police in the guise of Parish Councillor and he asked if these calls could be traced and the persons named. Every member of the Parish Council denied being involved in such, and the Constable stated he doubted if these calls could be on record. The Clerk viewed this statement with some askance since he was of the opinion that everybody had to give his name and address if contacting the Police. The Officer then explained the Law regarding parking on Foot paths which included grass verges and was reminded that whilst they had moved others, one offended still persisted. He would investigate. He returned later and stated that the car had been removed.

It was finally RESOLVED that the Clerk again write the County Surveyor on this problem and send him copies of the petition and correspondence received.

50/68. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Shirland & Higham Council in reply to lighting of B6014.
2. Notice of Annual General Meeting of Green Belt Trust. To Mrs. Hudston.
3. Grant Aid Appeal from Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. Refused.
4. Grant Aid Appeal from Community Council, Derbys. AGREED £5 be donated.
5. Confirmation of Precept.
6. Byelaws correspondence re Pinfold Recreation Ground. Clerk explained.
7. Notice of Various Parishes Environmental Health Committee Meeting.
8. Correspondence re Tourism in Derbyshire. Noted.
9. Correspondence relating to Quiz Competition. Noted.

50/69. HIGHWAYS

Following complaint, the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries regarding Road Signs at Station Road and Main Road.

50/71. FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and AGREED for payment :

Garman Maintenance.....	Village Hall repairs..	£368.00
Association of Local Councils.	Poster Notices.....	0.40
H. H. Dean(Clerk).....	Salary & Expenses.....	76.98

50/71. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Cllr. Towndrow commented on the derelict burnt out buildings and also trees on the pavement at the Corner Pin area. Mrs. Shepperson gave some information thereto.
- b. Mrs. Bacon reported regarding a site meeting of all the principle objectors to the Closure and Stopping Up of Footpath No.24. Since the County Council had faulted in the first instance, it would appear they had assumed an attitude of a little more consultation, probably to avoid another disastrous error.

Signed.....
Chairman.

Date..12/5/57.....