

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN MORTON SCHOOL ON 16th. FEBRUARY 1982, AT 7.00.0'CLOCK P. M.

**PRESENT :** Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Mrs. V. Hudston(V/Chairman)  
Mrs.G. Bacon, Mr.R. Swain, Mr.S. Gough, Mr.S. Towndrow.  
**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE :** Mrs. N. Shepperson.  
**ALSO PRESENT :** P.C. Barrass, 6 Members of the Public.

81/63. RESIGNATION

The Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Mr. A. Harris who had now left the the Village. In accepting the resignation, tribute was paid to Mr.Harris in appreciation of a long and faithful service to the Parish Council and it was RESOLVED that a letter of thanks and Good Wishes be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Harris. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk take to necessary action to fill the vacancy.

81/64. MINUTES of the Meeting held 5th. December 1981 were approved and signed.

81/65. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. WATER COMPLAINTS(81/57d refers)- A letter was read from the Water Board that went on to explain delays in the issues complained of. Noted.
- b. STREET LIGHTING COMPLAINTS(81/57f refers) - A letter in reply to the complaints made was strongly disputed by the Members.
- c. IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING(81/63a refers) - Four tenders had been received for this work and following scrutiny of these it was RESOLVED that the contract be awarded Street Lighting Ltd. of Basford along with the E.M.E.B. connection charges thereto. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his efforts towards this project.
- d. SNOW CLEARANCE(81/61b refers) - The reply from County was as expected and was noted.
- e. RECLAMATION SITE FOOTPATHS(81/61b refers)- Members disagreed with the reply from Mr. Cowley and stated this was an easy excuse and way out. AGREED the Clerk reply that promises made could be corroborated.
- f. PIT LANE REPAIR(81/61c refers) - Reply that these repairs would be carried out.

81/66. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman requested the Constable to pass on thanks towards helping resolve the Parking problem on Main Road.

Queries were made regarding Bonfires and the Constable replied as to the Law in of this issue. Relative to the complaint of dogs fouling footpaths, the Constable agreed with the Clerk that this was not allied to Morton alone. People complained but were loath. to come forward and report in a proper manner which would be dealt with as a result.

Mrs. Hudston raised a lengthy discussion regarding the tipping down Red Lane. The Constable agreed with the Chairman that any damage done by the lorries was a civil action and complainants should collectively consult a Solicitor. With regard to the deposit of mud on the Highway being deposited by the lorries, he would monitor this and take any necessary action. The Chairman stated that sooner or later, Red Lane would be included on the Definitive Map and until then, there was little that could be done. However, the Clerk would write County and also Cllr. Heathcote and request legal action be taken to eliminate the complaints.

81/67. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Renewal of Licence. Chairman's action for new Exit Signs endorsed.
- b. Parking on Main Road. Copy letter from County circulated to residents concerned.
- c. Notice of revised Civic Service at Wessington. Noted.
- d. Letter re District Council policy on Recreational Facilities. Noted.
- e. Road Safety Quiz leaflet. Passed to Cllr. Gough.
- f. Letter of thanks from Mrs. Strong, nee Roper.
- g. Letter re Community Enterprise programme. Noted.
- f. Notice of 'Pro Loco Art' Competition. Noted.

81/68. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved :

H. H. Dean..... Quarter Salary & Expenses... £90.60.

O. Heap & Son.... New Fire "xtinguisher..... 24.29 (between Meetings)



81/68. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Statutory requirements having been observed, the District Council now informed the Parish Council should co-opt a new Member.

Mr. R. Clarke and Mr. H. Price were duly nominated and seconded and in the voting carried out each received equal votes. On the Chairman's casting vote, Mr. H. Price was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

81/69. PLANNING

A letter notifying of the Appeal entered by Tadcaster Brewery against refusal of Planning Permission for the erection of new houses was read. In a following lengthy discussion, members of the Cricket Club were allowed to put their points of view and it was finally agreed that the former objections be supplemented by matters raised in discussion. The Cricker Club were also advised to write and send in an objection on similar lines.

Regarding the appeal by Mrs. King, the Clerk queried as to whether or not accountant working on her behalf had the right to make objection to the Parish Council's comments sent to the Minister. He agreed their right to copies of same and requested permission to obtain further information on this issue. AGREED this be done.

Notice that 1081/957, 1281/1125 and 1281/1099 applications were now approved.

81/70. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a. Flooding reported on the highway on Stretton Road was AGREED to be reported for attention and also to notify Shirland & Higham Parish of similar nuisance on that part of the Highway within their Parish.
- b. Following discussion on the flooding in the vicinity of Pilsley Road Bridge, it was AGREED that in reporting this, note be made of the probable cause being supplemented by pumping increased activities by the N.C.B. It was also AGREED that mention should be made of Morton Brook requiring clearing out throughout its whole entirety and that Bridges spanning the Brook over Footpath 7 and Footpath 19 needed repair.

81/71. GENERAL BUSINESS

In reply to queries regarding empty house nuisance to a neighbour, the Chairman stated that the complainants should contact the District Council for investigation.

Mrs. Bacon gave the latest information regarding the Toxic Waste site. It was stated that vehicles using an alternate entrance were churning up Footpath No.27 and it was AGREED Shirland & Higham Council be so informed.

It was reported that Burroughs Engineering on the Stonebroom Industrial Estate were tipping on their property and some of this was overflowing onto the land within Morton Parish. AGREED that Shirland & Higham Council be so informed.

In reply to queries regarding a shoppers Bus Service from the Stonebroom area, the Clerk stated he would make enquiries of the Transport Unit at County level.

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

Date.....23.3.82.....



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES  
of

ORDINARY MEETING: HELD IN MORTON SCHOOL, 23rd.MARCH 1982, at 7.00. P.M.

PRESENT : Dr. Hunt(Chairman) Mrs. V. Hudston(V/Chairman)  
Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, Mr. Gough, Mr. PPrice, Mr. Towndrow, Mr. Swain.  
ALSO PRESENT : Cllr. Rotter, P.C. Barrass, Mr. Nuttall(Community Services)

In opening the Meeting, the Chairman firstly welcomed Mr. Price who was now member of the Parish Council. He hoped he would find the involvement both interesting and worthwhile.

He next welcomed Mr. Nuttall who was attending to the services offered by persons directed by the Court to do Community Work as punishment for there offences rather than being sent to prison.

Mr. Nuttall then spoke at some length on all the aspects of this work which very often was accomplished by craftsmen, was of good standard and was at all times done under supervision. They had currently 112 persons under orders and all applications for work should be made to himself. Following many questions put to Mr. Nuttall, he was thanked for his very able report by the Chairman.

81/72. MINUTES of the Meeting held 1 6th. February were approved and signed.

81/73. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. RESIGNATION(81/63a refers)- A letter was read that informed that the Parish Council could now co-opt a new Member. It was moved and seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr. Reg. Clarke be offered the position.
- b. IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING(81/65b refers)- The Clerk reported that the Contractor would commence as soon as the new standards were delivered.
- c. TIPPING-RED LANE(81/69)refers- A letter was read from County level that stated Mr. Hollis was to be prosecuted if he did not cease the offences being carried out. The Clerk further reported that he had been in contact with British Rail and was awaiting further information as land ownership. He would liase with Mrs. Hudston when this was received. It was reported that individual complainants had taken legal advice.
- d. MRS. KING'S APPEAL(81/69 refers)- Notice that appeal had been dismissed and that her agents approaches had been somewhat irregular.
- e. HIGHWAY FLOODING(81/70 refers)- In discussion on a letter in reply to the complaints made, the Clerk suggested that having been informed of the nuisance, it was up to Mr. Underwood to contact the riparian owners of brooks in question. AGREED a letter be sent on these lines.
- f. TIPPING(81/71c refers)- No reply received from Shirland Parish.
- g. SHOPPERS BUS SERVICE(81/ 71d refers)- The Clerk reported that County had no knowledge of this service and would welcome further information. It was thought the service related to a normal route passing through the various Estates.

81/74. POLICE MATTERS

Complaint was made of rubbish being dumped at the Bridge and on grass verges on Higham Lane. The issue of warning notices being posted was discussed and Cllr. Rotter was asked to seek advice of the District Council. The Officer would monitor for any offenders. He also reported that mud deposited on the Highway complaints had been monitored and no offenders had been observed.

81/76. PLANNING

382/196. Bungalow on Plot adjacent Main Road for Mr. & Mrs Cowley.

382/227. Triple Garage at Morton Rectory for J.A. Friswell.

Following discussion, it was AGREED that Mrs. Hudston make further enquiries regarding the two applications and liase with the Clerk.



81/77. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Notice that Agenda items required for District Liason Committee.
- b. County circular that stop notices served on Toxic Waste Tipping.
- c. Notice that District Council will plant trees on various Sports Grounds
- d. Letter that action will be taken regarding Footpath No. 5.
- e. Byelaws to be submitted to Home Office by District Council.
- f. Appeal for Grant Aid-Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. Refused.

81/78. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to Mr. Cowley complaining that water nuisance emanating from the Reclamation Site on to the Main Road had not been eliminated.

81/78. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment and Cheques signed

Eldrac Ltd.....	Emergency Exit Signs....	143.75
Education Authority..	Hire of School.....	79.80
H. H. Dean.....	Salary & Expenses.....	83.22

The Clerk presented a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1982 and answered questions relating thereto.

81/79. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. The Clerk read out a letter handed to him by the Chairman that stated his business commitments and other matters now dictated that he had resign from the Parish Council. The letter was recived with some dism and in a following discussion, tribute was paid to Dr. Hunt for his Chairmanship and dedication to duties over the many years he had been with the Council. In reply, Dr. Hunt thanked everyone for their good wishes and stated he would have many happy memories of the help and co-operation of the Council members. In particular, he paid tribute to the Clerk without whose liason and guidance, he would have found it difficult on many occasions to carry on through many delicate situations and matters that had arisen.  
It was AGREED that the Clerk carry out the Statutory requirements in order to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Hunt's resignation.
- b. The Clerk also informed of his resignation and stated that in view of time factor he had liased with the Chairman and Mrs. Hudston and as a consequence, the position had been advertised with a closing date of 1 0th April. In the discussion that followed, again, many tributes were paid to the Clerk for his loyal and faithful service to the Council and Dr. Hunt stated that Mr. Dean's knowledge and experience of Local Government had been given unstintingly to Morton.  
In reply, the Clerk stated it had been a hard decision to make since he had a soft spot for Morton. He thanked everyone for their tributes and wished them every success in the future. In reply to Mrs. Hudston, he would not let them down and would attend to every detail until a new Clerk was appointed.
- c. Mrs. Hudston opened a discussion regarding the purchase of land and it was AGREED that this should be kept in mind as the opportunity arose.
- d. Councillor Rotter agreed to take up the matter of notices on Higham Lane reagrding illicit tipping of rubbish.
- e. Discussion ensued regarding the collection of Household waste and of the occasions when when one bag was insufficient. Cllr. Rotter would also investigate as to issue of extra bags.

(Signed).....*V. M. Hudston*.....  
Chairman

(D ate).....*20th April 1982*.....



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 20th. April 1980, at 7.00.o'clock p.m.

PRESENT : Mrs. V. Hudston(Chairman)

Mr. R.Swain, Mr.Gough, Mr. Price, Mrs.Shepperson, Mrs. Bacaon.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Mr. Towndrow and Cllr.Rotter.

ALSO PRESENT : 8 members of the Public.

82/1. MINUTES of the Meeting held on 23rd. March 1982 were approved and signed.

82/2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- a. CASUAL VACANCIES(81/73a & 81/79b refers) - The Clerk reported that Mr.Clark had refused co-option and the position was that 2 new Members were now required. in a following discussion two nominees were both proposed and seconded, viz., Mrs.Vina Tranter of Back Lane, and Mr. Niblett of Bacchus Way. Both receiving unanimous votes, the Clerk was mandated to see these nominees with a view to signing the necessary Declaration of Office form. If either refused the position, it was AGREED that Mr. Harrison be the replacement nominee.
- b. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK(81/79b refers) - Six applications for the position and these were short listed to three for interview, the Clerk mandated to inform the unsuccessful with thanks for their application. The interview date was agreed for 29th. April at 7.00.p.m.
- c. TIPPING-RED LANE(81/73c refers)- Following a reading of a letter from Mr. Ashcroft, the Chairman explained the current position and stated she understood that Mr.Hollis had now applied for a License to Tip. Following discussion it was AGEED that the Clerk write Mr. Ashcroft requesting more information on this issue.
- d. GARAGES(81/76 refers)- A letter from the District Council had requested neighbour information which the Clerk had sent after consultation with the Chairman.
- d. PARISH MATTERS(81/73 refers) - A letter was now received from Shirland & Higham Parish in reply to the various complaints made. The comments of the letter were discussed and it was maintained were not strictly correct. It was agreed that it was somewhat ironical to suggest that to avoid nuisance on the Footpath in question was to walk around it, and it was also maintained that tipping at Stonebromm was being carried out. It was AGREED that the Clerk write Mr. Ashcroft with a copy of the letter received.

82/3. OPEN FORUM

The Chairman allowed members of the Public present to express their reasons for attendance. In the main, this related to the Parish Council's views regarding the Allotments at Main Road which had been in the ownership of the late Mrs.Culverhouse and now being sold, presumably by Auction. The Chairman stated that she had raised the issue of this land at the last Meeting and had asked the Council to bear this in mind with a view to purchase and retain as Allotments. In a lengthy discussion, the Clerk pointed out that whilst there was a legal obligation to provide Allotments, there was also many factors involved. Firstly, the Council's finances were already mortgaged and without Loan Sanction, the land could not be bought. There then arose the contingency that Allotments Deficit must not exceed .8p of a penny rate which would certainly arise in this instance. Regarding purchase at Public Auction, he would have to query the legality of this issue. Mr. G. Whitmore informed the Meeting that he was a likely purchaser and is so, he would guarantee the continuence of the Allotments and some clearing up in general of the land.

82/4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Notice of Audit. New Clerk to attend.
- b. Circular re May Day activity organised by the County Council. Noted.
- c. One day School for Clerks. Noted.
- d. Conveyance of land at Pilsley Road. Chairman completed and returned this.
- e. Letter from County re Footpaths on the Reclamation Scheme. In discussion it was stated that Mr. Cowley appeared most variable about this issue.
- f. Information regarding the Quiz. This was passed to the Chairman for implementation.

82/4. Police Report  
The Officer present reported that the matter involved in dumping rubbish had been investigated, but this to no avail. It was reported the rubbish was still being dumped on Higham Lane and it was suggested that Mr. Ashcroft be asked if he could supply warning notices. Motor cyclists were again visiting the Reclamation site. Discussion also ensued as to children playing in the vicinity of the Lagoons and the Clerk explained the safety measures enumbent on the W.C.B. The Officer noted all the matters discussed which would be monitored.

82/5. FINANCE

the following accounts were submitted and agreed for payment :

Duffin & Son.....	Stationery.....	2.69
Derbyshire Times...	Advertisement...	14.10
J. Fitzpatrick.....	Poppy Wreaths...	11.20
H. H. Dean.....	Notice Board Repair.	7.50.

The payment between Meetings of 10.00 in respect of Quiz and Best Kay Village Competitions was also approved.

82/6. GENERAL BUSINESS.

- a. Mrs. Bacon reported on rodent activities and the action being taken at Morton Hospital. It was thought that drains and sewers were suspect and it was also feared Sitwell Villas area could be effected. The Clerk stated he would contact the Environmental Heath Dept. of the District Council immediately.
- b. The Chairman reported the poor condition of the pavement on Church lane and it was AGREED this be reported to the Highway Authority.
- c. The property in disuse at the Corner Pin was commented on as an eyesore and subject for children to play therat. The Clerk explained the position so far as he knew, but would have further dialogue with Mr. Haslem of the District Council.

(Signed) Y. A. Haslem.....  
Chairman

(date) 20th July....1982.



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN MORTON SCHOOL, 30th. APRIL 1982 at 7.00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT : Mrs. V. Huadston (Chairman)

S. Towndrow, S. Gough, R. Swain, R. Price, M. Niblett, Mrs. Tranter.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE : Mrs. G. Bacon

S/1. In opening the Meeting, the Chairman stated the main purpose was to interview three candidates for the position of Clerk. She was of the opinion that the scale of payments embodied in the position she be modified to read £150 per year salary, one quarter payment of telephone rent, travelling allowance at the current rate, payment of postage and telephone calls and the position to be probationary for six months. **RESOLVED** this be adopted.

Three applicants were interviewed in the following order : Mrs. Beaver, Mr. Ian Morton and Mrs. R. Bearder. Each accepted the conditions of the employment and replied to questions as to their abilities etc. They were each informed they would be informed of the decision of the Council.

Following discussion on the merits of each applicant, it was finally **RESOLVED** that Mr. Ian Morton be offered the position of Clerk.

S/2. TIPPING - RED LANE

The Chairman raised this item of business as of importance since Mr. Hollis had now applied for a Licence to tip legally. A letter from the County Surveyor informed of the application and explained that a Licence can only be issued if relevant Planning approval had been granted or was deemed necessary. If this was approved, he could only refuse on the grounds that pollution of water or dangers to the public health was involved. In reply to questions, the Clerk stated he had not received any notification of Planning Application from the District Council. He further explained that he had written County asking for full details of the application and also stated that the Parish Council would object. It was obvious the letters had crossed in the post. The Chairman went on to detail site examination and dialogue with Cllr. Rotter and moved from the Chair that a letter be sent to County level demanding that a Compulsary Purchase Order be instituted on the land in question following which a Reclamation Scheme be planned. This was Unanimously **AGREED** which prompted the Clerk to raise a somewhat heated discussion. In the first instance he pointed out that the Resolution was useless since the County had neither the powers or reason to implement a C.P.O. on this issue. He also deplored the fact that evidently Cllr. Rotter was handling the District Council side of the matter rather than the Parish Council and in his opinion, strong protest should be made to the District Council regarding lack of information relative to this issue. Mr. Dean stated he was most hurt to finish on such a discordant note. Over the many years he had always endeavoured to do his best and ensure that the Parish Council should be rightly advised. He had been prepared to see the new Clerk settled in, but since this matter had now developed out of all proportion he felt he wanted nothing to do with such irregular action and if the Council were determined to adopt such what he termed ridiculous requests, they should instruct the new Clerk of their wishes. Mr. Dean concluded that that he would arrange with Mr. Morton to hand over all the Council's documents and discuss with him any relative matters.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 p.m.  
ON 18th MAY, 1982 AT MORTON SCHOOL

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PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Gough, Mrs. Hudston, Niblett, Price, Swain, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Tranter and Towndrow.

Also present P.C. Barrass and 3 members of the public.

Councillor Mrs. V.M. Hudston in the Chair.

AM 1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Parr and Rotter.

AM 2 MINUTES: Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were approved and signed.

AM 3 MATTERS ARISING: Concern was expressed at the absence of Councillors Parr and Rotter and it was resolved that the Clerk inform them in writing of the members' concern.  
It was reported that a credit of some £7.00 had been received by Councillor Gough from O. Heap & Sons Ltd. and that he would liaise with the Clerk regarding this.

AM 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was resolved that Mrs. Councillor Mrs. V.M. Hudston be elected Chairman for the year 1982/83.

Vice-Chairmen: It was resolved that 2 Vice-Chairmen be elected. The senior to be determined by the length of service to this Council.

It was resolved that Councillor R. Swain be elected Senior Vice-Chairman and Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon be elected Junior Vice-Chairman.

AM 5 SUB-COMMITTEES: Footpaths Sub-Committee: It was resolved that the following Councillors be members of the Sub-Committee: Mrs. Bacon, Mr. Gough, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson and Mr. Towndrow.

Planning Sub-Committee: It was resolved not to appoint such Sub-Committee, but that the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen to have delegated powers in relation to problems of an immediate nature likely to arise through the tipping at Red Lane, Morton.

AM 6 CRICKET CLUB: It was reported that tipping had occurred at the ground and that the Club was experiencing problems with the Contractor who had yet to level the land.

AM 7 PLANNING: Bungalow 1 Main Road: Application granted.

Proposed re-development at woodyard at Morton Road, Pilsley: Resolved no objection be raised.

Replacement kitchen 26 New Street, Morton: Resolved no objection be raised.



AM 7 PLANNING:(contd)

Proposed development for tipping at Red Lane, Morton:  
After a long discussion it was resolved to object to the development on the following grounds:  
Inadequate access, poor drainage (a further spring having arisen on the Recreation ground footpath), two public footpaths bisect the site and damage to the environment. Members also doubted the will or capacity of the applicant to undertake the work and hoped that the District Council would send a representative to be heard at the County Committee. Should permission be likely to be granted it was hoped that this may be deferred to allow a site inspection with parish members present.  
It was pointed out that tipping had already taken place and that this should be cleared forthwith.

AM 8 CORRESPONDENCE:

North Derbyshire C.H.C. Provision of maternity beds.  
RESOLVED the letter be received.

Morton Colliery Reclamation Scheme.  
RESOLVED the letter from the County Surveyor be received and that a further letter be sent to him pointing out that gardens in Pinfold and Baccus Way were still being flooded.

Pilsley Road Bridge.  
RESOLVED that the letter from the County Surveyor be received.

Street Lighting Improvements.  
RESOLVED that the letter from the E.M.E.B. be received.

Government Control of Finance.  
RESOLVED that the letter from the Chief Executive of North East Derbyshire District Council be received.

Derbyshire Rural Community.  
RESOLVED that the request for a donation be refused.

Surplus Plant.  
RESOLVED that the offer be noted.

Public Footpath No. 23 & Burrows Fabrications.  
RESOLVED that the letter from the County Surveyor be received and his comments noted.

Fly Posting.  
RESOLVED that the letter informing the Council of a successful prosecution be received.

Costs - Appeal.  
RESOLVED that the letter from the D. of E. be received the clerk informing members that Mr. H. H. Dean was personally dealing with the matter.

Grant Aid 1983/84  
RESOLVED that the letter be received.

Coach Business.  
RESOLVED that the Planning Officer's letter be received.



AM 10 FINANCE:

Street Lighting Limited.

An invoice had been received for the street lighting installation in accordance with the Company's estimate. RESOLVED that the clerk be authorised to pay the account of £1286.00.

Former Clerk.

RESOLVED that the clerk be authorised to pay the termination payment of £35.89 to Mr. H. H. Dean.

AM 11 HIGHWAY MATTERS: A dangerous tree root was reported outside the Sitwell Arms Public House and the Chairman volunteered to investigate.

Street Lights. It was reported that the lights outside Morton School and 79 Stretton Road were still unlighted.

RESOLVED that the clerk report members' concern to the Board.

AM 12 OTHER BUSINESS: Television licence concessions for pensioners living in Clay Cross were much higher than in this Parish. It was suggested that a special parish rate was levied in Clay Cross to provide extra money and the clerk promised to investigate.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

.....Y. M. Knodston.....  
Chairman

17th May 1983.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PARISH OF  
MORTON HELD AT 7 P.M. ON 18TH MAY, 1982 AT MORTON SCHOOL

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Gough, Mrs. Hudston, Niblett, Price, Mrs. Shepperson, Swain, Mrs. Tranter and Towndrow.

Also present P.C. Barrass and 3 members of the public.

Councillor Mrs. V.M. Hudston in the Chair.

AA 1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Parr and Rotter.

AA 2 MINUTES:

Minutes of the last Annual Assembly were approved and signed.

AA 3 MATTERS ARISING:

Minute AS 4: Dumping of rubbish remains a consistent problem in Higham Lane, Morton and the police representative said they were well aware of this.

AA 4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Councillor Mrs. V.M. Hudston welcomed members and also P.C. Barrass. The Officer said that he was delighted to be back in the village and had formed a good relationship with the youths of the area.

The new street lighting was complete.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Niblett and Councillor Mrs. Tranter to their first Annual Assembly and introduced the new Clerk, Mr. J.I. Morton.

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and continued interest in the affairs of the community.

*V.M. Hudston.*

CHAIRMAN



82/7 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gough, Parr and Rotter.

82/8 Minutes: Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th and 30th April 1982 were approved and signed.

82/9 Matters Arising: Minute S1. Tipping Red Lane.  
A further instance of illegal tipping was reported and the chairman advised that the County Council had informed her that tips were available at: Brough's, Green Lane, Pilsley, Buxton's of Butterley, and at McElaine's at Clay Cross. Nothing more had been heard of the planning application which is yet to be determined.

82/10 Letter of appreciation: The chairman had received a letter of appreciation from Mr. H H Dean the former clerk.  
Resolved the letter be received.

82/11 Police Matters: It was reported that motor cyclists were still using the tip and Pc Barrass said he would investigate. In general members felt that the problem was not too great and Pc Barrass concurred.

82/12 Sitwell Arms: It was reported that the 'bump' in the pavement outside the Arms was dangerous and that overhanging trees were causing an obstruction.  
Resolved that the matters be reported.

82/13 Garage Sites: It was reported that domestic refuse was being dumped on the garage sites at Sitwell Villa and Evershall Close. Complaints to the district councillor had not been successful and it was,  
Resolved that complaint be made to the district council.

82/14 Pit Lane: It was reported that the hedge on Pit Lane was obstructing the highway and it was,  
Resolved that complaint be made to the district council.

82/15 Cricket Field Footpath: The chairman reported correspondence with the County Council concerning this path and the history to it. Considerable research is likely to be needed to resolve the issue and the chairman together with the clerk are to undertake to investigate previous minutes in an effort to clarify the situation. The chairman was thanked for her work on this matter.

82/16 Correspondence: Planning. Permission had been given for a triple garage at Morton Rectory.

Street Lighting Faults: Following a complaint the County Surveyor reported attention had been given to certain lights. Members expressed concern that other lights were defective and would forward the pre-paid cards distributed at the meeting. The new street lights were not yet working and the East Midlands Electricity Board would be contacted with a view to their connection.

Precept: The district council had announced a precept of £1506.00 - a 1.9p rate - to the parish. In future members felt a rate rather than an amount should be demanded.

Village Hall: The district council had purported to nominate two persons to the management committee and the council's letter was handed to Cllr. Towndrow to investigate.

Parish Review: Morton Parish is not affected by the review.

Seminars for Councillors: Details had been received of two seminars. Resolved that no representatives would attend.

Grant Aid: A circular requiring details of schemes was read. Members expressed the view that a secure store room under the village hall would be of benefit and it was, Resolved that the clerk contact the district council with a view to the provision of this facility.

Concessionary TV Licences: The clerk reported that Clay Cross levied a special parish rate to provide this concession.

Citizens Advice Bureau: An invitation had been received to attend the AGM of the Bureau on 29th June 1982 at Clay Cross.

Youth Opportunities Scheme: A letter had been received from the organiser offering the possibility of help on specific schemes. Resolved that the clerk investigate and report back to members. It was further Resolved that the Community Service Officer at Chesterfield be approached with a view to offenders serving community service orders being used to tidy up the church yard and similar places in the parish.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman... *V. M. Anderton* .....  
20th July 1982.