

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at
Morton School on the 20th July 1982

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Gough, Mrs. Hudston
Mrs. Shepperson, Swain, Tondrow, Mrs. Tranter
and Niblett.

Councillor Rotter in attendance.

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

82/17 Apologies: Apology for absence was received from
Councillor B. Parr.

82/18 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th
June 1982 were approved and signed.

82/19 Matters Arising: Minute 82/9 Red Lane tipping.
The clerk reported that notification
had been received from the County Council
that enforcement proceedings had begun
against the owner of the site and that
stop notices were to be served.

Minute 82/12 Sitwell Arms.
It was reported that the 'bump' outside
the Arms had not been repaired but that
a letter assuring attention had been
received.

Minute 82/13 Garage Sites.
A small notice had been erected to no
avail. Cllr. Rotter pointed out that
this was essentially a local matter and
until persons were prepared to name those
depositing litter little could be done
to prevent future dumping.

Minute 82/14 Pit Lane.
The position of ownership was noted.

Minute 82/16 Street Lighting.
The new street lights are now working and
the Board's account is awaited.

Minute 82/16 Grant Aid.
The clerk reported on talks with officials
of the District Council and their response
is now awaited.

Minute 82/16 C.A.B.
It was RESOLVED that no contribution be
made to the running of Clay Cross Citizens
Advice Bureau.

Minute 82/16 Youth Opportunities.
The clerk reported on this matter and
the chairman also reported on the
Community Service Orders scheme and
work which had been done by offenders
on projects within the Parish.

82/20 Police Matters: Pc 1480 Rarebatt was in attendance
and although no specific matters were
discussed he promised that continued
attention would be paid to tipping and
young motor cyclists.

82/21 Planning Applications: None received.

82/22 Correspondence: a/ Allotment Land.

The clerk read a letter from the District Council stating that that council could not assist in the purchase of the land. Members were advised that the parish could do little to help allotment holders and strongly advised such holders to seek, and accept, legal advice.

b/ South Atlantic Fund.

A successful street collection had taken place.

c/ Bus Shelters.

A letter concerning grant towards provision of shelters had been received from the Public Transport Co-Ordination Officer.

RESOLVED the letter be noted.

d/ Urban Programme.

A report had been received from the District Council concerning the Urban Programme.

RESOLVED the report be received.

e/ Derbyshire Association of Parish Councils.

The chairman reported receiving more correspondence from this organisation.

RESOLVED that the council's previous decision not to make a grant or donation be re-affirmed.

f/ Control of Finance.

The clerk reported on a letter from the District Council outlining the effect proposed government controls would have on parish councils.

Members were inclined to the view that this parish had done all it could to restrict spending and any further cuts would seriously effect parish finance.

The District had asked for support in its efforts to have the Government modify the proposals and it was

RESOLVED that with the qualification that Morton Parish had made every effort to assist in reducing costs such support would be given.

82/23 Finance:

District Auditor.

The chairman and clerk had attended the audit which was satisfactory. The District Auditor had however asked that the Council consider increasing its public liability cover and the clerk had contacted the council's broker and Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. The council's present insurers had increased public liability cover to £500,000.00 forthwith but the increased premium

82/23 cont:

was unknown. The quotation from Municipal Mutual was very much lower than that presently paid and the clerk was instructed to report further to council when further details are to hand.

Former Clerk's Gift.

The clerk had raised with the District Auditor the matter of payment for the gift to Mr. Dean and the Auditor gave leave that in this instance the payment may come from council funds providing such a resolution was passed.

RESOLVED that the sum of £27.00 be paid to Mrs. V. M. Hudston as reimbursement for her purchase of the gift.

82/24 Casual Vacancy:

The clerk reported the resignation of Councillor H. Price.

No request for an election having been made it fell to the Council to elect a member.

Two requests for consideration had been received by the clerk.

It was RESOLVED that John Robert Smith be asked to fill the vacancy and that upon his acceptance the clerk attends to the declaration procedure.

It was further RESOLVED that Miss L. M. Wilson be thanked for her interest.

82/25 Other business:

It was reported that Dr. Hunt had not formally resigned from the school governors and until he did so Cllr. Niblett could not take office. The matter would be mentioned to Dr. Hunt to enable the council's representative to take his place.

Mickley Estate - Children - Buses.

It was reported that serious danger exists for children attending Morton School from the Mickley Estate and that free passes were not available as the distance was less than 3 miles.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be taken up with the Public Transport Co-Ordination Officer.

Higham Lane.

It was reported that particularly in summer months this lane was a considerable danger due to its nature and it was

RESOLVED that approaches be made to the County Surveyor for a weight restriction or access only Order to be made.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

V. M. Hudston.....
Chairman

21st September, 1982.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Morton Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Morton, on 23rd August 1982

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Bacon, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Mrs. Hudston,
Cllr. Niblett, Cllr. Smith. Cllr. Swain, Cllr. Mrs.
Shepperson and Cllr. Mrs. Tranter.

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

SM1 Apologies: An apology for absence was received
from Cllr. Towndrow.

SM2 Planning application: Application for change of
use from general store to general store
and sale of hot foods at 33/35 Main Rd
Morton.

It was reported that the district council
was likely to determine this application
before the next parish council meeting
hence the special meeting to formulate
this council's policy.

It is was RESOLVED that no objection be
made but that any grant should be
conditioned to include;

- a/ the hot food sales to be ancilliary
to the general store.
- b/ that normal shop hours, i.e. 8pm
closing, should apply.
- c/ that any intensification of use by
the installation of larger frying
units should require planning permission.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

V. M. Hudston .

Chairman

21st September, 1982.

MINUTES of the MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE
21st SEPTEMBER 1982 at MORTON SCHOOL.

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Bacon, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Mrs. Hudston,
Cllr. Mrs. Shepperson, Cllrs. Smith, Swain and Towndrow and
Cllr. Mrs. Tranter.

Councillor Mrs. V. M. Hudston in the chair

82/26 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from
Cllrs. Niblett, Parr and Rotter.

82/27 Minutes: Minutes of meetings held on the 20th July 1982
and on the 23rd August 1982 were approved and
signed.

82/28 Matters Arising:
Ref: minute 82/13 Garage sites. Only one
load of rubbish had been removed and it was
RESOLVED that the district council be requested
to remove the remaining deposits.

Ref: minute 82/22 Allotment land. It was reported
that the new owner had driven a vehicle through
growing crops following which police attended.
The chairman reported that she had spoken to
the district council who had had the site
inspected but had now decided that planning
permission was not required for the present
development. Members expressed their concern
at the loss of a valuable local amenity.

Ref: minute 82/25 Higham Lane. An unsatisfactory
reply had been received from the county council
and it was RESOLVED that the council be written
to again pointing out the dangers of the Lane and
that the bridge may not be suitable for heavy
vehicles.

82/29 Police Pc Barrass reported on various matters and informed
members he had reported two motor cyclists for
offences under S. 36 Road Traffic Act 1972.

82/30 Licence
Village
Hall The clerk reported that the Music, Singing and
Dancing licence was held in the name of the
former clerk and that it was inappropriate for
a person relatively unconnected with the hall
to be licensee. It was RESOLVED that Cllr.
Towndrow apply for a transfer to his name at
the next Licensing Sessions.

82/31 Insurances The clerk reported on the two quotations received
and it was agreed that members be supplied with an
inventory of the village hall and that the taking
up of a particular quotation be deferred until
a later meeting.

82/32 Parish Liaison
Committee It was RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs. Hudston
and Mrs. Bacon attend and that the lack of planning
consultations and proper plans be placed on the
agenda.

82/33 Best Kept Village Awards

For the second year running the village had received an award and it was agreed that the award be placed in the post office for public display.

82/34 Correspondence

Chairman's Appeal. It was RESOLVED to donate a sum to the appeal but that members would consider how best to raise such donation.

Passenger Transport Plan. RESOLVED that the document be received.

Waste Disposal. The county council's waste disposal policy was now explained in a letter from Cllr. Lowe and it was RESOLVED that the letter and policy document be received.

Clay Cross Community Service Scheme. A letter offering help had been received and this was given to Cllr. Gough for his attention.

Pit Lane. RESOLVED that the letter be received.

Footpath 23. RESOLVED that the letter be received.

Cambro Appeal. Notice of the company's appeal had been received and the clerk is to ascertain if the county council requires assistance from members in resisting the appeal.

Morton Colliery. A letter had been received from the county council outlining their proposals in the area of Bacchus Way and Cllr. Niblett had been informed of the letter by the clerk.

82/35 Clerk's salary

The clerk drew the attention of members to the difference ~~between~~ the former clerk's payments and his own and it was RESOLVED that with immediate effect the clerk's salary shall be
£172.00 per annum
£98.60 per annum office allowance
50% of telephone rental.

82/36 Any Other Business

Headstocks, Morton Colliery. The disused headstocks were discussed and it was RESOLVED that the NCB be asked to remove them.

The Line. Cows are ~~using~~ the old line and it was RESOLVED that the NCB be written to to ascertain their intentions with regard to this land.

Reclamation Scheme. It was reported that a Willow tree was causing problems, a hedge was overhanging and that Dr. Hunt's garden was being invaded by weed. It was RESOLVED that the county council be informed and asked to take action.

82/36 continued

Traffic signs. Lights are out on the Oncoming ~~and~~ Vehicles, Give Way signs. Also outside the school and No. 28 by the Corner Pin. Post card requests for attention have failed and it was RESOLVED that the county council be informed.

Path to playing fields. Cllr. Smith is no mention this obstruction to the committee of the Miners Welfare.

Car Parking, Village Hall. Complaints had been received concerning cars using the Welfare car park and in future person's booking the hall will be informed that that park is not for their use. A notice will also be placed in the hall.

Church Lane. The pavement outside No. 15 is holed and it was RESOLVED that the matter be reported.

Seats. Many of the seats in the Parish require attention and it was requested that the clerk ascertain the council responsible for such matters.

TPC No. 172 - T7. Back Lane. The tree T7 had suffered damage and it was RESOLVED that this be reported.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman V. M. Huelston...

Date 19.10.12.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th October
1982 at Morton School.

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Bacon, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Mrs. Hudston, *Nibek H.*,
Cllr. Mrs. Shepperson, Cllrs. Smith, Swain and Towndrow.

County Councillor B. Parr in attendance.

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

82/37 Apology: An apology for absence was received from Cllr.
Rotter.

82/38 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September
1982 were approved and signed.

82/39 Matters Arising:

Ref: minute 82/28 Garage Sites. The district
council had promised to remove the remaining
rubbish.

Ref: minute 82/28 Allotment land. The district
council's planning officer had written confirming
the definition of 'agricultural land' and that at
the moment no planning permission was necessary.

Ref: minute 82/31 Insurances. The village hall
management committee had been unable to find the
inventory but had a list of items in the hall.
The clerk is to search further for the inventory.

Ref: Minute 82/36 Headstocks Morton Colliery.
The NCB had written confirming that the headstocks
were necessary for operational purposes.

Ref: minute 82/36 Traffic Signs. Councillors refuted
the county council's claim that no postcards had
been sent and the light outside the school is still
not working.

Ref: minute 82/36 Church Lane. The chairman
confirmed that the pavement had been examined and
would be attended to.

82/40 Police Matters:

Councillor Towndrow spoke of illegal entry to the
village hall thought to be by a duplicate key.
No damage caused and no apparent thefts. Pc.
Barrass to be supplied with a list of all key holders.

82/41 Planning: Permission had been granted for the hot food shop
with certain conditions, e.g. to close by 9 pm.

82/42 Finance: The clerk reported that the precept must be considered
at the next meeting the district council requiring
notification by the 31st December.
Seats. Six seats within the parish were broken and
the community service officer had inspected them and
offered to repair them for the price of the materials.
RESOLVED that the community service officer's offer
be accepted for the seats to be repaired in Brazilian
Mahogany at a price of £79.18.

82/42

Finance (continued). Village Hall. The management committee had been obliged to repair the floor and with help from Granwood Flooring Limited had completed the work themselves. The cost of the materials was £96.48.

RESOLVED that this account be paid by the council.

War Memorial. The chairman with others had rustproofed and painted the railings following comments about the appearance of the memorial.

RESOLVED that the council meets the costs of the materials.

82/43

Highways : 23 Stretton Road. The cover of the stop cock is missing from outside this address.

RESOLVED that the Water Authority be informed.

110 Main Road. It was reported that there is a leak from the supply pipe to this property and although reported by a member no action had been taken.

RESOLVED that the Water Authority be informed.

Sitwell Arms. Members were concerned at the danger from wet leaves on this corner and it was,

RESOLVED that the district council be requested to assist in their removal.

82/44

Correspondence:

The district council has a large number of wire mesh sack holders available, on request, at their depot.

The clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Dept. of the Environment concerning costs which may be claimed following the "footpaths" enquiry. Mr. Dean had claimed his costs direct and it was,

RESOLVED that the letter be received.

82/45

Other business: Village Hall. Councillors Gough and Towndrow spoke of the difficulties of financing the hall and although charges would have to rise any rise which might be acceptable to the user groups would still not solve the problems. An average loss of £3.40 per month was reported. The management committee asked for a grant from the council. Some discussion took place and it was agreed that the matter should be considered further when the rate requirements for next year were discussed.

Hospital. Cllr. Mrs. Bacon drew members attention to a news item stating that Morton Hospital was due to close. Members expressed great concern and it was RESOLVED that the clerk ascertain from the Health Authority the intentions of that authority.

Toxic Waste. Cllrs. Gough and Niblett spoke of the smell recently and that grass was not growing in certain areas. The chairman gave an account of present state of the appeal by Cambro and read a document she is preparing for submission. All members supported the contents and thanked her for her work in this matter.

and the chairman, was given authority to represent the Council at the enquiry.

82/45 Other business (continued):

Parish Liaison Committee. The chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Bacon had attended and had received little if any support for better plans. It was reported that most of the meeting was taken up with future rate requirements little cognizance being given to parishes who had tried to economise.

31 Main Road, Morton. The clerk reported receipt of a fairly sharp letter from the district council concerning the parish complaint that a garage had been erected without consent. The clerk was asked to inform the district council that the complaint was justified and had been erected by a Mr. Spafford.

TPO 172 T5 & T6: These trees had now been inspected and following discussion it was, RESOLVED to obtain from the county council a quotation for the felling of the sycamore following receipt of which the council would be better able to decide upon a course of action.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Chairman.....*V. M. Audet...*

16th November 1982.

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Morton School on the 16th November 1982

Present: Councillor Mrs. Bacon, Councillor Gough, Councillor Mrs. Hudston, Councillor Niblett, Councillor Mrs. Shepperson, Councillors Smith, Towndrow and Councillor Mrs. Tranter.

Councillor Mrs. V M Hudston in the chair.

82/46 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bond, Parr, Rotter and Swain.

82/47 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 1982 were approved and signed.

82/48 Matters Arising from the minutes:

Minute 82/39. The clerk reported receipt of the inventory of the village hall.

Minute 82/39. Garage sites. All rubbish now removed and a fresh notice erected.

Minute 82/39. Church Lane. Pavement now repaired and the appropriate authority to be thanked.

Minute 82/43. 23 Stretton Road and 110 Main Road. Faults in the water authority's equipment had now been repaired.

Minute 82/45. Toxic waste. Members reported smells from the lagoons and grass dieing off and it was RESOLVED that the NCB be written to regarding these matters.

Minute 82/45. Morton Hospital. A reply had now been received from the Administrator and it was RESOLVED to wait until the consultation process had started before taking further action.

Minute 82/45. Garage, rear of 31 Main Road. The District Council had now 'found' the garage and had asked the developer to seek planning consent.

Minute 82/45. TPO 172. A quotation was awaited regarding trees numbers T5 and T6 and it was RESOLVED to ask the authority to take appropriate action concerning the damage caused to tree no. T7.

82/49 Police: Members thanked Pc. Barrass for attending the bonfire. Attention was drawn to a gang of youths roaming the village and Pc. Barrass said he was aware of the problem and would take the necessary action.

82/50 Highways: Higham Lane. The County suveryor is to monitor traffic on the road.

Street Lighting. A letter had been received from the County Council stating that from 1st April 1983 the Electricity Board would, under contract, maintain street lighting.

Christmas Tress. The District Council were offering to supply christmas trees, and erect and light them, and it was RESOLVED that the cost of erection and lighting be ascertained

82/50 continued: and that the clerk would, with the chairman, consider the erection of a tree, possibly in the school grounds, once the cost was known.

82/51 Planning: No applications had been notified to the Council.

82/52 Finance: Seat. A quotation had been received from Community Industry for the supply of one wooden seat (to replace the one at Evershall Lane) at a cost of approximately £38.00. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation and to request the Community Service Officer to arrange its erection.

Grant Aid. The District Council had written stating the projects to be given aid next year and that other projects, including this Council's, would be listed for consideration in future years.

Village Hall. Following a debate on the possability of giving a grant to the Village Hall - such grant to be used at the descretion of the Management Committee - it was RESOLVED to defer further consideration until the Management Committee had considered its needs and to allow members to give further thought to the matter.

Precept 1983/84. The clerk had supplied a report on the Council's finances to members and it was RESOLVED that a the rate requirement for 1983/84 be the product of a 2p rate and that the District Council be advised accordingly.

Insurances. The clerk reported that the Council's present insurer, Mr. G. Curley, had submitted a renewal notice and premium request for £187.89 and that Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited would offer similar cover for the sum of £142.40. This sum includes an increase in public liability to £1.000.000.00 and an increase in the village hall insurance to £75.000.00. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited.

82/53 Other business:

Derelict Houses: Cllr. Niblett drew attention to the danger of the houses on Pilsley Road and it was RESOLVED that the District Council be informed of members fears and to urge total demolition as soon as possible.

Play Area. Cllr. Niblett also mentioned the lack of a seat at the play area and the clerk will ask the Community Service Officer if he can assist in erecting a simple structure.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

V. M. Handsken....
Chairman.

18th January. 1983.

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33 chairs, it
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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held
at Morton School on the 30th November 1982.

Present: Councillor Mrs. Bacon, Councillor Mrs. Hudston,
Councillor Mrs. Shepperson and Councillors, Gough, Niblett,
Swain and Towndrow.

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

Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.
Mrs. Tranter and Councillor Smith.

Village Hall:

The meeting had been convened to discuss a request
from the Management Committee of the hall for
permission to dispose of a number of chairs to
the Church. It was reported that the chairs
were borrowed from time to time by the Church
for functions and that the Parochial Church
Council had urgent need of furniture. The
hall was adequately supplied with chairs and
the Management Committee was satisfied that the
sale would be advantageous to all particularly
as storage space at the hall was at a premium.

A price of £3.00 per chair had been agreed with
the Parochial Church Council and it was

RESOLVED that the Management Committee be allowed
to dispose of 33 chairs at a price of £3.00 each
to the Parochial Church Council (Holy Cross, Morton)
and that the Management Committee be further allowed
to retain the proceeds of sale for the betterment of
the Village Hall.

V. M. Hudston
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Chairman.

18th January 1983.