

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton School on the 19th July 1983.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston and Mrs. Shepperson and Councillors Jones, Swain and Towndrow. Councillor Parr in attendance. Councillor Mrs. V. M. Hudston in the chair.

83/97 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaver, Niblett and Smith and Mrs. Tranter.

83/98 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st June 1983 were approved and signed.

83/99 Matters arising: 83/90 Cowl. The builder had still not done the work and Councillors Mrs. Bacon and Towndrow are to attempt to contact another builder to attempt the job.

83/90 Garages. The Severn-Trent Water Authority had written giving details of land but had not identified the correct area. The clerk is to write to the Authority pointing out the error.

83/91 Highways. The Council's insurers had accepted the estimate for the damaged wall and the clerk had instructed the repairer to proceed.

83/91 Police. Pc Barrass reported having warned more riders about abuse of footpaths and also cyclists on pavements. It was reported that sheds had been tried and someone disturbed late at night. It was thought a person may be living rough in the area and the police are aware of this..

83/93 Planning. All three outstanding applications had been granted.

83/95 Holiday Book Special. It was reported that the mobile library will now make an extra stop in the village.

83/96 Island - Bacchus Way. The grass had not yet been cut.

83/96 Bus services. The 'bus company was investigating if the service could be extended into the village and had promised a further report.

83/100 Finance: Urban Programme Grant. A circular had been received concerning this scheme and it was RESOLVED to ask the District Council what grants were generally available for Village Hall improvements.

A cheque for the Clerk's salary and expenses for April/May/June was duly signed.



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- 83/101 Station Road Site. The District Council is to be informed the this Council's preference is for rented accommodation to be built for the elderly and/or single and that the District Council be so informed.
- 83/102 Morton Hospital. Shirland Parish Council had called a meeting to be held at Morton Village Hall on the 26th July 1983 to discuss the closure decision.
- 83/102 Village Hall Management Committee. It was reported that once again the District Council had purported to nominate two persons to the Committee. It was RESOLVED to advise the Council that this decision was contrary to the Charity's constitution.
- 83/103 Sex Shops. It was RESOLVED that the Parish was an inappropriate place for the establishment of a sex shop.
- 83/104 TP0172. The Chairman and Cllr. Parr are to visit the site of the chestnut tree and Cllr. Parr will take up the Council's concern with the County Council's officers.
- 83/105 Grass Cutting. Concern was expressed about grass cutting at Maltby Ave. and elsewhere and it was RESOLVED to approach the District Council with a view to rationalisation and improvement of the service.
- 83/106 Toxic Tip. It was RESOLVED to report to the Environmental Health Dept. the smells coming from the tip since tipping had recommenced.
- 83/107 Litter. It was RESOLVED to ask for a replacement litter bin outside the Hall and an extra large bin and to ask how often the road sweeper visits the village.
- 83/108 Village Hall Finance. A long discussion on the financing of the Village Hall resulted in a resolution to call a meeting, on 12th August 1983 at 7pm, between the Management Committee, the Trustees and Members to discuss finance.
- 83/109 Trustees. The Council's solicitor had drawn up a document to enable fresh persons to be appointed and this was handed to the chairman of the Management Committee for the appropriate steps to be taken.

V. M. Huddleston.

20th September 1983.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Chairman.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Morton, on 9th September 1983.

Present: Councillor Mrs. Bacon, Councillor Mrs. Hudston, Councillor Mrs. Shepperson, Councillor Mrs. Tranter and Councillors Jones & Smith.

Councillor Mrs. V M Hudston in the chair.

83/110 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaver, Niblett and Swain.

83/111 Stretton Waste Disposal Site (Toxic Tip): The chairman had called the meeting at the request of Cllr. Beaver chairman of the Morton Environmental Action Group. It was reported that the clerk had received a letter from the Group's secretary and this was read to the meeting. Both the County and District Council purport to be interested in purchasing the tip but members thought it likely that in this event the tip would still be used for domestic refuse. The Action Group had asked for a pledge to enable the Group to put pressure on the Councils and expedite the purchase but members were most anxious that tipping of any kind should cease on purchase. In view of this it was RESOLVED to pledge the sum of £200.00 towards the money required to purchase the tip such pledge being conditional on the tip being closed, and not used for tipping of any kind, on completion of the sale.

V. M. Hudston

20th September, 1983.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Chairman.



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School on the 20th September 1983.

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Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson  
Mrs. Tranter and Councillors Messrs. Jones, Niblett,  
Smith and Towndrow.

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Councillor R. J. Beaver in attendance.

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

83/112 Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received  
from Councillors Parr and Swain.

83/113 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 1983  
were approved and signed.

83/114 Matters Arising: 83/99 Cowl. Cllr. Towndrow reported that  
the work had not been done but that a Mr. G. Stevens,  
a local builder, would charge £75.00 for the work.  
Cllr. Towndrow was asked to instruct Mr. Stevens  
to proceed.

83/99 Garages. Cllr. Beaver confirmed that the land  
is in the ownership of the District Council and is  
earmarked for industrial development. He advised  
that the garage owners had a right of way over the  
land, but that this may have to be proved in the  
Courts.

83/99 Police. It was reported that a dog had been  
killed by rat poison and although police enquiries  
had been made and dog owners warned no other progress  
had been made. It was RESOLVED to write to the  
Environmental Officer to ascertain the rodent operative's  
methods concerning the laying of poison.

83/99 Bus Services. The Traffic Manager of the Trent  
Company confirmed that the service could not be further  
extended.

83/100 Urban Programme Grant. The Clerk advised that  
this type of grant was not appropriate in this area.  
However, the Village Hall Management Committee is to  
be asked their views on a possible extension.

83/101 Station Road Site. A reply had been received  
from the District Council and the whole area of Lower  
Morton will be discussed at a future meeting. The Post  
Office is to be reminded of the "VR" box which the  
Council wish to retain.

83/102 Morton Hospital. The Clerk of Shirland Parish  
Council had now handed all the papers to Mr. Morton.  
Blackwell Parish Council had withdrawn their support  
and it was RESOLVED that a meeting be called with the  
other parishes.

Matters Arising:(contd.)

83/102 Village Hall Management Committee. The District Council still claimed their right to nominate two persons to the Committee, and members deplored the threat that failure to accept their nominees would result in the refusal of future grants. It was RESOLVED to advise the Council that two nominees were not acceptable.

83/106 Toxic Tip. Smells had been reported to the Environmental Health Dept. and it was noted that lorries containing toxic waste and belonging to Blacks of Staveley and Derby Waste Disposal Company were travelling through the village. It was RESOLVED to report these movements to the appropriate Authorities.

83/115 Minutes: The Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 9th September, 1983 were approved and signed. Following a discussion of the Resolution passed at the Meeting it was moved and seconded that the words "in view of this" and the words "such pledge being conditional on the tip being closed, and not used for tipping of any kind, on completion of the sale." be deleted from the Resolution. This resolution was carried and Cllrs. Jones and Mrs. Hudston asked that their votes against the amendment be recorded.

83/116 Finance: Charity Appeal. It was RESOLVED to donate £5.00 to the District Council's Chairman's Charity Appeal. Village Hall. The Clerk had prepared a report on the joint meeting and Cllr. Towndrow reported that the Committee was now £120.00 overspent. It was RESOLVED to make an immediate grant of £200.00 and that the Committee's accounts should be before the next meeting together with a list of essential repairs.

83/117 Correspondence:  
The Clerk reported receipt of reports from the Boundary Commission and the Gas Consumers' Council.  
Liaison Committee. The District/Parish Liaison Committee will meet on 17th October, 1983.  
Local Elections. New Rules are now in force and these were explained by the Clerk.

83/118 Other Business:  
Station Road Site. Cllr. Beaver produced a comprehensive report on environmental improvements possible at this site and he will arrange for the Chief Planning Officer to attend the next parish meeting.

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Other Business (contd.)

Highway Complaints. It was reported that excess water runs into Hogarth's Garage, that floods occur outside Randall's Garage (the gully is badly sited) and the name plate on Station Road is missing. Street lights nos. 31 and 35 are defective. These complaints will be reported to the appropriate Authorities.

Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Chairman.....V. M. Hudson. 18th October 1983.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
MORTON SCHOOL ON THE 18TH OCTOBER, 1983

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson and  
Mrs. Tranter. Councillors Messrs. Niblett, Smith and Towndrow.

Councillor R.J. Beaver in attendance.

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

83/119 Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors Parr and Swain and Mr. Morton.

83/120 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September,  
1983 were approved and signed.

83/121 Matters arising: 83/114 Cowl. Councillor Towndrow reported  
that the cowl was not repaired and agreed to  
see Mr. G. Stevens to ask that repairs be  
completed within 14 days. Cllr. Towndrow  
also reported receiving an estimate for all  
repairs which totalled £750.00. This was not  
considered satisfactory by all members and  
was not pursued further.

83/114 Urban Programme Grant. Members reported  
on the most unsatisfactory meeting with the  
Chairman of the District Council. The  
Management Committee and the Trustees agree  
that Urban Aid for the village hall will not  
be sought.

83/114 Station Road Site. The District Council's  
representative, Mr. D. Roe, could not attend and  
Cllr. Beaver will endeavour to arrange a  
suitable date for Mr. Roe to address the Council.  
This meeting will precede other Council business.

83/114 Morton Hospital. A meeting of parishes  
took place on 10th October, 1983 and the next  
meeting is to be held on 28th ~~October~~, 1983 at  
7 p.m. at Morton Village Hall. Minutes of the  
meeting held on the 10th are to be circulated.

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83/114 Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr.  
Beaver said as the committee would not accept  
two representatives of the District Council he  
must be governed by the District Council's  
policy and he would not, therefore, attend.  
Cllr. Towndrow, Chairman of the Committee, assured  
him he would still be welcome.

83/114 Toxic Tip. The County Council confirmed  
that the routing of vehicles was not part of the  
planning permission or licence.

Matters Arising: (contd.)

83/118 Highway Complaints. The Chairman reported on the very prompt action of the Highway Authority concerning the complaint near Hogarth's Garage.

83/122      Planning:      Application for field access off Pewitt Lane, Morton for Mr. J. Pollhill. RESOLVED that no objection be made.

83/123      Highways:      Extension of FP. no.24 Shirland and no. 32 Stretton. Notice had been received from the County Council of temporary closure of the above paths.

83/124      Correspondence:      Chesterfield Sports Council. The Council invited a nomination from the parish and it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Niblett be the parish's representative.

83/125      Finance:      Rate Requirements. The District Council require notification of precept by the 31st December, 1983 and members decided that this matter should be dealt with at the November meeting of the Council.

It was RESOLVED to authorise payments of £29.25 to Jones & Middleton for legal fees and £90.07 for the Clerk's salary and expenses for the period July, August and September.

83/126      Any Other Business: Abandoned Car. It was reported that a Ford Cortina HBF 465H had been abandoned on the parking area on the north area of New Street. Police advised that this is the District Council's responsibility and that the owner is a Stewart Eric Dring c/o "Lynwood", Frackley Road, Teversal, Sutton-in-Ashfield. RESOLVED that the District Council be asked to exercise their statutory powers of removal.

Railway Bridge, Pilsley Road. The height indicator sign removed during repairs has not been replaced and it was RESOLVED to request it be replaced.

Pilsley Road Flooding. Following recent heavy rain flooding occurred. Clearance of streams has not yet taken place and Cllr. Beaver stated there are difficulties over who are the riparian owners. It was suggested that the District Council should do the work and charge the owners when known. Members asked that Cllr. Beaver assist in any way he could.



Any Other  
Business:(contd)

Definitive Map. A new map is to be drawn up, although details have not yet been received by the Clerk, and it will need a careful appraisal of all footpaths within the parish. It was reported that there is a proposal to upgrade FP. no. 5 to Bridlepath status and that Stonebroom and Tibshelf Councils have agreed to this proposal. Members felt that further consideration must be given to this due to the number of complaints by pedestrians.

Pavement Repairs. It was reported that the County Council have money available for repairs and it was RESOLVED to request attention to the pavements on the Evershill Estate.

Street Lighting. Street light no. 31 is out as is one opposite the hospital. RESOLVED that the appropriate authority be notified.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

.....*J. W. Jackson*.....

Chairman

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
MORTON SCHOOL ON THE 15TH NOVEMBER, 1983

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Tranter and  
Councillors Messrs. Smith and Towndrow.

Councillor R.J. Beaver in attendance.

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

83/127 Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received  
from Councillor Mrs. Shepperson and Messrs.  
Niblett, Parr and Swain.

83/128 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October,  
1983 were approved and signed.

83/129 Matters arising: 83/121 Cowl. The cowl had now been repaired  
and M.G. Builders had submitted an account for  
£75.00. It was RESOLVED that this account be  
paid.

83/121 Morton Hospital. A letter had been  
received from the Area Health Authority confirming  
the closure but that sites were being looked at  
for a community hospital to serve the Clay Cross  
area. Urban aid had been refused and it was  
agreed that members canvas residents with a  
petition urging "the retention of Morton Hospital  
as a community hospital".

83/122 Planning. It was reported that the  
application for field access off Pewitt Lane had  
been granted.

83/126 Pilsley Road Flooding. Flooding had again  
taken place but the District Council was  
experiencing difficulties over riparian ownership.  
It was RESOLVED to write again to the District  
Council.

83/130 Police: It was reported that the seat on the recreation  
ground had been smashed. P.C. Barrass was aware  
of this and would continue to monitor the  
situation.

83/131 Bus Shelter: Members were advised that the County Council  
was prepared to pay 50% of the cost of replacement  
shelters. It was RESOLVED to seek advice  
regarding the replacement of the shelter at the  
end of Pit Lane.

83/132 Finance: It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of £17.10  
being the cost of hiring the school for Council  
meetings.

Rate Requirement 1984/85. The Clerk had prepared  
a report on the Council's financial position and  
it was RESOLVED to precept for a rate of 3p for the  
year 1984/85.



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Finance: (contd.) Poppy Wreath. This had cost £7.20 and it was RESOLVED to pay this account.

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Any Other  
Business:

Red Lane. It was RESOLVED to request the County Council to tidy up this area.

Listed Buildings. A member raised the matter of listed buildings and it was RESOLVED to request the presence of an officer from the appropriate authority in order that the criteria required to be satisfied before a building can be listed, might be fully explained.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

..... Y. M. Henshaw 20th December 1983.  
Chairman



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20th December 1983 at Morton School.

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

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

83/134 Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were  
received from Councillors Beaver, Parr and Jones.

83/135 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on  
15th November 1983 were approved and signed.

83/136 Matters Arising: 83/121 Morton Hospital. Minutes  
of the meeting of parish councils were distributed  
and members were urged to collect the petitions.  
No reply had yet been received from the Area Health  
Authority. Next meeting is fixed for the 16th  
January 1984.

83/126 Pilsley Road Flooding. Further flooding was  
reported and the District Council had written stating  
riparian ownerships were proving difficult to trace.  
It was RESOLVED to write again the appropriate  
authorities urging urgent action.

83/131 'Bus shelters. A reply had been received from  
the County Council and although members doubted  
that they would go ahead with the erection of a  
new shelter the clerk was asked to obtain the  
price of such a structure.

83/132 Precept. The District Council had written  
asking for reasons for the rate increase to which  
the clerk had replied. It was agreed that the  
clerk's reply was appropriate and that the District  
Council should look to its own finances before  
attempting to question those of the parish.

83/133 Red Lane. Cllr. Smith reported that some work  
had taken place but the site was still untidy and the  
enforcement notices had not been complied with.  
It was RESOLVED to draw, once again, the County  
Council's attention to this matter.

83/133 Listed Buildings. It was reported that the  
Department of the Environment was to resurvey Morton  
in 1986 but any building of interest, thought to be  
in danger, could be "spot listed" if attention was  
drawn to the District Council.

83/137 Police Matters. Cllr. Jones had written to the Council  
concerning horses on pavements and footpaths and Pc.  
Barrass said he was aware of the problem. Concern  
was expressed at the damage occurring to the derelict  
houses with possible attendant danger to the "V.R."  
post box. The attention of the Post Office is to  
be drawn to the need to preserve this box.  
Pc. Barrass passed on the best wishes of the Chief  
Superintendent to members of the Council and Mr.

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83/137 continued: Barrass was thanked for his continued interest in village matters.

83/138 Highways. Notice had been received from the County Surveyor that Foot Path No. 4 would close for some time for work to be done on the bridge.

Street Lighting. It was reported that the Council would now receive a computer print out of lighting faults in the parish and it was hoped that greater efforts would be made to repair certain lights which appear to cause the lighting repairmen more trouble than most.

Road Humps (Sleeping Policemen). It was reported that legislation had now been passed for the erection of humps subject to a very strict criteria.

83/139 Finance. The Derbyshire Rural Community Council had asked for a donation and it was RESOLVED to donate the sum of £10.00 to the Council. The clerk was also requested to inform the DRCC that the subscriptions for the smaller parishes were somewhat large and could work unfairly when, as they are, based on a penny rate product calculation.

83/140 Correspondence. The Council had received a copy of the new Byelaws applicable to Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces.

83/141 Other Business. Overhanging hedge. It was RESOLVED to write again to the County Council requesting attention to the overhanging hedge near the White House, Morton. It was further RESOLVED to draw to the attention of the highway authority the surface water which runs across the A61 road.

Street Cleaning and Dust Bin litter. It was RESOLVED to draw the attention of the Environmental Health Officer to the litter left by dust men and that the village had apparently been left out of recent street sweeping schedules.

Deeds. The clerk was requested to check the deeds to ascertain if a nominal rent was due to any person over "rights of way".

The Chairman concluded by wishing all members a happy Christmas and a peacefull New Year.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

*V. M. Hindston*  
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Chairman  
17th January 1984.