

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 1984 at Morton School, Morton.

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

District Cllr. Beaver and County Cllr. Parr in attendance.

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

84/142 Apologies: Apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs. Tranter.

84/143 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th December 1983 were approved and signed.

84/144 Matters Arising: 83/136 Morton Hospital. The meeting had been rearranged for the 23rd January 1984 but it was clear from a reply received from the Health Authority that Morton had not been chosen for the site of a Community Hospital.

83/136 Pilsley Rd. Flooding. Cllr. Beaver had spoken to the Yorkshire Water Authority and they would also investigate. Cllr. Parr produced a report from the County Council which indicated that that authority intended to do works and increase the size of the culvert,

83/136 'Bus Shelters. The clerk was asked to make enquiries of the Derbyshire Rural Training Scheme officer as the prices of commercial shelters were too high.

83/136 Precept. It was RESOLVED to support the precept of 3p and Members concurred with the clerk's reply to the District Council.

83/136 Red Lane. No reply had been received to the Council's letter.

83/137 Police. A letter had been received from the Road Safety Committee about horses and footpaths and the matter of footpaths/bridle roads is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Complaints had been received of vehicles leaving mud on the highway and Pc Barrass promised a "quiet word" with those responsible. The clerk is to confirm that the Council wishes to retain the "V.R." post box.

83/138 Highways. Parts of Stretton Road flood and it was RESOLVED to draw this to the attention of the Highway Authority. Street Lighting. A computer print out had now come from the County and the clerk is to advise of further lights out in the Parish.

83/139 Finance. The Derbyshire Rural Community Council had thanked the Council for its donation but had not responded to its comments on the subscription rates.

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84/144 cont: 83/141. Overhanging hedge. The County Council had promised to attend to this.

Street Cleaning etc: The District Council had admitted being six weeks behind on street cleaning and also that a fresh supply of stronger plastic dustbin bags had been ordered.

84/145 Police.

An unnamed police constable had been accused of swearing and Members were advised of the police complaints procedure. A video is now available for showing to organisations and Cllr. Beaver, who had seen it, recommended it to Members. It is hoped that Members may be able to view the film in due course. It was reported that air rifles were being fired in or near the church and Pc. Barrass undertook to investigate.

84/146 Planning.

An application (202) had been received for permission to build a front extension on the Miners Welfare to form a ladies toilet block. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection but draw the planning authority's attention to the need to match the stone and for the facility to be erected in a similar manner to that now existing. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston asked for her vote against to be recorded.

84/147 Finance.

Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. It was RESOLVED to make a single donation of £100.00 to the Bureau but to ask for more details if future sums were expected.

Audit. The Chairman and Clerk had attended and the District Auditor had expressed satisfaction at the accounts.

Holy Cross Church. As no reply had been received from the secretary the matter of a donation was deferred to the next meeting.

Cheques were authorised and signed for:
Rent of school. Clerk's salary & expenses.
Election costs to the District Council & donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

84/148 Other business. Footpaths. Rumours still circulated about the re-designation of footpaths and Cllr. Parr offered to investigate as no correspondence at all had been received by the clerk. sheet
Village Hall Accounts. A balance/was handed in and consideration of this was deferred until the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

K. M. Hudston.
.....Chairman.....

28th February 1984.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Morton on 30th January 1984.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson, & Councillors Niblett & Towndrow.

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

84/149 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones, Parr and Swain.

84/150 Precept: The meeting had been called to discuss a demand from the District Council that the Parish reduce it's Precept. Following a meeting with a sub-committee of the District Council a total of eight Parishes were asked to reconsider their Precepts and severe penalties falling directly on Parish ratepayers would follow if substantial reductions were not made. Members felt that only those Parishes who had consistently exercised restraint had been summoned no regard being paid to the "big spenders". This was admitted by the District Councillors who had considered only those Parishes they considered had too high a precept in percentage terms from last year. It was clear from the atmosphere of the meeting with the District Councillors that few, if any, Parish Councillors thought the method adopted fair or reasonable.

In all the circumstances, including the very clear intentions of the District Council, it was RESOLVED to send an Amended Notice of Precept to the District Council in the sum of a 2p rate plus 5% which should realise the sum of £1575.00. or thereabouts.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

V. M. Hudston
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Chairman

28th February 1984.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
28th FEBRUARY, 1984 AT MORTON SCHOOL, MORTON

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

District Councillor Beaver in attendance.

Councillor Mrs. V.M. Hudston in the Chair

84/151 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor
Mrs. Tranter and County Councillor Parr.

84/152 Minutes: Minutes of the meetings held on 17th January and
30th January were approved and signed.

84/153 Matters 84/144. Morton Hospital. The Chairman reported the
Arising: meeting with the Chairman of the Area Health
Authority.

84/144. Pilsley Road flooding. The District Council
were to clear the water course and the County Council
are to clear and enlarge the culvert in the next
financial year.

84/144. Bus Shelters. The Derbyshire Rural Training
Scheme does not extend into this parish and
Community Service Order offenders are to be asked
to repair the existing shelters.
The "Bus Stop" sign outside Randall's Garage was
reported missing.

84/144. Red Lane. The County Council's solicitor
had now replied and he has been instructed by the
County Council to take enforcement action against
the owners of the land.

84/144. Police. It was reported that five young
men are causing considerable trouble in the village
and are barred from the public houses. PC Barrass
is aware of the problem and proceedings are pending
against one or more of them. Once again, residents
are reluctant to make official statements of
complaint.

The County Surveyor is to be asked to extend the
school's "No Waiting" area as parked cars are a
constant hazard to children and the lollipop lady.

84/146. Planning. The Miners' Welfare is to be
listed and a site meeting has taken place between
the Committee and the District Council. The present
plans of alteration cannot be allowed but the
District Council's suggestions met with the approval
of this Council and it is anticipated that the
Welfare's Committee will build accordingly.

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Matters
Arising
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84/147. Holy Cross Church. The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council had formally asked for a donation and it is RESOLVED to donate the sum of £50.00 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

84/148. Footpaths. Councillor Parr had sent a letter to the Clerk with a copy of a report on the County Council's proposals for a new definitive map. Copies of the report will be circulated to members.

84/150. Precept. The Chairman reported on the meeting of the parishes with the District Council. Further letters have now been received clearly indicating the severe penalties that the District Council intend to impose on any parish whom the District Council considers to be overspending. It is clear that the District Council appears to have double standards and members were informed that the Derbyshire Rural Community Council is most concerned as it is not only North East Derbyshire D.C. who are attempting, by fiscal means, to control Parish Councils.

84/154 Correspondence:

The University of Nottingham is to run courses at Tawney House, Matlock on Rural Affairs. Details from the Clerk.

County Quiz. Entrants are invited and members promised to have names available by the next meeting when a decision would be made as to whether the parish would enter the competition.

84/155 District Parish Liaison Committee:

The next meeting is on 16th April and it was RESOLVED to request the inclusion on the Agenda of Rates and Parish Precepts and also that consideration be given to the Chairman being rotated on an annual basis between the District Council and the Parish Councils.

84/156 Finance:

Village Hall Accounts. Councillor Towndrow reported that there was a credit balance in the Management Committee's account of £330.26.

At this point, 8.42 p.m., the Chairman left the meeting and the Chair was taken by the senior Vice Chairman, Councillor R. Swain.

84/157 Any Other Business:

Station Road Houses. Both Councillor Beaver and the Clerk assured members that these houses are to be demolished.

Any Other
Business:
(contd.)

Pot hole. A member reported a pothole outside Wilson's bungalow.

Surgery Hours, Stonebroom Surgery. Councillor Towndrow reported early closure of the surgery and the patient being unable to see a doctor due to this. It was RESOLVED to write to Dr. Hunt asking for his assurance that a doctor will be at the surgery during the hours stated.

Section 60 Licensing Act 1964. The Licensing Justices are to consider a proposal to extend permitted hours until 11 p.m. Monday to Thursdays and are required to ascertain public opinion. Members were of the view that this could be an advantage to residents particularly shift workers and RESOLVED to notify the Clerk to the Licensing Justices that the Council was in favour of the proposal.

Allotment Site, Main Road. Several members reported the erection of buildings, advertisements signs and rubbish at this location and it was RESOLVED to request the District Council to investigate and take any necessary action.

Evershill Close. The poor state of repair of the pavements was reported and the hazards caused by car parking. It was RESOLVED to report the pavements and ask that a hard standing be made on vacant land for parking purposes.

District Councillor Beaver reported that land at the bottom of Red Lane may be available for purchase by the Council for a nominal sum and asked if, in principle, the Council would wish to consider such a purchase. It was RESOLVED to request Councillor Beaver to obtain details as the Council may well be interested.

District Councillor Beaver also reported that a local plan for the district will shortly be available and will be sent to the Clerk.

Morton Toxic Tip. Councillor Beaver reported that a Liaison Committee had now been set up, part of the membership being one Parish Councillor from each of the parishes of Stretton, Shirland and Higham and Morton. Details are to be sent to the Clerk and members recommended that Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon would be this Council's nominee.

Councillor Beaver was thanked for bringing these matters to the attention of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

V. M. Hindston
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Chairman

20th March 1984.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
20TH MARCH, 1984 AT MORTON SCHOOL, MORTON

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

District Councillor Beaver in attendance.

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

- 84/158 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smith and Towndrow and County Councillor Parr, also P.C. Barrass.
- 84/159 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February were approved and signed.
- 84/160 Matters Arising: 84/153. Morton Hospital. Members were informed that the hospital is to close on 29th April, 1984.

84/153. Pilsley Road flooding. Site investigations have taken place prior to the final works.

84/153. Red Lane. Proceedings are pending in Chesterfield Magistrates' Court against the Messrs. Hollis.

84/153. Police. P.C. Chidlow attended. The County Surveyor has agreed to extend the school's "No Waiting" area.

It was reported that an awkwardly parked motor cycle in Evershill Close could cause problems, but P.C. Chidlow pointed out that it was perhaps in the best place and that thoughtless parking of cars was the real problem.

84/154. County Quiz. It was RESOLVED to enter and the entrance fee of £6.50 to be paid.

84/157. Pothole and Road sign. The pothole on Station Road is growing larger and the street plate is still missing. It was RESOLVED to again draw these matters to the appropriate Authority.

84/157. Allotment Site, Main Road. An acknowledgement had been received from the District Council that the Council's complaint was being investigated.

84/157. Evershill Close. It was reported that the pavements had almost been completed but, due to parking problems, these were always at risk from lorries gaining access to property.

Matters 84/157. Land at bottom of Red Lane. District
Arising: Councillor Beaver is to further pursue this
(contd.) matter with the District Council although the
picture, particularly concerning the removal of
materials from the site, is far from clear.

84/161 South Eastern Parishes Study:

The Chairman reported on a meeting she had attended with the District Council. Councillor Mrs. Hudston said she had gained the impression that only planning matters were to be discussed but Councillor Beaver assured members that this was not so, and that it was up to the Council to assess environmental needs of the village so that the Chairman could put these views to the committee.

84/162 Footpath 24: It was RESOLVED to object to the proposal to make a permanent diversion to the above footpath.

84/163 Planning: Proposed bungalow, Nurseries, Main Road, Morton.
It was RESOLVED to object to the above development on the following grounds:

- 1) Backland development,
- 2) Poor drainage from site,
- 3) Poor access from main road and
- 4) Permission would be inconsistent with previous refusal and contrary to the County Structure Plan.

At this point, 8.10 p.m., the Chairman left the meeting and the Chair was taken by the Senior Vice Chairman, Councillor R. Swain.

84/164 Any Other "VR" Post Box. There is no letter plate on the
Business: box and members expressed continuing concern that the house, in which the box is built, may be demolished without warning. It was RESOLVED to draw the attention of the Post Office to both these matters.

The meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

M. Hudston
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Chairman 17th April 1984.

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on the
17th April 1984 at Morton School, Morton.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson
 and Mrs. Tranter and Councillors Smith, Swain & Towndrow.

District Councillor R. J. Beaver in attendance.

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

- 84/165 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from
 County Councillor Parr and Councillor Niblett.
- 84/166 Cllr. E. L. Jones: Cllr. Jones had submitted his resignation
 and the Chairman on behalf of Members asked that
 an appreciation of his services be recorded.
- 84/167 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 1984
 were approved and signed.
- 84/168 Matters Arising:
- 84/157 Pothole & Road sign. The pothole had been
 repaired but not the sign.
- 84/157 Evershill Close. Neither the County or District
 Council were prepared to spend money on improving
 the parking facilities and Members expressed the
 view that their replies were unsatisfactory but
 that little could be done.
- 84/161 South Eastern Parishes Study. Evershill Close
 will be put forward for inclusion in the improvement
 plans for the village.
- 84/162 Footpath No. 24. The Council had lodged an
 objection but the intervention of Mr. D. Skinner M.P.
 had resulted in the Secretary of State agreeing to
 further temporary orders rather than a permanent
 diversion.
- 84/163 Planning - Bungalow Main Road. Members and a
 number of residents present at the meeting expressed
 grave concern at this proposal. An objection had
 been lodged and Cllr. Beaver informed Members that
 the District Planning Sub-Committee was well aware
 of the Council's fears. Trees planted near to the
 boundary will be brought to the attention of the
 Planning Officer.
- 84/164 "V.R." Post Box. A County Court Judge had
 removed the compulsory purchase order and the houses
 are to remain as is the box. Concern was expressed
 at the, apparently, poor workmanship and the Council's
 general worries about the area will be drawn to the
 attention of the District Council.
- 84/169 Highways: Footpath No. 4. This will be diverted for two weeks
 in April to allow repairs to a bridge.
- Higham Lane. Following a discussion it was RESOLVED
 to ask again for a weight restriction on this road.

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- 8-170 Police: It was reported to the officer present that cars were repeatedly blocking the drive to No. 42 New Street. Motor cyclists were again said to be using footpaths - the officer will investigate both complaints.
- 8-171 Finance: Cheques for the clerk's salary/expenses and the rent of the school were signed.
- 8-172 Other business. Mr. David Skinner of the Community Services Agency is to be asked to address the Council at a future date.

'Bus fares. The operator is to be asked why the fare to Alfreton is less than to Clay Cross which is the natural shopping area for the village.

Opencasting - Pilsley Road. Cllr. Beaver is to investigate alleged removal of coal from a site on Pilsley Road, Morton.

Morton Hospital. The attention of the County and District Councils will be drawn to the now vacant hospital and the need for an old peoples 'holiday' home.

Footpath to Birkinstyle. One side of the bridge has been removed and is causing danger and this will be drawn to the attention of the County Council.

Meeting Closed at 8.25p.m.

V. M. Hindston
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Chairman

18th June 1984.

Minutes of the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY for the parish of Morton
held on the 15th of May 1984.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson
and Mrs. Tranter and Councillors Smith, Swain & Towndrow.

Councillors Beaver and Parr and Pc. Thompson also present.

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

AA1 Apologies: An apology for absence was received from
Cllr. Niblett.

AA2 Minutes: The minutes of the last Assembly were approved
and signed.

AA3 Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

AA4 Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked all for their
efforts in a difficult year. The District
Council's attitude over parish precepts was
most disappointing the careful parishes being
punished rather than the traditionally "big
spenders". Morton Hospital had finally closed.
The County's wish to permanently divert a footpath
over the toxic tip had been thwarted, the brook
had been deepened and although many small matters
had been attended to much remained to be done.
The Parishes Study about to be undertaken would
be of immense importance to the village and as many
groups as possible should be involved.

AA5 Police: The Chairman gave the officer the index number of
a car the occupant of which was seen depositing
rubbish. Pc. Thompson assured Members that the
policy of foot patrols would continue although
the present problems concerned with an industrial
dispute had resulted in more cars being used to allow
officers to cover a wider area.

There being no members of the public present the open forum was
inappropriate.

.....*St. Bacon*..... 21.5.84
Chairman.

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Parish Council
held at Morton School on the 15th May 1984.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Shepperson &
Mrs. Tranter and Councillors Smith, Swain & Towndrow.

Councillors Beaver and Parr in attendance.

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

AM1 Apologies: An apology for absence was received from Cllr.
Niblett.

AM2 Minutes: The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were approved
and signed.

AM3 Matters Arising: AM9 Toxic Tip. Cllrs. Mrs. Bacon, Beaver
and Parr had attended a meeting of the new committee.
It appeared that the County Council intended to turn
the tip back to toxic use as non-domestic waste would
allow for quicker filling. This did not accord with
what Members understood to be the position and the
next meeting of the Committee is due to be held on the
4th June 1984 when further investigations will be made.

AM4 Election of officers:
It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Mrs. V. M. Hudston be elected
chairman for the year 1984/1985.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Mrs. G. H. Bacon be elected
senior vice-chairman
and
Cllr. S. H. Towndrow be elected junior vice-chairman for
the year 1984/1985.

AM5 Sub-committee: It was RESOLVED that the present Footpaths
Sub-committee be re-elected with the addition of
Cllr. S. H. Towndrow.

AM6 Finance: It was RESOLVED to sign cheques in payment for the
fire extinguisher service and for the poppy wreath the
previous cheque having been lost.

AM7 Other business:

The clerk reported on the following items:

An election had not been called and the Council must now
proceed to fill the casual vacancy.

Community Programme: The Manager will be asked to
attend the July meeting to give an informal talk.

Trees: The local authority has no power to remove
trees planted by a resident.

Higham Lane: A traffic count will take place shortly.

Trent 'bus fares: These are at present under review.

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AM7 continued: Planning: there are to be no objections to the replacement garage at 24 Evershill Lane.

Station Road Houses: The District Council has confirmed that grants will be paid to the owner.

Village Hall: The Chairman's report and accounts had been received.

Parishes Study: Maps of the village had been received and it was hoped to organise a meeting of all groups to discuss the needs and requirements of the village.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.


Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of MORTON PARISH COUNCIL held on the 19th June 1984
at Morton School.

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

Pc. Barrass and Inspector Neary also present.

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

Before the meeting commenced Mr. D. Skinner of the Youth Training Scheme gave a talk on the scheme and it was agreed that Cllr. Smith meet Mr. Skinner at a future time to discuss projects in the village.

84/173 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. V. Tranter and Councillors Beaver and Parr.

84/174 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 1984 were approved and signed.

84/175 Matters Arising: 84/168 South Eastern Parishes Study. It was hoped to arrange a meeting with the Local Plans Officer for the 16th July 1984.

84/164 Houses - Station Road. It was RESOLVED to ask the District Council what action will be taken over the "odd" house not being renovated.

84/176 Police Members welcomed Inspector Neary to the meeting. A number of residents at the meeting expressed anger that it had been rumoured that the officers in the old hospital were not welcome. The interference of persons from outside the village had given the impression that the police were not welcome when in fact the opposite was true. Trade had suffered and Insp. Neary confirmed that the police will evacuate on the 23rd June. It was RESOLVED that the police are welcome, that the Council disassociates its self from the views of the District and County Councils' and that the Chairman & Senior Vice-Chairman visit the hospital to meet the liaison officer Insp. Lister. That a letter of support be sent to the Chief Constable and the press informed.

84/177 Planning: ~~The application~~ for a portacabin office and room for storage at Morton Nursery was discussed and it was RESOLVED to object, on grounds previously stated, to the application.

84/178 Finance: Single Miners: The chairman of the District Council had asked for a donation towards his appeal. RESOLVED that a donation be not made.

Village Hall: The Committee's secretary had asked for a grant based on the financial report accepted by the Council. It was RESOLVED to request the Committee to produce a statement showing income from: village groups, outside events (weddings etc) and from fund raising efforts and at the next meeting of the Council to settle the principal of a grant and in the event of a grant being appropriate that such grant be reviewed annually.

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84/179 Vacancy: The vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr. Jones still required to be filled. RESOLVED to defer this matter until the next meeting.

84/180 Holiday Special: Again Bacchus Way was not included as a stop and it was RESOLVED to request the County Librarian to arrange that Bacchus Way be included in the route.

84/180 Other Business: County Quiz. The village's opponents are a team from Barrow-on-Trent and the venue is likely to be Little Eaton.

Unburnt Fuel: It is understood that a tender has been lodged with the District Council and Cllr. Beaver will be asked to monitor the situation.

V. M. Rindston
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Meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Chairman

17th July 1984.