

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

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

District Councillor R. J. Beaver in attendance.

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

- 84/181 Apologies: An apology for absence was received from County Councillor B. Parr.
- 84/182 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 1984 were approved and signed.
- 84/183 Matters Arising:
- 84/164 House- Station Road. The single property would be dealt with on completion of the other houses.
- 84/176 Police. The Acting Chief Constable had written thanking members for their support.
- Cllr. Beaver, a member of the Police Consultative Group, recommended that members attend a meeting of the Group which is proving most useful.
- 84/179 Vacancy. Mr. David Stanley Keeton of 23 Stretton Road, Morton, was proposed to fill the casual vacancy and the clerk will formally write to Mr. Keeton to ascertain if he will accept the nomination.
- 84/180 Holiday Book Special. Members were disappointed that the 'bus will not stop at Bacchus Way and thought that the schedules were notified too late for amendment. An effort will be made to have this point re-instated next year.
- 84/184 Planning: Application 203 - bungalow at Morton Nurseries. The Planning Authority has refused consent.
- Application 206 - change of use from four flats to two private residences, 119/121 Main Road, Morton. It was RESOLVED that no objection or comment be made.
- 84/185 Village Hall: Statements of accounts of the finances of the hall were produced and discussed and it was RESOLVED that aid be given to the Village Hall Management Committee in the sum of £300 this to be reviewed annually at the July meeting of the Council.
- 84/186 Finance: Chairman's allowance. It was RESOLVED that the chairman be paid the sum of £50 towards expenses incurred in performing the duties of her office.

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84/187 Other business: Trees near to war memorial. It is now understood that Mr. Culverhouse will cooperate concerning the trees and the clerk will write to obtain his written consent to their removal.

"Litter" notices. The procedure to obtain consent for the erection of notices is to be investigated. Also "Speed" notices and their use will be considered.

Waste Disposal Site Local Liaison Committee.
Cllr. Mrs. Bacon, the Parish's representative expressed her concern that Cllr. B. Parr had failed to adequately represent Morton's interests at the last meeting. Plans produced at the meeting had been "amended" to exclude vital information over completion dates. Both Cllr. Mrs. Bacon and Cllr. Beaver (also a member) felt strongly that those representing Morton should be seen to do so and it was RESOLVED that the clerk draw to Cllr. Parr's attention the Parish Council's concern. It would seem that officers of the County Council are less than helpful - they produced the maps - and it is important that all elected members act in concert to have to tip filled as soon as possible and in a manner satisfactory, not ^{to} the officers, but to the local people.

Chesterfield Advertiser. There are no free newspapers circulating in the Morton area and the clerk will write to attempt to obtain such circulation.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Chairman
18/9/84

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT MORTON
SCHOOL ON THE 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

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

District Councillor R.J. Beaver in attendance.

Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon in the Chair.

84/188 Apologies: An apology for absence was received from
County Councillor B. Parr.

84/189 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July
were approved and signed.

84/190 Matters 84/184 Planning. A further application
Arising: for consent to the erection of a bungalow
at Morton Nurseries had been received.
It was RESOLVED that the Council's
original objections are still valid and
these will be communicated to the District
Council.

84/187 Trees near to War Memorial. The Clerk
had been in touch with Mr. Culverhouse and
Mr. Berwick and it was confirmed that the
Council will pay the reasonable charges
incurred in the felling and lopping of these
trees.

84/187 Litter notices. The Clerk was asked
to ascertain the costs that may be incurred
in the proposed erection of such notices.

84/187 Chesterfield Advertiser. The
newspaper had not replied to the Clerk's letter
and a further attempt will be made to obtain
circulation of a "free" newspaper in this area.

84/191 Councillor
Mrs. V.M. Hudston: Since the last meeting the untimely
death of Vivien Hudston had occurred and all
members spoke warmly of her contribution to
the village. It was unanimously agreed that
some gesture be made to perpetuate her memory
and the planting of a tree or the erection of
a seat or plaque was proposed. At a suitable
time Mr. Hudston will be asked for his
preference.

- 84/192 Election of Chairman: Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon was unanimously elected to the Chair for the remaining part of the civic year.
- Councillor Mrs. M.K. Shepperson declined nomination as Vice Chairman whereupon Councillor S.H. Towndrow was unanimously elected Vice Chairman for the remaining part of the civic year.
- 84/193 Casual Vacancy: Mr. David Stanley Keeton being nominated to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor E.L. Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance.
- 84/194 Police: Complaints were made about children's use of radios and BMX cycles. P.C. Barrass had spoken to those concerned and was also aware of the problems of the Morton Hospital site.
- 84/195 Higham Lane: The County Council has declined to implement a weight restriction order on this road although a reply is still awaited from the N.C.B. concerning the strength of the bridge over the old railway line.
- 84/196 Morton Hospital: The Council had been asked to state its preferences in connection with the future use of this building and it was RESOLVED to inform both the District Council and the Health Authority that this site would be ideal for a private hospital and any industrial or "club" use would be resisted.
- 84/197 Chairman's Charity Appeal: It was RESOLVED to donate £10.00 to the District Council Chairman's Appeal for the Mentally Handicapped.
- 84/198 Other Business: Pilot Oils. The District Council's attention will be drawn to the storage of toxic oils at the above premises.
- Pilsley Road flooding. The road is again under water and Councillor Beaver has taken the matter up with Mr. D. Skinner and the Clerk will write to the appropriate Authorities for urgent pre-winter action to be taken.
- Station Road house. The District Council is to be reminded about the "odd" house in this row and also the unsatisfactory workmanship of those allegedly renovated.

Other Business: The Clerk drew the attention of members
(contd.) to a number of circulars he had received.

Certain defective street lights mentioned
to the Clerk will be reported.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman.....H. R. Baccan.....
16.10.84

Minutes of a meeting of MORTON PARISH COUNCIL held at Morton School on 16th October 1984

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

County Councillor Parr and District Councillor Beaver in attendance.

Councillor Mrs. G. H. Bacon in the chair.

84/199 Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

84/200 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th September were approved and signed.

84/201 Matters Arising:

Vacancy: 84/191. No nominations had been received and the Council may now fill the vacancy.

Trees: Litter Notices: 82/187. No replies had been received from the parties concerned.

Higham Lane: 84/195. The County Council is to place a weight restriction on the lane following examination of the old railway bridge.

Pilsley Road Flooding: 84/198. The clerk read a letter from the District Council and Cllr. Parr produced an Order indicating that the road will be closed for a period from the 10th December 1984 to facilitate works on the culvert.

Street Lights: 84/198. Street light No. 36 is still out and Cllr. Parr offered to report this direct to County.

84/202 Planning: Applications had been received by the planning authority for consent to:

Removal of condition from shop at Morton Service Station to allow sale of general goods and provisions, and use of part of Waste Disposal Tip for flying of model aircraft.

It was RESOLVED that the District Council be informed that both of these applications are supported by the Parish Council.

84/203 Venue of future meetings:

It was RESOLVED that the principal of future meetings being held in the Village Hall be approved but that the views of the Management Committee - and availability of dates - be sought.

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84/204 Finance: Parish Insurances.

It was RESOLVED to increase the cover on the Village Hall and contents and the personal accident insurance for the members and clerk and also to enter into a five year agreement with Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited to gain benefit of the 10% reduction in premiums.

Precept: The Parish's ceiling for 1985/6 is set at £1,636.00 which is 3.75% more than the limit for this year.

Y.T.S. Estimates - Village Hall decoration, notice boards, 'bus shelters.

It was RESOLVED to underwrite the costs of decorating the village hall (estimate £224.00 plus VAT)

It was RESOLVED to accept the estimate of £245.90 plus VAT for the replacement of 'bus shelters at Morton. **
** Price each for Block & concrete roof construction.

It was RESOLVED to request replacement of notice board by the hospital and renovation of the other two at a price to be agreed but at a price to be less than the cost of complete replacement.

The clerk was requested to give the appropriate orders to the Manager of the Youth Traing Scheme.

84/205 Other business: It was RESOLVED to ask Mr. J. R. Woodisse of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils to address the Council on a date to be arranged.

Evershall Close. A feasability study is to be undertaken by the District Council concerning the garage site and the Parish Council will be kept informed.

Footpath No. 5. It was RESOLVED to request that this be upgraded to bridle path status.

Surgery. It was RESOLVED to request the District Council to reconsider the location of the proposed new surgery at Stonebroom.

Culvert Scheme. Cllr. Parr offered to investigate the possibility of culverting the stream to prevent destruction of private gardens.

Field by Dr. Hunt's property. The field had been treated for ragwort but the operators had not cleared the weed completely and this matter will be drawn to the attention of the County Council and/or the National Coal Board.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm.

.....H. Bacon.....
20.11.84.

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held on the 20th November 1984 at Morton School.

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

District Councillor R. J. Beaver in attendance.

Councillor Mrs. G. H. Bacon in the chair.

84/206 Apology: An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Mrs. V. Tranter.

84/207 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 1984 were approved and signed.

84/208 Matters Arising:

84/201 Higham Lane. The County Council has now made an Order in respect of this highway, (7.5 tonnes).

84/201 Street light No. 36. This light was now reported to be working.

84/203 Venue of Meetings. The Village Hall Management Committee is prepared to allow the Council use of the hall for meetings. There being no proposal to move the meetings this offer will not be taken up.

84/204 Y.T.S. The clerk reported that the gutters of the village hall had been cleaned out but that damp is thought to be caused by other sources. The Y.T.S. plumber will investigate and submit a report and estimate.

84/205 Evershill Close. Cllr. Beaver reported that the matter of providing parking space is "on the list" of the District Council.

84/209 Police: Damage at hospital. A number of juveniles had been interviewed and reported. However it was clear that the hospital authorities had contributed to their own misfortune in not making the building more secure. Not all the offenders were from Morton village and some of the children involved were from parents who had complained to the police.

84/210 Toxic Tip: Cllr. Beaver reported that he was awaiting written confirmation that the tip would be completed by autumn 1985.

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- 84/211 Precept: The limit of the Council's precept for the year 1985/6 is £1636.00. It was therefore RESOLVED to precept the District for this amount.
- 84/212 White Paper on 'buses: The District Council had recently joined forces with Chesterfield and Bolsover Councils in opposition to the Paper and had requested the clerk to distribute petitions and leaflets. The clerk had returned the documents but had offered to distribute papers giving both sides of the Government's proposals. Cllr. Swain felt that the matter should have been placed before the Council and that the clerk should not have acted as he did. The clerk conceded that that may have been a better course but that in this highly political matter he had acted properly and that the District Council should not have made the request at all. In general Members felt sympathy for both sides of the argument, that the clerk should be allowed some discretion but that the chairman needs to be kept fully informed of all matters which may be of interest to the Council.
- 84/213 Seat - Evershill Close. A Mrs. Massey of 4 Evershill Close had written requesting the removal of the seat due to the nuisance caused by children playing on or near it. Cllr. Smith volunteered to interview residents to ascertain their views.
- 84/214 Lights - Back Lane. The lights on Back Lane are out and the Church is to be contacted to try and establish ownership.
- 84/215 Litter Bins. It was RESOLVED to request the provision of a large litter bin near to the Village Hall and a replacement near to the Corner Pin Public House.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr. J. R. Woodisse, Hon. Secretary of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils spoke on the work of the Association and Members agreed to discuss the merits of joining the Association at a future Council meeting.

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Chairman 18/12/84.

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the
18th December 1984

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Shepperson, & Messrs.
Keeton, Smith and Swain.

Councillor Mrs. G. H. Bacon in the chair.

84/216 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from
Councillors Niblett and Towndrow.

Mr. David Skinner attended the meeting at the invitation
of the chairman and explained the problems of the "new"
'bus shelter which has caused some comment. Mr. Skinner
agreed to assess the stress factors in the construction
to ascertain if the front of the shelter could be removed.
The result of his investigations will be conveyed to the
clerk. The chairman thanked Mr. Skinner for attending
the meeting at very short notice.

84/217 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th
November 1984 were approved and signed.

84/218 Matters Arising: 84/204 Y.T.S. The plumber's report
had not yet been received.

84/213 Seat - Evershall Close. Cllr. Smith
had interviewed several residents and it was
clear the main complaint was the nuisance caused
by children and that the seat was valuable to the
elderly. It was RESOLVED not to remove the seat.
(Pc Barrass will check on the conduct of the
children complained of and Cllr. Smith was
thanked for his efforts).

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.
Members and the clerk expressed some misgivings
about membership and it was RESOLVED to defer
consideration until the next meeting of the
Council.

84/219 Police: A friendly but noisy dog at the Live and Let Live
Inn has frightened children and Pc Barrass will
speak to the owner.

84/220 Planning: NED 1284/906 Temporary siting of caravan at rear
of 17 Main Rd. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection
but to request a strict time limit on it's
placement there being observed.

NED 884/643 Bungalow, Morton Nurseries. Permission
had been granted and Members expressed their
concern that once again the views of local
representatives had been ignored.

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84/220 continued: NED 984/701 The Model Aircraft Flying Club's application had been refused and it was RESOLVED to write to the planning authority expressing the Council's surprise at this decision. The site had appeared ideal and the refusal may end the life of the club - the planning authority will be requested to think again.

84/221 Finance: Cheques of £11.20 for the rent of the school and £102.37 for materials for the 'bus shelter were signed. (VAT will be reclaimed by the clerk).

Precept. The Council had been thanked for restricting it's precept and an exchange of letters between the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and the District Council was discussed. There is a clear difference of opinion between those bodies as to the legality of surcharging a Parish who "overspends" and until it is tested in a court neither opinion, in the view of the clerk, can be relied upon.

84/222 Other business: The D.A.L.C. has come down against the 'buses white paper and leaflets were given to Members.

Definitive Map. The County Council has confirmed that this will be updated and that this District is second in the order of priority.

Parishes Study. The chairman and Cllr. Towndrow had attended a meeting with the District Council and further comments will be asked for in due course.

Dangerous Pavements. The clerk was requested to report pavements (at end of Evershall Lane and between Back Lane and Marshall's shop) which become dangerous in wet or icy weather.

Land rear of Main Road, Morton. Following Mr. Radford's complaint the clerk had investigated further but the owner had not been positively identified. In any event Members agreed that there was little, if anything, that could be done by this Council.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman wished all a happy christmas and a prosperous new year.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Chairman