

Minutes of a meeting of MORTON PARISH COUNCIL on 16th July 1985 held at Morton School.

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

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

85/53 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Keeton, Cllr. Frost, County Cllr. Parr and District Cllr. Beaver.

85/54 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 1985 were approved & signed.

85/55 Matters Arising: 85/39 Police visit: The chairman commented on the recent visit to the police station and how much those present had enjoyed the trip. Disappointment was expressed that more Members were not able to attend.

Model Aircraft Club. It was reported that officers of the club were meeting the District Council's Planning Sub-Committee today to discuss the planning problems.

Clay Cross C.A.B. The chairman and clerk had attended the Annual Meeting and Mr. Morton had been elected to the management committee.

85/56 Library Book "Special". The mobile library was again visiting the village but again only stopping in Holland Close. The Authority is to be reminded of it's promise to include a stop at the bottom of the village.

85/57 D.A.L.C. The clerk distributed leaflets received from the Association.

85/58 Parish Study: The District Council had now produced it's proposals and an exhibition is to be held in the Village Hall.

85/59 Seats: The chairman volunteered to check the seats in the village and report to the Council.

85/60 Finance: It was RESOLVED to make a grant of £10.00 to the District Council's Chairman's Charity Appeal. It was RESOLVED to make a payment of £50.00 to the chairman towards the expenses incurred in performing the duties of her office.

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Cheques were signed for: Clerk's salary and expenses; audit fee, materials for village hall, rent for school and grants mentioned above.

Village Hall: Finance: The Council had underwritten the costs of redecoration and the final accounts of £96.63 could not be met. The committee was also £30.00 overdrawn. The financial circumstances of the hall were fully discussed and Members were reminded that the hall is paid for and a great asset to the village. New halls in surrounding areas had removed much of its income and the management committee were fighting an uphill battle against rising costs. It was RESOLVED to make a grant of £300.00 to the committee to meet the accounts and the bank and to generally assist.

The fabric of the hall appears to need attention and it was RESOLVED to enlist the services of a surveyor to ascertain the work, if any, required to be done and the costs involved.

The grant cheque was signed.

85/61 Curb Stones: Curb stones require attention at Penfold and Bacchus Way and these defects will be reported.

85/62 School entrance: The Council's views on the dangers of the entrance will be again drawn to the attention of the County Council with a request to expedite the works.

85/63 Footpath: A large stone is obstructing the footpath adjacent to the Miners' Welfare and this will again be reported to the appropriate authority.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.15p.m.

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Chairman.

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held on the 17th September 1985

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

District Councillor R. J. Beaver in attendance.

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

85/64 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Towndrow and County Cllr. Parr.

85/65 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 1985 were approved & signed.

85/66 Matters Arising: 85/55 Model Aircraft Club. Cllr. Beaver reported on a meeting between District Councillors & members of the club. It would appear that "overflying" and the proposed erection of buildings were principal factors which lead to consent being refused.

85/56 Library Book Special. It was hoped that a stop would be made at Bacchus Way in 1986.

85/61 Kerb stones. The Highway Authority will repair kerbs at Penfold & Bacchus Way but at some time in the future.

85/62 School Entrance. A letter from the Education Officer indicated that this scheme was not yet in the forward programme but that it was hoped to include it.

85/67 Police: Members reported damage to a seat, a burnt out litter bin, dog litter on pavements and the dog at the Live and Let Live. Pc. Barrass said he was aware of some of the incidents and that he would take appropriate action. Members asked that the offenders, if apprehended, be subject to a police caution.

85/68 D.A.L.C. The Chairman and Clerk will represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of Association.

85/69 Parishes Study: Members discussed the Study and were in general agreement with the proposals. An effort will be made to have bungalows erected on land in the village and for the site at Pilsley Road to be cleaned up. ← 548

85/70 Finance: The clerk reported on the current balances in the Council's accounts.

O.A.P. Party. It was reported that due to lack of income the Village Hall Management Committee could not provide funds to finance the annual party. Funds normally accrued from an annual bonfire night. It was RESOLVED to provide up to £200 to assist the Committee in this community activity.

Wreath. The Chairman will order the usual tribute for the Remembrance Service.

85/71 War Memorial: Cllr. Smith kindly offered to clean the memorial and remove rubbish from it's base. A rota of councillors was suggested for this duty and this will be further discussed. Cllr. Swain pointed out that only the use of an appropriate weed killer will keep plants at bay.

85/72 Brook - Penfold: Cllr. Niblett reported that the brook was again giving off a smell and this matter will be reported.

85/73 Toxic Tip: A recent meeting which Cllr. Beaver had attended had been informed that there was a likelihood that tipping would extend for a further 5 years. Cllr. Beaver had therefore requested that a special meeting of the consultative group be urgently convened.

85/74 Overgrown Hedges: Two hedges were reported, one being on Pilsley Road and the other on Stretton Rd..

85/75 Survey of Village Hall: Part of the survey had taken place and a report will be available in due course.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held
at Morton School on 15th October, 1985

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

Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon in the Chair

- 85/86 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from
Councillors Smith and Towndrow and District
Councillor Beaver.
- 85/87 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the
17th September 1985 were approved and signed.
- 85/88 Matters 85/67 Police: Pc Barrass reported that the
Arising: offender had been identified and cautioned
for the damage incidents.

Following advice, the owner of the dog at
the Live and Let Live Inn was taking better
precautions with the animal.

Arrest of armed criminal: The actions of
Pc Barrass in arresting an armed man in the
village were praised by members and a letter
of commendation will be sent to the Acting
Chief Constable. The Chairman stressed the
value of having a man of the experience of
Pc Barrass as "village bobby".

85/68 D.A.L.C.: The Clerk reported on the
Annual General Meeting of the Association
which he had attended on behalf of the
Council.

85/70 O.A.P. Party: The Village Hall
Management Committee thanked the Council for
its' support.

85/70 Wreath: The Chairman reported that the
Remembrance Service would take place on
Remembrance Sunday at the usual time.

85/73 Toxic Tip: It was reported by the
Chairman that Cllr. Beaver had informed her
he had received verbal assurances that
tipping would cease on 11th November, 1985.

85/75 Village Hall: The survey had commenced
and it is hoped to have a report shortly.

- 85/79 Land Rear of It was RESOLVED to support a number of
Bacchus Way: residents who wished to purchase land for
garden extensions and to inform the District
Council accordingly. ← JNB

85/80 Village "Walkabout": The Chairman reported that, together with the Clerk, she had examined various aspects of the village. The appropriate letters had been written to the County and District Councils concerning problems at Bacchus Way and Main Road. Every seat in the village with one exception required repair. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that Cllr. G. Frost (who was present at the meeting, but took no part in the discussion) be authorised to undertake the repairs. Cllr. Frost agreed and expressed the view that he expected the repairs to be of a fairly minor nature.

85/83 Station Road Bus Shelter: This very old shelter has been examined, and in view of its condition, the Clerk was requested to obtain the up-to-date price of a Queensbury steel and glass shelter and also to enquire of the Council Council if it is able to make a grant.

85/84 Finance: The Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital Radio Service (Hady Radio) had requested a donation towards the cost of running its' operation. Members felt that this was a valuable service to the community and it was RESOLVED to donate the sum of £20.00 to the Service.

Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary and expenses, rent for school room and the above donation.

It was confirmed (85/70) that the village Hall Management Committee had accepted the sum of £200.00 to assist in the giving of the O.A.P. party.

85/85 Civic Service: Cllr. Mrs. Shepperson advised members that she had attended the Service and reception on behalf of the Council and had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

85/86 District Council Liaison Committee: At the invitation of the Chairman the Clerk spoke on the purpose of this Committee. Mr. Morton sought members' approval to circularise other Parish Clerks as he was concerned that the true purpose of the Committee was not being fulfilled. The Chairman who, together with the Clerk, had attended the meeting said that from her experience of this and previous meetings there was little effort by the District Council to allow the Committee to act as a link between itself and the parishes. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the other parishes in the District to ascertain their views.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton School on the 19th November 1985

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon & Mrs. Shepperson & Councillors Frost, Keeton, Niblett, Swain & Towndrow.
District Councillor R.J. Beaver in attendance.
Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon in the chair.

85/87 Apologies: An apology for absence was received from Councillor Smith.

85/88 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 1985 were approved and signed.

85/89 Matters Arising: 85/70 O.A.P. Party. The bonfire had been a success and the Management Committee had returned the sum of £200 to the Council with it's thanks.

85/73 Toxic Tip. Cllr. Beaver reported on the present situation. Tipping was continuing despite an assurance it would stop on the 11th November. Cllr. Howarth (of North East Derbyshire D.C.) had been asked to convene a meeting of Tip Liaison Committee. Cllr. Allen (of Derbyshire County Council) had been unhelpful stating that "they had to have somewhere to tip lime mud". It was RESOLVED that the clerk write to both the County & District Councils asking for a meeting to be arranged of the Liaison Committee as a matter of urgency.

85/75 Village Hall. The survey had taken place and a rough estimate was that repairs could cost as much as £3.000.00. It was RESOLVED that the clerk contact Mr. Jenkins of Alfreton for a second opinion.

85/80 Village "Walkabout". The repairs required at Bacchus Way & Main Road had been acknowledged by the respective authorities and they will be reminded again that the works are urgent. Timber for the seat repairs is to arrive shortly and on it's arrival the repairs will be done.

85/83 Station Road, 'Bus Shelter. In view of the possible cost of repairs to the hall it was RESOLVED to defer this matter indefinitely.

85/86 District Council Liaison Committee. The clerk confirmed that following approval of his letter by the Chairman he had circulated all parishes in the District and was now awaiting their replies.

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- 85/90 Police: Pc Barrass reported that he had "warned off" potential trouble makers from the Westhouses area.
- 85/91 Planning: It was RESOLVED that no objections or representations be made about the proposed development at 38, Stretton Road, Morton.
- 85/92 Y.T.S. No replies had been received to two letters sent on the 5th August & the 17th October and the work required had not been done. It was RESOLVED to withdraw the Council's instructions to proceed and that Mr. D. Skinner be accordingly informed.
- 85/93 Loose Chippings: The Chairman complained of the loose chippings left after highway maintenance and this will be drawn to the attention of the highway authority.
- 85/94 Christmas Tree: Trees were available from the District and it was RESOLVED to donate an 8' specimen to Morton Primary School who would afterwards erect it in the church.
- 85/95 Trees: The County Council are prepared to donate to parishes young trees for planting early next year. Any Member with a site in mind was asked to contact the Chairman within 14 days so that an order may be placed.
- 85/96 Finance: Precept 1986/87. The clerk advised Members of the criteria laid down by the District Council and it was RESOLVED that the precept be as last year plus the 4½% allowed by the District, a total of £1709.00. Cheques for the insurance renewal, the poppy wreath, and for the services of the rodent operative were signed.
- 85/97 'Phone booth: Councillor Towndrow reported that the box had been vandalised and this will be reported.
- 85/98 Rubbish at rear of Village Hall: Councillor Towndrow advised that the Miners' Welfare will remove this rubbish and will provide a skip.
- 85/99 Drains: Councillor Mrs. Shepperson reported having called out the department to clear blocked drains and that they had responded quickly. Cllr. Beaver offered to take up the matter as the pumping station, from what the operatives said, may not be adequate.
- 85/100 Bungalows in Morton: Councillor Beaver explained that he had failed to find any old people prepared to move into bungalows at Sitwell Villas, They all felt them too "out of the way". Cllr. Beaver urged Members to persuade the elderly to apply for bungalows as the Sitwell estate was now filling up with persons from outside of the village and further bugalows would not be built at the bottom of the village unless a clear demand could be shown.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at
Morton on the 17th December 1985

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Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, & Mrs. Shepperson &
Councillors Messrs. Frost, Keeton, Niblett,
Smith and Towndrow.

District Councillor Beaver in attendance.

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

- 85/101 Apologies: An apology for absence was received
from Cllr. R.A. Swain.
- 85/102 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the
19th November 1985 were approved & signed.

85/103 Matters Arising: 85/73 Toxic Tip: A Meeting of the
Liaison Committee had been held & Cllr.
Beaver commented that the Committee was
being held as a "scapegoat" for the County
Council. The Chairman spoke of her disgust
at the attitude of some of the members of
the Committee and tipping is continuing.
The County Technical Services Committee
meets on the 3rd January 1986 to discuss
amending tip licences for other sites with
a view to allowing the tipping of lime mud
at those other tips. The Tip Liaison
Committee is to meet the week afterwards
to hear the result.

85/75 Village Hall: The architect had now
completed his survey and a copy of his report
was circulated. It would seem the repairs
are all of a fairly minor nature and the
Chairman of the Management Committee was
asked to consider the report with members
of his committee.

85/80 Village "Walkabout": The repairs at
Bacchus Way & Main Road had been completed
as had the repairs to the seats. Cllr.
Frost was congratulated on his workmanship
in affecting the seat repairs.

85/86 District Council Liaison Committee:
The clerk reported he had now received replies
from over half of the parishes and he will
report again in due course.

85/94 Christmas Tree: The District Council
had been unable to deliver the tree in time &
the Chairman had authorised the purchase of
two trees locally at the cost of £13.00.
It was RESOLVED that her action be approved.
The Headmaster had written to the Council
thanking Members for the gift. The trees
are to be placed in the church after the
close of school for the christmas vacation.

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Matters Arising Continued:

85/97 'Phone booth: The repairs had been completed within 2 hours.

85/99 Drains: Cllr. Beaver had investigated and said two pumps were available the second as a "fail safe" for the first. Unfortunately on failure of the first pump the second had been unable to operate due to fat jamming the mechanism. The source of this discharge will be traced and the appropriate action to prevent further problems will be taken.

85/104 Planning: It was RESOLVED to make no representations concerning an application to erect a greenhouse to front of No. 4 Sitwell Villas, Morton.

85/104 Correspondence: A report had been received concerning the setting up of a Council for Voluntary Service for Chesterfield & North East Derbyshire. The cost for the first year was estimated to be £45000.00. RESOLVED that the report be received.

Insurance: The clerk reported on a pilot scheme suggested by the D.A.L.C. and commented that the Council's present insurers appeared to be reasonable and efficient. RESOLVED that no action be taken in connection with the pilot scheme.

The clerk further reported that should the Council take responsibility for the bonfire the premium for insurance cover is likely to be some £25.00.

Strategy for Coalfields: A report had been received from the Rural Officer of the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and, with a view to setting out a policy for the future, he will contact the clerk for informal talks following which he hopes to be able to present to all parishes a comprehensive study for Members comments.

Annual Report of the District Council: This had been received and was available for Members use.

85/105 Parishes Study: Cllr. Keeton and Cllr. Beaver commented on a meeting of the Steering Committee where it had been suggested that a play area to serve the Bacchus Way area might be of advantage. Members expressed doubts as it was impossible for the Parish Council to buy the land and any area would have to be on County Council owned land immediately behind the houses. Cllr. Niblett ~~with~~ felt it was unlikely that the response would be in favour but offered to test reaction in the area. Item No. 20 in the Chief Executive's Report to the steering committee (Land at south of 114/118 Main Road) had caused concern to both this Council's representative, Cllr. Keeton, and to Cllr. Beaver. The words "possibility

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of some development being permitted" in the Planning Officer's comments ^{are} ambiguous and following a discussion the clerk was requested to write to the officer for clarification. Only when such clarification has been received will the Parish Council be able to comment realistically on this item.

85/106 Trees: The County Council had offered to supply Parishes with trees for planting in early February. Consultations had taken place and it was felt that land to the rear of the school playing fields and perhaps round the cricket pitch perimeter would be enhanced by planting. It was RESOLVED to ask for 20 whips (3'-4' high specimens) to be supplied.

85/107 Finance: Cheques were signed for:- School rent, Repairs to seats, labour & supply of replacement fittings for secondary lighting fitting in village hall.

85/108 Clerk's salary:(At this point the clerk left the meeting. No members of the public were present and District Councillor Beaver had previously left.) The clerk's salary had fallen well behind those recommended by the National and local Associations of Local Councils and the Chairman gave a history of the salary paid to Mr. Morton and to his predecessor. She also explained the formula of assessment although the actual salary is always a matter for the council. It was RESOLVED that the clerk's salary be raised to £400 per annum with effect from 1st January 1986.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

H. Bacon 21.1.86
Chairman