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Minutes of a Meeting of Morton Parish Council
held at Morton School on 27th January 1987

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

Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon in the Chair

An apology for absence was received from District
Councillor Beaver.

86/106 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 1986
were approved and signed.

86/107 Matters Arising:

86/104 Station Road Parking

An acknowledgement had been received from the police
and a full reply is awaited.

86/108 Police:

A group of young teenagers causing severe problems in
the Village Hall had been reported. Use of Pit Lane
is still under review and rubbish dumped over Red Lane
bridge is under investigation.

86/109 Highways:

(a) Stretton Road

The reply from the Chairman of the County Highways
Committee was noted and a further report is awaited.

(b) Evershill Close

No response had been received following the site
meeting and the Clerk was therefore asked to write
to the District Council.

(c) War Memorial

The names of three firms capable of restoring the
memorial had been supplied by the Derbyshire
Association of Local Councils and it was RESOLVED
to seek quotations from all three.

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86/110 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The latest Newsletter and publications sent by the Association are available from the Clerk.

86/111 Venue and dates of future meetings

It was RESOLVED that up to and including the Annual Meetings in May meetings will be held in the Village Hall, at 7pm, on the third WEDNESDAY of each month.

86/112 Finance:

The schedule of cheques (2) was signed.

YTS Account

An account for £75:20 for materials used by the YTS when the Village Hall had been decorated in April 1985 had now been submitted by a firm - J.W. Simpkin (Contractors) Ltd - who had, apparently, taken over the Chesterfield Paint & Wallpapers Co. Ltd. It was confirmed no previous demand had been received but that the sum was due and it was RESOLVED that the account be paid once the connection between Simpkins and Chesterfield Paints had been established.

86/113 New Street Parking:

The problems caused by the number of vehicles requiring space was discussed and Members are to ask residents their views on extending the parking area.

86/114 Stretton Road (in the parish of Shirland and Higham)

Concern was expressed about this unlit stretch of Stretton Road (subject to a 60 mph speed limit) and which is without a pavement for part of its length. Although not in Morton Parish it is the only road from the north and west and it was RESOLVED to write to the Shirland and Higham Parish Council to seek its support for lighting and a pavement.

86/115 Members complaints

Damage to road after snow - Higham Lane.
Culvert Pilsley Road requires clearing.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

.....M. Brown.....18.2.87.
chairman

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Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Morton, on the 18th
February 1987

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Clark, & Mrs. Shepperson,
& Councillors Frost, Keeton, Niblett & Towndrow.

District Councillor R J Beaver in attendance.

Councillor Mrs G H Bacon in the chair.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Smith.

86/116 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January
1987 were approved and signed.

86/117 Matters Arising:

86/104-107. Station Road parking problems.
Following a site meeting with the police a further
meeting is being arranged with the County Surveyor's
representative and the police. Members will be
advised of the date.

86/114. Stretton Road (in the parish of Shirland & Higham).
The Parish Council of Shirland & Higham could not help
over street lighting but supported the need for a pavement,
and it was RESOLVED to request the installation of a pavement
and to seek Shirland & Higham's positive support.

86/115. Pilsley Road culvert.
The culvert appears to be blocked yet again and a
further site meeting is to be requested.

86/118 Police:

Further amounts of rubbish had been dumped over Red Lane
bridge and it was thought that the old station was being
used by vagrants for sleeping. Both matters will be
investigated.
The problem of temporary traffic lights was raised
and the clerk will make enquiries concerning the regulations
governing their installation and use.

86/119 Highways:

Evershill Close: The letter from the District Council
was noted and the suggestion of a small parking area
welcomed. The position remains however unsatisfactory
and it was RESOLVED that the District Council be informed
that the area warrants priority particularly as the matter
was raised several years ago and the reply then had
blamed lack of finance as the reason for not improving
the facilities.

Stretton Road: It was RESOLVED that the letters from the
Chairman of the Highways and Transport Committee and the
County Surveyor be received.

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War Memorial: One quotation had been received and the other two were awaited. The item will be placed on the agenda of the March meeting.

New Street parking: In the absence of Cllr. Smith this item was deferred until the March meeting.

86/120 Hady Radio:

It was RESOLVED to accept the invitation to visit the station on the 8th April at 7.30pm.

86/121 Amber Valley Community Transport:

A grant was sought by the group and consideration was deferred pending receipt of statistics showing use of the service by Morton residents.

86/122 County Quiz:

The option to enter the quiz was deferred for enquiries to be made concerning team members.

86/123 Local Elections 1987:

Nomination forms are now available from the clerk.

86/124 Finance:

The schedule of cheques (3) was signed.

86/125 Wheeled Dustbins:

The erratic collection was causing problems and worry to residents and the District Council will be informed and asked when householders may expect a regular and reliable service to begin.

86/126 Members complaints:

Gulley blocked on Main Road and gate broken.
These items will be reported to the County Estates Officer.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

.....*N. Bacon*.....
Chairman 18.3.87.

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Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Morton, on the 18th
March 1987

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

District Councillor R.J. Beaver in attendance.

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

86/127 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February
1987 were approved and signed.

86/128 Police:

The Clerk reported on his visit with P.C. Downes to
the old railway line. Addresses had been found in
the rubbish and investigations were in progress.
Local children are thought to be involved in damaging
the old station and British Rail is to board up the
windows.

86/129 Evershill Close:

A full reply to the Council's letter is awaited.

86/130 New Street parking:

It was RESOLVED:

to take no further action over the alleged
parking problems and Councillor Smith was
thanked for his investigations.

86/131 War Memorial:

It was RESOLVED:

to accept the lowest quotation, that of
£65:00 from Mansfield Memorials.

86/132 Pilsley Road culvert:

The County's letter, circulated to Members, was
considered and as there are discussions proceeding
between that authority and the District Council the
matter was deferred until the April meeting of the
Parish Council.

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Planning:

It was RESOLVED:

to raise no objections to applications
concerning:-
'Lansdowne' Station Road
26 Stretton Road and
51 Stretton Road

86/134

Wheeled Dustbins:

Problems in the collection service have been
acknowledged by the District Council and a further
report, following its Policy Committee meeting, is
awaited.

86/135

County Quiz:

It was RESOLVED:

that no team be entered this year.

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Parish Liaison Committee:

The date of the next meeting has not been fixed but
is likely to be in late June or early July.

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Finance:

No cheques needed signing.

It was RESOLVED:

that applications by organisations for
financial assistance be considered annually
at the Council's September meeting, and that
a budget be fixed at the Council's meeting
in April.

86/138

Victim Support Scheme:

The Clerk will seek further information on this scheme.

86/139

Local Plan:

The appeals into the plan had now been heard and the
Inspector had upheld the plan's identification of
land to the rear of Main Road as open space.

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86/140 Open Space - New Street:

The Clerk submitted a report on this County Council owned land. Mr. J.F. Thomson the resident most likely to be affected by the letting of the land to a local football team, expressed his grave concern at organised sport by adults taking place so near to properties. It is understood that the County Council has signed a licence agreement with the club for 1 year, and the authority will be asked for a copy of the agreement and a close watch will be kept on the situation.

86/141 Members complaints:

Renewal of the White Hazard lines at the junction of Church Lane / Higham Lane will be sought.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm

.....~~H. Boen~~.....15.4.87,.....

Chairman.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MORTON ON THE
15TH APRIL, 1987

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Bacon and Mrs. Clark and
Councillors Frost, Keeton, Niblett, Smith and
Towndrow.

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

County Councillor B. Parr in attendance.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor
Mrs. N. Shepperson.

86/142 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th March,
1987 were approved and signed.

68/143 Matters arising:

Pilsley Road Culvert (86/132).

In view of the letter received from the District
Council it appeared that little further could be done
for the time being, the responsibility being that
of the District and County Councils.

86/144 Police:

Children had set fire to gas leaking by Stretton Road
and, following the intervention of P.C. Thomson and
the Chairman, the Gas Board eventually made the leak
safe. P.C. Downs is in hospital following an accident
and a card had been sent to him wishing him a speedy
recovery.

86/145 Stretton Road to A61:

The Shirland and Higham Parish Council, in whose area
this road is, had suggested that the matter of a pavement
be raised at the Parish Liaison Committee. It was
RESOLVED:

- 1) to inform Shirland and Higham Parish Council
that the Parish Liaison Committee is not the
proper forum for matters such as this, and to
ask them to write to the County Surveyor, and
- 2) that this Parish writes to the County
Surveyor pointing out the dangers of this road.

86/146 Temporary traffic lights:

It was RESOLVED that the reply of the County Surveyor
be noted.

E.H. Bacon

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86/147 Rainge Opencast Site:

Concern was expressed at the proposals of British Coal to opencast the Rainge site. Part of the site has planning permission but an application for the remainder is yet to be made and Cllr. Parr said that the County Council would object to further opencast workings. Access to the site is of particular concern, but it was decided to defer making objections until a formal application has been received.

86/148 New Street Soccer Pitch:

It was RESOLVED:

that the reply of the County Estates Officer be received.

86/149 Civic Amenity Provisions:

It was RESOLVED:

that the proposals of the County Council and its letter be received.

86/150 Finance:

Morton Village Hall.

A letter from the Secretary, having previously been circulated to members, was discussed and satisfaction was expressed that the Committee had only required £150.00 out of the promised grant of £600.00 and that this represented extremely good housekeeping on the part of the Management Committee.

It was RESOLVED:

to make an immediate grant of £150.00 to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Grants for 1987/88.

The policy for grants was discussed and it was RESOLVED:

- 1) that assistance will only be given to village groups or organisations,
- 2) that applications for assistance will be considered once per year at the September meeting of the Council, and
- 3) that the budget from which such assistance may be given shall be £100.00 per annum and
- 4) the above shall not apply in relation to the Village Hall or its Management Committee.

W. B. Green

86/150 Finance (contd.)

Amber Valley Community Transport.

It was RESOLVED:

that the application for a grant be refused.

Cheques.

Two cheques were signed.

86/151 Village Hall:

The central heating timer was reported as being inefficient and, because of it's design and age, was capable of being misused by user groups. This had resulted in a very large gas bill and it was RESOLVED:

that the Committee be requested to obtain two estimates for the replacement of the timer and to submit these to the Parish Council for consideration.

86/152 Environmental Improvement Schemes:

The District Council now has a small budget to carry out schemes and asked if the Council has any interest or capacity for carrying out, with the District Council's assistance, any such work in Morton. Members considered the plan supplied and, in general, supported environmental improvements in the village. However, the plan did not entirely agree with the schedules and it was RESOLVED:

that in view of the return date the District Council had set, the Chairman and Clerk visit the District Council to discuss the sites and to ascertain their exact location and just what is involved if the Parish Council decide to participate.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

.....N. Bacon.....

Chairman

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at
Morton Village Hall, Morton, on 20th May 1987.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Shepperson,
Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Treweek and Cllrs. Niblett,
Keeton, Smith & Towndrow.

District Cllr. Beaver & County (& District)
Cllr. Parr in attendance with two other members
of the public.


Cllr. Mrs. G. H. Bacon in chair.

1 Minutes: The minutes of the 1986 Annual
Parish Meeting were approved and signed.

2 Chairman's Report: The chairman gave a
comprehensive report on the activities of the
Parish Council during the preceeding year and
welcomed newly elected councillors.

3 Matters Raised by the Public: Cllr. Beaver
mentioned elections to the Village Hall
Management Committee and he was assured
that the Annual General Meeting had been
advertised and that members of the public
had in fact attended.

There being no other business the meeting closed
at 7.09 pm.


Chairman

26.5.88.

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at Morton Village Hall, Morton, on 20th May 1987.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Treweek & Cllrs. Niblett, Keeton, Smith and Towndrow.

District Cllr. Beaver & County (& District)
Cllr. Parr in attendance.

Cllr. Mrs. G H Bacon in chair.

- 1.87/8 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th May 1986 were approved and signed.
- 2.87/8 Elections of Officers: Cllrs. Mrs. G H Bacon, Cllr. Mrs. M. Clark and Cllr. D S Keeton were proposed and seconded for the office of chairman. Cllr. Mrs. Clark declined nomination and following a vote it was RESOLVED
that Cllr. Mrs. G H Bacon be elected chairman for the civic year 1987/88 following which Cllr. Mrs. Bacon signed the Declaration of Acceptance and remained in the chair.

Cllr. M Niblett was proposed and seconded for the office of Vice-Chairman and there being no other nominations it was RESOLVED
that Cllr. M. Niblett be elected vice-chairman for the civic year 1987/88.
- 3.87/8 Representatives on Outside Bodies: It was RESOLVED
that Cllrs. Mrs. G H Bacon, Mrs. N K Shepperson and Cllr. M Niblett be the Council's representatives on the governing body of Morton School, and that Cllr Mrs. G H Bacon be the Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.
- 4.87/8 Cheque Signatories: It was RESOLVED
that all the present Councillors be authorised signatories.
- 5.87/8 Venue of Meetings: It was RESOLVED
that meetings be held in the Village Hall on, except when inappropriate, the third Wednesday of the month.
- 6.87/8 Rainge Opencast Site Planning Application: It was RESOLVED
to object to British Coal's application on the following grounds:-
 1. The site is inappropriate for the proposed use,
 2. The proposed use would cause distress, disturbance and inconvenience to residents,
 3. There is no safe access/egress point to the site,
 4. The majority of the site has been previously used for rubbish dumping to the detriment of the area and opencast mining would desecrate this open country.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman ~~Shepperson~~ *Bacon*.

Minutes of a meeting of the Morton Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Morton on the 1st July 1987.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Smith and Mrs Trewick, and Councillors Keeton, Niblett and Smith.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Towndrow, District Councillor Beaver and County (and District) Councillor Parr.

7/87.8 Minutes of previous meetings.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 1987 were approved and signed.*

The Minutes of the Annual meeting held on the 20th May 1987 were approved and signed.*

* To be signed on return of books from the Auditor.

8/87.8 Police.

P.C. Thomson said that the old station had been boarded up. Two local motor cyclists had been reported for offences. A local resident had been cautioned for his actions in connection with an incident arising from the proposed open cast site.

9/87.8 Stratton Road to A61 (Min. 86/145).

A letter had been received from the County Surveyor that further consideration was being given to the Parish Council's request.

10/87.8 Planning.

It was RESOLVED to make no representations concerning NED/687/444- proposed farm bungalow at Red Lane.

11/87.8 National Water Week.

It was RESOLVED to accept the invitation of Severn-Trent and to book 9 places for the 23rd September.

12/87.8 Environmental Improvement Scheme.

The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr. Bentley of the District Council and concurred with the outcome.

End

13/87.8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

It was RESOLVED not to make a nomination for election to the Association's Executive Council.

14/87.8 Footpath.

The County Council had informed the Clerk that it was now necessary to inform the occupiers of the land about the Parish Council's application to modify the Definitive Map. This information had come 10 months after the submission.

It was RESOLVED to so inform the occupiers - Morton Cricket Club.

15/87.8 Village Hall (Min. 86/151).

Two quotations had been received and it was RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £108:67 (plus VAT) submitted by Parsons Contractors (Chesterfield) Ltd for the installation of a Randall 811 Multi-programme time switch with anti-tamper cover.

16/87.8 Holiday Book Special.

The Holiday Book Special times were noted.

17/87.8 Members Complaints.

Hedge, grass and gulley Main Road - blocked gulleys by Corner Pin - light damaged in Church Lane.

It was RESOLVED to report these matters to the appropriate authorities.

18/87.8 'Buses.

The inadequacy of services to Chesterfield and the arbitrary interpretation of the 9am "return ticket" time was discussed. It was RESOLVED to ask the Trent Motor Co. Ltd. to reconsider its policy on returns and routes.

19/87.8 Date of next meeting.

It was RESOLVED to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 5th August 1987, thereafter, circumstances permitting, the usual meeting cycle would be resumed.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

.....Al Bae..... (Chairman).

Minutes of Morton Parish Council meeting held on the 5th August 1987
in the Village Hall, Morton

Present: Councillors Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Shepperson and Mrs. Treweek and Councillors Niblett and Towndrow.
County (and District) Councillor B. Parr in attendance.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. V. Smith and Councillor J.R. Smith.

20/87.8 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 1987 were approved and signed.

21/87.8 National Water Week

The visit had been confirmed for 2pm on the 23rd September 1987 and those wishing to attend should contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

22/87.8 Village Hall (Minutes 86/151 and 15/87.8)

The timer had now been fitted.

23/87.8 Police.

PC 460 Shelley attended and complaints were made about noisy motor cycles on Main and Stretton Roads and Motor cyclists using Pit Lane - a bridlepath - and the old railway line where Mr. B. Hatton had had his dog slightly injured. PC Shelley took notes of the complaints.

24/87.8 Planning

It was RESOLVED to make no representations about the erection of 2 semi-bungalows on Pilsley Road (NED/787/582)

25/87.8 South Eastern Parishes Local Plan.

The adoption of the local plan was noted.

26/87.8 Morton Ejector Station

The uprating by the Severn-Trent Water Authority of the ejector station was noted.

27/87.8 Trent 247 Route

The reply from the District Manager was noted with approval

and the Clerk confirmed that a copy had been sent to the secretary of the Women's Institute.

28/87.8 Finance

Cheques Schedule

(a) The 4 cheques signed since the last meeting were approved.

(b) It was RESOLVED to accept the estimate of £74:00 submitted by Mr. G. Frost for urgent internal repairs to the Village Hall.

(c) Village bonfire and firework display. It was RESOLVED to assist the Management Committee by purchasing fireworks at a cost of £235:00 such sum, as last year, to be reimbursed after the event and again as last year, to extend the Council's insurance to cover the event.

(d) Audit. The district auditor had issued his certificate but had remarked on expenditure incurred by a donation to the District Chairman's Charity Appeal (£10) and the purchase of a wreath (£10) for the war memorial. Members felt strongly that the auditor's comments were uncalled for and that certainly in the case of the wreath it was entirely proper for a council to provide, on behalf of the community, this annual tribute to those from the parish who had made the ultimate sacrifice. It was RESOLVED that a copy of the Clerk's report on the matter be sent to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils for the comments of the Association.

29/87.8 Play Equipment

A Member raised the matter of erecting play equipment on the amenity area by New Street. It was RESOLVED to place the matter on a future agenda, and in the meantime, to ask the owners of the land (Derbyshire County Council) if they would have any objections.

30/87.8 Members' Complaints

Telephone 872276 again was out of order.

Grass from garage site Evershill Lane intruding into nearby gardens.

Parking of vehicles in Evershill Lane near to junction of Stretton Road.

The first two matters will be reported. In the case of the parking, residents should be encouraged to park off the highway but the cars in question, although a nuisance, are safer in the position described than on the main road.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

..... *[Signature]* 16.9.87:Chairman.

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held on the 16th September 1987.

Present: Councillors Mrs. G.H. Bacon, Mrs. N.K. Shepperson, Mrs. V. Smith, Mrs. M. Treweek and Councillors M. Niblett, D.S. Keeton and J.R. Smith.

County Councillor B. Parr in attendance.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. M. Clark, S.H. Towndrow and District Councillor R.J. Beaver.

31/87.8 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August 1987 were approved and signed.

32/87.8 Trent 247 route.

New ticket machines are to be introduced from the 21st September 1987 but an assurance had been given that this change would not effect the fare structure.

33/87.8 Police.

P.C. Thomson informed Members that a number of motor cyclists had been reported for traffic offences, and that any persons found disturbing residents will, in future, receive only one warning. P.C. Sean Skelton is shortly to join P.C. Thomson in this area and P.C. Downes is making slow but positive progress following his accident.

34/87.8 Play Equipment.

No response had been received from the County Council and Councillor Parr will look into the matter.

35/87.8 District Parish Liaison Committee.

This will take place on the 12th October.

36/87.8 Telephone Kiosk.

The reply from British Teleccm explained the Company's policies and that this kiosk was not vandal prone or subject to more than usual faults. The delay in recent repairs was regretted and the council was thanked for drawing it to British Teleccm's attention.

37/87.8 Finance

Cheques Schedule

(a) The signing of 4 cheques was noted.

(b) Audit

The replies of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils' and the District Council confirming the view of the clerk were noted.

38/87.8 D.A.L.C. Annual Meeting.

It was RESOLVED that:

the Parish Council be represented at
the A.G.M. by the Chairman and Clerk.

39/87.8 Village Hall.

A request had been received that Morton School be allowed use of the Hall and the Chairman produced a list of days on which the Hall was available. Such use would be welcomed and it was RESOLVED:

that the Clerk to the Governors be
supplied with the list and requested
to liaise with Mr. S. Gough - the
Hall's booking officer - about dates
and fees.

40/87.8 Literature received.

Pamphlets and circulars had been received from the DALC Derbyshire County Council, Yorkshire Water, "Links", and Chesterfield CND and all were on display to Members.

41/87.8 Members Complaints.

Bacchus Way - grass requires attention.

Church Lane - improper re-instatement following excavations.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

[Signature] 31.10.87....
Chairman.

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MINUTES of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton on
the 21st October 1987

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. G.H. Bacon, Mrs. M. Clark, Mrs. N.K. Shepperson and Mrs. M. Treweek, and Councillors M. Niblett and S.H. Towndrow.

County Councillor B. Parr in attendance.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D.S. Keeton and District Councillor R.J. Beaver.

42/87.8 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 1987 were approved and signed.

43/87.8 Police

Local youngsters troubling residents had been identified and advised as to their conduct. P.C. Skelton has now commenced his duties. Visitors to the New Street football pitch were causing problems by parking on Main Road on Sunday mornings.

New telephone numbers:

Chesterfield Police Station - 220100
Clay Cross Police Station - 250101

44/87.8 Trent route 247

Following a complaint of overcharging a resident had received a refund and a letter of apology. Instances of overcharging should be reported as soon as possible as the Company is anxious this should not happen.

45/87.8 Play Equipment

Mr. M. Trinor of the County Council had visited, with Councillor Parr, the site and written confirmation of his approval is awaited. The Clerk was asked to obtain costs of a slide and swing and safety surface and present these at a future meeting. The parish precept is limited and the costs may prove prohibitive.

46/87.8 Severn-Trent visit

The Chairman reported on the recent visit to two sites and the Clerk confirmed he had thanked the Authority for its hospitality.

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47/87.8 British Telecom

A new style kiosk is to replace the old one by Sitwell Villas.

It was RESOLVED to ask British Telecom to provide a kiosk in the area of the Corner Pin.

48/87.8 Finance

Two cheques (for Mr. Morton and the poppy wreath) were signed.

49/87.8 Matters concerning the District or County Councils

(a) The pavement near the old schoolroom is being narrowed by grass - this will be reported.

(b) The gulley on Main Road is clear but water from the reclamation site is now rising from a hydrant cover in the road - this too will be reported.

(c) Flooding in Pilsley Road is again causing severe problems. In view of the protracted nature of this complaint it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Mr. D. Skinner M.P. to seek his help in the matter.

(d) A complaint of apparently untreated sewage being spread on land down Evershill Lane will be reported.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

.....*H. Bacon*.....18.11.87.
Chairman.

Minutes of a meeting Morton Parish Council held at Morton on the
18th November 1987

Present: Councillors Mrs G H Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs N K Shepperson,
Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek, D S Keeton, M Niblett, J R Smith
and S H Towndrow.

County Councillor B Parr in attendance.

Councillor Mrs G H Bacon in the chair.

A number of parents and children were present who wished to be heard on the matter of policing in the village and before the commencement of the agenda business the Chairman allowed those wishing to speak to do so. It became apparent that a formal complaint had been laid and that and other matters were not within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. At the suggestion of the Chairman the parents said they would be pleased to meet with a senior officer and Pc Thompson, who was present with Sgt. Titterton, offered to make arrangements.

The parents then moved onto other matters which appeared to concern them including the village hall and the uses to which it is presently put. The Chairman then offered to cancel the January 1988 meeting of the Parish Council in order that an open meeting should place between villagers and Members of the Parish Council and Management Committee. All Councillors and others present agreed to this course.

50A/87.8 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st October 1987 were approved and signed.

50/87.8 County Council Tree Scheme

It was RESOLVED to take up the County Council's offer of trees and to order 10 Rowan and 10 Maple whips in containers.

51/87.8 Play Area

The clerk gave costings of various equipment and he was requested to enquire about the possibility of grants.

52/87.88 Untreated Sewage

A reply had been received from the water authority which was at variance to the complainant's version and Cllr. Mrs Clark offered to show the letter to Mrs Rowarth for her comments.

53/87.8. Flooding at Pilsley Road

There had been a swift response from the district council following the intervention of Mr D Skinner MP and action had been promised in the next month. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Skinner.

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54/87.8 D A L C Annual Meeting

The clerk gave a short verbal report on the meeting which he had attended with the Chairman.

55/87.8 Flooding by site of Old Pond

A Member complained of flooding at this spot and this will be drawn to the attention of the highway authority.

56/87.8 Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman reported that for the second year the Vicar had been late despite an assurance to her that the ceremony would take place at 11 am. He had been seen since by the Chairman and had promised a written apology for this meeting but this had not been delivered.

It was RESOLVED that in 1988 the silence shall commence at 11 am sharp with the laying of the first wreath 2 minutes later thus keeping with the established practice of the village.

57/87.8 Finance

Cheques Schedule: two cheques (for the council's insurance policy and servicing of the boiler) were signed.

Precept: the clerk gave details of the allowance for 1988/89 and

It was RESOLVED that the precept for 1988/89 be in the sum of £1911.00 and that the district council be so informed.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman

MINUTES of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Morton on the 16th December 1987.

Present: Councillors Mrs. G.H. Bacon, Mrs. N.K. Shepperson, Mrs. M. Treweek, M. Niblett and D.S. Keeton.

District Councillor R.J. Beaver in attendance.

Councillor Mrs. G.H. Bacon in the Chair

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. M. Clark, Mrs. V. Smith, J.R. Smith and County Councillor B. Parr.

58.87/8 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November 1987 were approved and signed.

59.87/8 Police

A letter from the Chief Superintendent outlining policing policies was noted.

Light. An outside light at the bungalow opposite Piewhite Lane which is obstrusive to drivers will be reported.

60.87/8 British Telecom

The provision of a kiosk near to Pilsley Road/Station Road was not possible but British Telecom consider that the kiosk by the Village Hall would be better placed by moving it to nearer the area of the school and post office.

It was RESOLVED to ask British Telecom to move the kiosk to a suitable position near the village Post Office.

61.87/8 Play Area

The Clerk was requested to enquire the level of grants available from the Sports Council and other bodies.

62.87/8 Christmas Tree

The Headmaster, Mr. J. Harrop, had written thanking Members for the gift of a tree to the school.

63.87/8 Finance

One cheque (£13 for tree) was signed.

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64.87/8 Matters concerning the District Council

Evershill Close parking

Councillor Beaver announced that it was intended to tarmac the garage area, and to make provision for more parking space in the Close. Members were delighted at this news and thanked Councillor Beaver for his help.

New Street - alterations to properties

Councillor Beaver said he would ascertain the position concerning houses which have undergone internal modification.

Pit Yard

The work at the Pit Yard is to allow the building of a car park and the destruction of trees, although to be deplored, is because of this work. There are no Tree Preservation Orders in force in that area.

65.87/8 Pavements

Many pavements had been marked for repairs but few had received any attention. This, and the generally poor condition of pavements throughout the village, will be reported.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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Chairman. 17.2.88.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman thanked Members for their help during the year and wished all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.