

MINUTES of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held on the 17th  
February 1988

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

66.87/8 Minutes

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

67.87/8 Police

Children skateboarding onto Main Road were a danger to themselves and others and the names of some thought to be involved were given to the officer. Excessive mud on Evershill Lane was also reported.

68.87/8 Planning

It was RESOLVED to raise no objections to applications NED 188/48 and NED 288/109.

69.87/8 Rainge Opencast Site

The applications for a Compulsory Rights Order and a Rights of Way Order were considered and it was RESOLVED to make no representations on either matter. (The Clerk was asked to enquire of British Coal as to the site's exit and destination of extracted coal).

70.87/8 Flooding, Pilsley Road.

The correspondence received in this matter was noted.

71.87/8 Play Area

It was RESOLVED to take no further action towards a new play area.

72.87/8 District/Parish Liaison Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for the 18th April 1988.

73.87/8 D.A.L.C.

Much literature had been received from the Association all of which is available from the Clerk.

74.87/8 Public Meeting

It was reported that as a result of the meeting Members of the Village Hall Management Committee are to meet representatives of the Playgroup.

75.87/8 Youth Club.

Mrs. Susan Groom, Community Education Tutor, offered to arrange, with the chairman's assistance, a public meeting to test the reaction of parents to a youth club. It was emphasised that parents must, eventually, be responsible for its running although initially some help would be available.

76.87/8 Finance

(a) One cheque (£9:22 for the boiler service) was signed.

(b) Election costs 1987/88

The costs of £467:33 would be paid automatically with the precept.

77.87/8 Members' complaintsWater quality

The very "hard" water being experienced in the village is causing complaints and Severn-Trent will be asked for an explanation.

Bollards

The highway authority will be asked to place bollards on the island at the junction of Church Lane to discourage drivers from churning up the grass.

Road signs

The sign at the joining of Main Road and Station Road is missing and a replacement will be requested.

78.87/8 Village Hall ~~maintenance~~ <sup>maintenance-</sup>

The Management Committee will be advised to seek quotations for the repair/installation of:

Notice Board  
Hand Rail  
Sign

and then to send these to the Clerk.

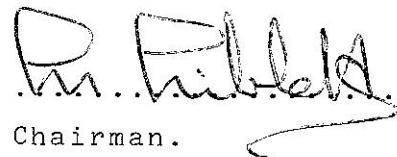
The Clerk will enquire if the Community Programme Agency will consider decorating the hall's interior.

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Emergency Lighting

This had failed the electrical inspection and in view of the need to renew the entertainments licence and the safety of the public it was RESOLVED to authorise the immediate employment of an electrical contractor to repair or replace the defective lights.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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Chairman.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
16TH MARCH, 1988

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

County Councillor B. Parr in attendance.

Councillor M. Niblett in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors Mrs. G.H. Bacon, Mrs. M. Clark and  
Mrs. V. Smith.

79.87/8 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February, 1988  
were approved and signed.

80.87/8 Water Quality - Minute 77.87/88

The response of the Water Authority was not  
satisfactory and the Clerk was asked to write  
again for a proper reply concerning the "hardness"  
of the water supply.

81.87/8 Police

Pc. Skelton reported that the skateboarders had  
all been seen as had the person responsible for  
depositing mud on Evershill Lane. No complaints  
about behaviour by the seat on Stretton Road had  
been reported, but any that were would be attended  
to.

82.87/8 Planning

It was RESOLVED to raise no objection to application  
NED 388/174.

83.87/8 Rainge Opencast Site - Access Points

British Coal's reply having been previously  
circulated to members was noted.

84.87/8 Pavements

The Area Surveyor's outline of future pavement  
improvements was noted and the Chairman urged  
Members to contact the Highways Superintendent  
direct if any path required urgent repair.

85.87/8 Evershill Close Garage Site

The work here has been completed but visitors' cars can still cause problems. Councillor Mrs. M. Treweek is to contact the district council about uncollected refuse apparently due to the lorry being unable to reverse due to unattended cars.

86.87/8 Seat on Stretton Road

Mr. T.E. Smith of 33 Stretton Road had written to the Chairman with copies to some other Members, complaining about the behaviour of youngsters who, he claimed, congregate by the seat. A full discussion took place, to which the two police officers present contributed, and Members felt it was premature to authorise, as Mr. Smith requested, the seat's removal particularly as his was the only complaint before the Council.

It was RESOLVED:

1. Not to authorise the seat's removal.
2. To advise Mr. Smith of that decision, and
3. To further advise Mr. Smith that he should contact the police if further problems arise.

87.87/8 Junction Church Lane/Stretton Road

The Area Surveyor had declined to erect bollards, but the island will be re-seeded and Members accepted this as reasonable.

88.87/8 Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting is in the hall on 18th April commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The emergency lights have been replaced.

Quotations for other work are awaited.

89.87/8 Finance

Cheques. Two cheques (for the D.A.L.C. subscription and the emergency lights) were signed.

Local Authorities (Publicity Account)(Exemption)  
Order 1987

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council shall not spend more than £3,000.00 on publicity in the financial year 1988/1989.

90.87/8 Proposed Youth Club

The public meeting will be held in the school on 22nd April commencing at 7.30 p.m. and Councillor D.S. Keeton was nominated to take the Chair.

91.87/8 Members' Complaints

Road Sign. The street name plate at New Street has been demolished and this will be reported.

Rubble. Rubble on grass near Evershill Close was reported by Councillor Keeton and he will ask the District Council to remove it.

92.87/8 Matters concerning the District Council

Councillor Keeton spoke of his dismay at seeing a report that the District Council is to spend £700.00 on printing a slogan - "defending jobs and services" - on its envelopes. The money could be better spent elsewhere. All members present supported Councillor Keeton's view that the slogan was unnecessary, particularly as the District Council was prone to complaining about lack of money, blaming all but themselves, and its policy of "ratecapping" parishes is well known.

It was RESOLVED that these views be drawn to the attention of the District Council.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

*W. B. Keeton 20.4.88*

Chairman

MINUTES of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held on 20th April 1988

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

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

93.87/8 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 1988 were approved and signed.

94.87/8 Police

It was reported that P.C. M. Downs was now happily back on duty although he was confined to the office for the time being.

95.87/8 Water Quality

A further letter from the Severn-Trent Water Authority admitted a certain "hardness" in the water but a fresh blend was being introduced in an attempt to mitigate this.

96.87/8 Churchyard Memorial Stones

A letter had been received from a Mrs. E. Rowarth about the decision to restrict the choice of headstones. A large variety were already erected and the policy appeared inappropriate to Morton Churchyard. It was RESOLVED to write to the Church Commissioners at Derby and draw their attention to the situation at Morton and the disquiet felt by some residents.

97.87/8 District/Parish Liaison Committee

The Chairman and Clerk reported on their attendance at an interesting and productive meeting. Enquiries would be made about "dog" notices.

98.87/8 District Council Envelope Slogan

The one line reply of the district council was noted.

99.87/8 Village Hall

It was RESOLVED to accept the estimate of £219:00 from D.J. Jondar Esq for various repairs to the hall and notice boards, (this work is completed within two months from his receipt of the order)

and

as the North East Derbyshire YTS had failed to respond to ask if the Amber Valley YTS would be interested in decorating the interior of the hall.

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100.87/8 Finance

One cheque, (£136.26) was signed.

The Audit is scheduled for 6th June 1988.

101.87/8 Matters concerning the District Council  
Land rear of Morton Miners Welfare

Following a minute of the District Council concerning land likely to be offered to the Parish Council and about which the Parish Council had not been consulted the Chairman had spoken to the District's Director of Technical Services. The Director had promised a letter giving full details of the proposed transaction in time for the Parish Council's May meeting.

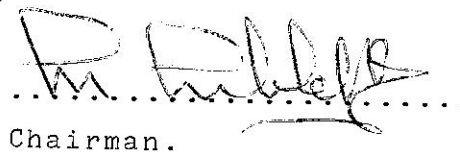
102.87/8 Trees

The sapplings donated by the County Council had been delivered to the Chairman's address and were waiting planting. All volunteers welcome.

103.87/8 Public Meeting - Youth Club

This had had to be cancelled - a fresh date of the 13th May 1988 had been agreed.

Meeting closed 8pm

  
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Chairman.



Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in the Village Hall, Morton, on the 25th May 1988.

Present: Councillors Mrs G H Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs N K Shepperson, Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek, & Councillors D S Keeton, M Niblett, J R Smith & S H Towndrow and Pc Thomson and three members of the public.

Councillor Mrs G H Bacon in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. B Parr and District Cllr R J Beaver.

Minutes: The minutes of the 1987 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on the preceeding twelve months mentioning in particular the tarmacing by Evershill Close, the school christmas tree and the healthy finances of the parish. She thanked Members for their support and also that of the clerk.

Matters Raised by the Public. Three members attended and complained about the seat on Stretton Road near number 38. A petition containing 11 names was handed in demanding it's removal. The police officer said youths had been warned but no offences had been committed. Members of the Parish Council agreed to list the matter for discussion at the next meeting of the Council with a view to authorising the removal of the seat.

There being further business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.

  
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Chairman

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of Morton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 25th May 1988.

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

Councillor Mrs G H Bacon in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr R J Beaver and County Cllr B Parr.

1.88/9 Elections of Officers:

Cllr Mrs G H Bacon declined nomination as Chairman as did Cllrs Mrs M Clark, Mrs. N K Shepperson & Cllrs D S Keeton, S H Towndrow and J R Smith. Cllr M Niblett accepted after due consideration and it was RESOLVED that Cllr M Niblett be elected chairman for the Civic Year 1988/89, whereupon he took the chair.

Cllr Mrs G H Bacon accepted nomination as vice-chairman and it was RESOLVED

that Cllr Mrs G H Bacon be elected vice-chairman for the Civic Year 1988/89.

2.88/9 Representative to Outside Body:

It was RESOLVED

that Cllr. Mrs G H Bacon be the Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

3.88/9. Cheque Signatories:

It was RESOLVED

that the clerk, Mr J I Morton, be added to the list of those authorised (with two others) to sign cheques. (All Councillors are so authorised).

4.88/9 Footpath to cricket ground:

The County Council had refused to make this path a 'definitive' footpath. Due to the short time in which to lodge an appeal the chairman, in consultation with the clerk, had authorised the lodging of an appeal.

It was RESOLVED

to approve of and confirm the action of the chairman and clerk.

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5.88/9 Financial report:

The clerk reported on the financial situation of the Council and balances in hand are adequate. However prudence must continue to be exercised as parish rates are likely to be subject to further restraint by the District Council.

A very modest sum had been spent on the village hall although future expenditure is likely to be higher as the hall badly needs interior decoration and it has proved impossible to obtain assistance from the Community Programme teams.

6.88/9 Venue and Time of Meetings:

It was RESOLVED

that the village hall continue to be the venue and that unless otherwise agreed all meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (excepting August when no meeting will be held) commencing at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.

  
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Chairman

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL, MORTON ON 16TH JUNE, 1988

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

Councillor M. Niblett in the Chair

7.88/9 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April, 1988 were approved and signed.

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May, 1988 were approved and signed.

8.88/9 POLICE

Problems at the Pilsley Road/Station Road junction will be drawn to the attention of the County Surveyor asking for a Prohibition of Waiting Order on Station Road.

9.88/9 PLANNING

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to the proposed alterations at the Live and Let Live Inn and to planning application NED/688539 (Outline application for land at Station Road)

10.88/9 SEAT ON STRETTON ROAD

Further representations had been made by residents and it was RESOLVED

to rescind a previous decision and to remove the seat. The male members of the Council volunteered to undertake this task.

11.88/9 MALTBY AVENUE REFUSE COLLECTION

Following problems of collection in this area it was RESOLVED

to ask the District Council what its policy is on wheelie bins and also to request information about its grass cutting service for elderly residents.

12.88/9 MORTON CHURCHYARD

The reply of the Diocesan Secretary was noted.

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13.88/9 RAINGE OPENCAST INQUIRY

It was reported that the Public Inquiry is still in session.

14.88/9 VILLAGE HALL

In view of the fact that the C.P. workforce have not replied to letters it was RESOLVED

to defer consideration of the interior decoration of the hall until more information has been forthcoming on M.S.C. schemes, or the September meeting, whichever is the earlier.

15.88/9 MORTON MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND

A letter had been received from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation offering land at the rear of the Welfare to the Council. It was stated that the District Council will maintain the ground if the Parish Council bring it up to an acceptable standard. It was RESOLVED

to defer the matter until costs of bringing the ground up to the District Council's standard had been ascertained.

16.88/9 HIGHAM LANE

The attention of the County Surveyor will be drawn to the overgrown hedgerows on this highway which are obstructing the view of drivers.

17.88/9 FOOTPATH WALK

The date and time of the parish footpath walk is to be decided at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.



Chairman