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Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 20th July 1988

Present: Councillors Mrs. M Clark, Mrs V Smith, Mrs. M. Treweek, & Councillors M Niblett, D S Keeton, J R Smith & S H Towndrow.

Councillor M Niblett in the chair

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs G H Bacon and Mrs N K Shepperson and County Councillor B Parr.

18.88/9 Minutes

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

19.88/9 Police

No police officers were present.

A letter from the County Surveyor concerning the junction by the Corner Pin Public House was received and the officer's comments noted.

20.88/9 Planning

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to outside alterations to the Live & Let Live Inn (NED/788/690).

21.88/9 Morton Miners' Welfare (now Morton Manor) - Land

No response had yet been received from the District Council about the cost of bringing the land 'up to standard'. The vendors will be asked to confirm the number of Trustees there will be and the access provisions to the land.

22.88/9 Footpath Walk

The parish's footpaths were discussed and these will all be walked by individual members prior to the next meeting.

23.88/9 Morton Primary School Governing body

As the minor authority the Parish Council is to be allowed only one member. It was RESOLVED

that Cllr. M. Niblett be the Parish Council's nomination to the governing body of Morton Primary School.

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24.88/9 Information Received by the Clerk

The clerk reported receipt of information detailed visits by the County Council's Holiday Book Special 'bus and the District Council's Summer Outreach programme.

25.88/9 D A L C - Local council seminar at Derby

A seminar is to be held in the autumn and the chairman encouraged the attendance of Members - names should be given to the clerk as soon as possible.

26.88/9 Seat - Stretton Road

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter of thanks from a resident following the removal of the seat adjacent to 33 Stretton Road.

27.88/9 Finance

1987/88 figures and balances. The clerk had circulated the audited figures and these were noted.

Cheques. Cheques for Cllr. Bacon, Audit Commission & Fireworks Galore Company were signed.

28.88/9 Clerk

(Mr J I Morton left the meeting at this point and before discussion of the item).

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Chairman

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

Councillor M Niblett in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G H Bacon and Mrs V Smith and D/Councillor R J Beaver.

29.88/9 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 1988 were approved and signed.

30.88/9 Police

Pc Thomson reported that an additional officer had now taken up his duties in the area including Morton. This news was welcomed by Members.

31.88/9 Planning

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to planning applications 788/726 and 988/932.

32.88/9 Footpath Walks

Various Members had undertaken walks on the parish's definitive footpaths and only No. 5 appeared to be a problem. This was boggy and had very high grass and it's condition will be reported.

33.88/9 District/Parish Liaison Committee

The next meeting scheduled for the 24th October.

34.88/9 Morton Manor

Letters received from the licensee (Mrs A M Linker) of the club concerning the water supply and car parking were considered at length. The parking is not in dispute the situation of village hall users being clear and the village hall committee is to place a notice in the hall warning users that the car park is solely for patrons of Morton Manor.

Mrs Lineker's concern about the water supply was understood but as the hall's committee had always paid the water rates it appeared that any dispute was between Mrs Lineker & Severn-Trent. No reply had yet been received from the Water authority to the clerk's enquiry and it was felt by Members that no action should be taken until the Authority's position had been made clear and also that in the circumstances it was not for the Parish Council to pay for a new meter. Mrs. Lineker wanted a quick reply but this was not possible. However should the Authority's reply arrive well before the next meeting the Chairman,

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34.88/9 cont:

Vice-chairman and clerk should be able to act on behalf of the council.

It was RESOLVED therefore

to authorise the Chairman, Vice-chairman and clerk to take such action as is necessary if, upon receipt of information from the Severn-Trent Water Authority, it appears that urgent action is required and required before the next meeting.

35.88/9 Village Hall

Decoration: It was RESOLVED that no action be taken towards financing the hall's redecoration.

Treasurer to the Village Hall Management Committee:
The Chairman reported that he felt that the booking officer and treasurer should be separate people. The hall had a turn over of in excess of £1800.00 and it should be possible to have fairly accurate budget forecasts - these were absent at present. The hall is a registered charity and the treasurer must be a (or become a) member of the management committee. All Councillors were in agreement and asked that the parish clerk undertake the task. Mr Morton replied he would be prepared to if asked by the committee and providing the books were properly audited on a date to be agreed.

The Chairman and the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr. S H Towndrow, would raise the matter at the next meeting of the committee and also suggest that the employment of the caretaker become the responsibility of the parish council.

36.88/9 Casual Vacancy

The clerk reported the resignation of Mr D S Keeton and as no response had been received to the statutory notices the parish council could now proceed to fill, or not to fill, the vacancy.

It was RESOLVED

to fill the vacancy and
to elect Mr Stuart Malcom Checkley of 18 Penfold Way, Morton, to the council.

37.88/9 Football Pitch, New Street

Cllr. Mrs M Treweek complained about the poor state of ground and that the County Council had failed to respond to her requests to cut the grass even though the team had offered to pay. The clerk will write to the Estate's Officer requesting action.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm


Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton on the 19th October 1988

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

County Councillor B Parr in attendance.

Councillor M Niblett in the chair.

38.88/9 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September 1988 were approved and signed.

39.88/9 Police

Pc Thomson was advised of the location and date of the village bonfire and Members expressed concern about the careless use of fireworks by children. The present law on the sale and use of fireworks is unsatisfactory but the onus is clearly upon parents to exercise proper supervision of their children.

40.88/9 Planning

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to the planning applications No's NED/AD/1088/52 and NED/1088/983 Members positively welcoming the latter.

41.88/9 Morton Manor (Water Supply)

Although no response had been forthcoming from the Water Authority to the clerk's letter it appeared that a new supply had been laid to the Manor and the matter resolved.

42.88/9 Morton Manor Recreation Land

The cost of having the land brought up to standard by the District Council is £725.00 plus an unspecified amount for land drainage and weed eradication. In view of the costs it was RESOLVED

that the offer of the land by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation be declined.

43.88/9 District/Parish Liaison Committee

It was RESOLVED

that Cllr. Niblett and Cllr. Mrs Bacon attend the next meeting of the committee and that they may nominate a substitute if necessary.

In Full

44.88/9 Finance

Insurance for the village bonfire would cost £30.00 this year. Cllr. Towndrow, Chairman of the Committee gave an undertaking that the requirements of the insurance company regarding safety would be complied with.

It was RESOLVED

to authorise the purchase of a christmas tree for the village school.

It was RESOLVED

to purchase a wreath to be laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Cheques: Cheques for the clerk's salary & expenses, the insurance and wreath (both mentioned above) were signed.

45.88/9 Village Hall

An estimate for redecoration of the hall had been received just prior to the meeting and it was therefore decided to defer consideration of this until the next meeting.

Caretaker: The Management Committee had asked the Council to 'takeover' the employment of the caretaker. It was RESOLVED

that the Parish Council employ the caretaker as from the 1st January 1989 and for the clerk to prepare a job description and contract.

46.88/9 Cllr R J Beaver

It was reported that Cllr Beaver was now back at home and hopefully on the way to a complete recovery.

47.88/9 Leaf Fall

The dangers of falling leaves were discussed and efforts will be made to encourage the highway department to give greater attention to this yearly problem.

48.88/9 Pavement - Main Road

The pavement below the White House, Main Road was in a poor state and this will be reported.

Meeting closed 8.05pm


Chairman

N.B. Due to Christmas the December meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the second Wednesday, i.e. the 14th December.

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then fixing the minutes
of the meeting of 16
November 1988.

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Chair to the Council.

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on the 16th November 1988

Present: Cllrs. Mrs G H Bacon Mrs M Clark Mrs N K Shepperson
Mrs M Treweek & Cllrs Checklin, Niblett & Towndrow.

County Councillor B Parr in attendance.

Cllr M Niblett in the chair.

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

49.88/9 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October
1988 were approved and signed.

50.88/9 Police

Police are aware of rubbish dumping on Stretton Road &
investigations are in hand. An accident at the Corner
Pin had deterred parking for a few days but this was now
as bad as ever.

51.88/9 Planning

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to planning application No.
NED/1088/1070.

52.88/9 Training Courses

The National Association of Local Councils is offering
training courses for councillors and details were
circulated.

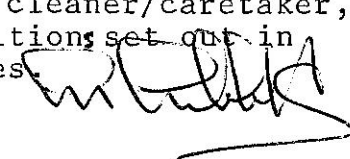
53.88/9 Village Hall

It was RESOLVED

to accept Mr R Birkin's quotation of £875.00 for the
interior and exterior decoration of the hall.

Caretaker - the cleaning of the hall at the moment was
unsatisfactory and with the Parish Council taking on the
employment of the caretaker it was clearly necessary to
produce a job description & contract. After much
discussion it was RESOLVED

to offer Mrs M Gough, the existing cleaner/caretaker,
the position on the terms and conditions set out in
the letter attached to these minutes.



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54.88/9 Bonfire/Firework Display

Arrangements this year were described as a 'shambles' with a nett profit of about £100.00. The Village Hall Committee had reimbursed the Parish Council for the fireworks but it must now be questioned if the Firework display can be viable without the bonfire. The subject will be placed on the agenda early next year for further discussion.

55.88/9 Dog Warden

The District Council had written asking if there was a "stray dog problem" in Morton and what sum would the Parish Council be prepared to contribute to the cost of employing a dog warden.

It was RESOLVED

to advise the District Council - that no problem of strays existed in Morton and that no contribution to the costs of a dog warden would be forthcoming.

56.88/9 Cllr Mrs G H Bacon

Cllr Mrs Bacon announced that she had resigned from the Clay Cross Community Education Council as she had no confidence that the Council served any useful purpose.

57.88/9 Finance

Two cheques - for the boiler service and renewal of the Council's insurance were signed.

At this point the clerk left the meeting.

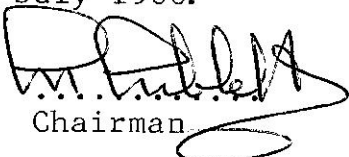
58.88/9 Clerk's Salary

Member's considered a report by the clerk and

RESOLVED

that the recommendations of the National Association be accepted, & that the clerk's salary be increased to £492.00 per annum back dated to 1 July 1988.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm


Chairman

Morton Parish Council

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Clerk to the Council

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2/88, November 1988

Dear Mrs Gough

As I am sure you are aware the Parish Council is to take over the employment of the Village Hall caretaker as from the 1 January 1989.

Councillors would like you to carry on but wish the position to be put on a firmer footing, not least, for your benefit.

I am therefore authorised to offer you employment as the cleaner/caretaker of the Village Hall, Morton, as from the 1 January 1989 when the following conditions of service will apply.

Wages to be in accordance with Grade 1 of the Manual Workers grade presently £2.596p per hour. Future wage increases to be in accordance with nationally agreed settlements (usually effective each September).

Wages to be paid calendar monthly in arrears and by cheque.

Hours to be six per week split between 4 hours on a Monday and 2 on a Friday such time to be spent cleaning and such other duties as necessary in the hall.

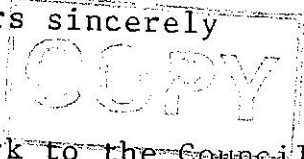
The ad hoc opening and closing arrangements to continue for the time being.

A job description is attached to this letter.

As you will see your monthly wages will rise to £67.51 - a big improvement - and I hope you will not think the job description too formidable. It does, I think, cover most matters and intended for guidance as to the standards required by the Parish Council.

It is intended to review the hours and opening/closing arrangements early in the new year and if, as I hope you do, accept my offer it will be for a trial period of two months. Please let me know by signing and returning the enclosed copy letter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely


Clerk to the Council.



Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton on the 14 December 1988

Present: Councillors Mrs G H Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs N K Shepperson, Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek & S M Checklin, M P Niblett & S H Towndrow.

Councillor M P Niblett in the chair

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J R Smith & County Cllr B Parr.

59/88/9 Minutes

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

60.88/9 Police

Further dumping by Stretton Road was reported & some of this appeared to be from a tipper type vehicle. Also rubble has been deposited by the Corner Pin. Investigations are proceeding but nothing can be done without firm evidence.

61.88/9 Finance

Cheques: Two cheques for the clerk's salary & the christmas trees were signed.

Village Hall Caretaker: The clerk reported that Mrs M Gough had signed her contract of employment.

Village Hall Tables: These had been ordered and delivery was expected shortly.

Precept: The district Council had notified the clerk of the parish's spending limit for 1989/90 this being £2003.00.

It was RESOLVED

to issue a precept in the sum of £2003.00, and for the benefit of future Councillors to note with regret the District Council's continued policy of restricting parishes from deciding their own financial requirements.

62.88/9 Correspondence

Mr J Harrop, Headmaster of Morton School, had written thanking the Council for its donation of funds to provide christmas trees for the school.

63.88/9 Footpath

It was reported that the handrail was missing from the footpath bridge and if the address of the owner can be ascertained he will be asked to reinstate this.

M P Niblett

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64.88/9 Pavements

Work had been done on the pavements on Main Road and Station Road and some of this was described as "disgraceful". The attention of the Highway Authority will be drawn to this with a request that the defects be put right forthwith.

65.88/9 Seat - Main Road

The seat had been moved across the road to the corner of New Street (whilst pavement repairs had been done) and this was clearly a better and more convenient position.

It was RESOLVED

to request the District Council to allow the seat to remain in it's new position.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm following which the Chairman wished all Members and their families a happy christmas and a peaceful new year.


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Chairman