

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton
on the 19th July 1989

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs NK Shepperson,
Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek, MP Niblett, SM Checklin &
JR Smith.

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr SH Towndrow.

14/90 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 June were
approved and signed.

15/90 Police:

More complaints of motor cyclists using Pit Lane were
made and the officer in attendance said he would note
the concern of Members.

The Chief Constable had written thanking the Parish
Council for its support but said that warning signs
were a matter for the highway authority. County
Councillor Mrs Treweek will raise the matter and the
clerk will also write to the County Council requesting
that consideration be given to erecting signs.

16/90 Footpath - Evershill Lane to cricket ground.

The verbal report of the clerk was noted and
approved.

17/90 Rainge Opencast Site:

The Council approved of the attendance of Councillor
Mrs Smith in place of Councillor JR Smith who was
unable to attend the first Liaison Committee meeting.
Cllr. Mrs Smith thereupon gave a comprehensive report
of the meeting. Much information had been gleaned
from British Coal and it was decided to wait until the
site is in operation before taking up the offer of
a meeting with the site manager.

18/90 Finance:

The Council's books are presently in for audit and
the Chairman and Clerk will collect these from the
Auditor on the 27 July.

Meeting closed at 7.34pm


Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton
on 20 September 1989

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs NK Shepperson, Mrs. V Smith, MP Niblett, J Smith, and SH Towndrow.

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Clark, Mrs M Treweek, SM Checklin and ~~District~~ Cllr. B Parr.

19/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 July 1989 were approved and signed.

20/90 Police:

Two police officers were present and they advised Members that the local officers were looking into the complaints of motor cyclists using Pit Lane.

21/89 Planning:

Applications No's NED/789/762 & LB/889/860 had been objected to by the Chairman & Vice-Chairman - this action being necessary because of the August break - and it was RESOLVED, Councillors Mrs. V. Smith & J.R. Smith voting against,

- a/ to approve their actions, and
- b/ to make no objections to application NED/989/949.

22/89 Speed Limit Warning Signs:

The County Surveyor had replied to the Clerk's letter to the effect that he did not think the 'Nottingham' type signs were very effective and none are to be erected in Derbyshire. Members reluctantly accepted this but generally felt his decision to be not in keeping with their own observations.

23/89 National Tree Week:

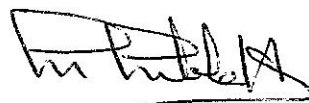
The reply of the County Estates Officer is still awaited when the location of the proposed Centenary Wood at Morton may be known.

24/89 District/Parish Liaison Committee:

The next meeting is on the 23 October 1989 and representatives will be named at the next meeting.

25/89 Biennial Conference of Local Councillors:

The date of the 1990 Conference was noted and this item will be considered again when Members are more aware of their future commitments.



26/89 Rainge Opencast Site:

Cllr Mrs V Smith reported on the latest meeting of the Site Liaison Committee. Shirland are wanting more lights on Stretton Road and a 'Pelican' crossing near Shirland School. Mud is already being brought off the site and this will be mentioned at the next committee meeting and the police will also be informed.

27/89 Finance:

The District Council had asked for a financial contribution towards a fund to oppose Sheffield's desire to take over Killamarsh and Ridgeway in the North of the district. It is doubtful if this is a proper use of parish funds and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had declined to authorise a contribution. It was RESOLVED that their actions be approved.

Grants:

Four organisations had asked for financial assistance and it was RESOLVED

to refuse the application of 'B' Coy, Derbyshire Cadet Battalion (Stonebroom Detachment) and in accordance with minute 86/150 to distribute equally to - Morton Playschool - £33.33.
and Morton Holy Croos Church - £33.33.
and Morton St John Ambulance - £33.33.
the 1989/90 grants budget.

Cheques: The following cheques were signed:
£67.51 M Gough, salary.

£33.33. Morton Playschool.	} Grants.
£33.33. Morton Holy Cross Church.	
£33.33 Morton St John Ambulance.	

Cheques signed previously in August:

£67.51 M Gough, salary.
£ 9.89 British Gas, boiler service.
£53.00 DALC fee.

28/90 Matters concerning the District Council:

Dustbins: These are still being left on pavements and 'anywhere' and this will be drawn to the attention of the District Council as will the need for a replacement litter bin on the island by the Village Hall.

29/90 Matters concerning the County Council:

There appears to be unnecessary delay in making good road excavations and the number of holes requiring attention will be drawn to the attention of the Area Surveyor.



30/90 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

The AGM of the Association is on the 14 October 1989 a date inconvenient to most present. However it was hoped to send a delegate to vote against the proposal to increase subscriptions, in Morton's case by as much as 62.92%.

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The meeting was attended by Mr G Whitmore and at the invitation of the Chairman Mr. Whitmore spoke on two matters which concerned him. In neither was it appropriate for the Parish Council to become involved and Mr Whitmore thanked Members for their attention and time.

Meeting closed at 8pm.


Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at
Morton on the 18 October 1989

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs
NK Shepperson, Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek,
SM Checklin, MP Niblett, JR Smith & SH Towndrow.

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor
B Parr.

31/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September
1989 were, with the insertion at minute 21/89 after
the word "resolved" of the words "Councillors Mrs V
Smith and JR Smith voting against", approved and signed.

32/90 Police:

Pc M Noakes introduced himself as the new Morton officer.
An eye was being kept for motor cyclists using Pit
Lane and Pc Noakes said he would look out for children
playing near the former air-raid shelter at Morton
School. The problem of cyclists riding without
lights, particularly children, was raised as this
practice is most dangerous.

33/90 Planning:

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to applications numbered
NED/989/997 and NED989/984.

34/90 Wheeled Bins:

The Director of Technical Services had replied to
the Clerk's letter saying that fresh instructions
were to be issued to the refuse collectors and
Members generally felt there had been some improvement
although the bins were still not being returned to
every property.

35/90 Reinstatement Works:

No reply had yet been received from the Area Surveyor.

36/90 Delayed letters to Councillors:

Royal Mail letters had acknowledged the Clerk's
complaint but an explanation for the recent delays
had not yet been forthcoming.

For File

37/90 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

It was RESOLVED

that Councillors Mrs GH Bacon and SH Towndrow represent the Council at the meeting of Parish and District Councils to be held on the 29 November 1989.

The Annual Conference of Village Halls is to take place at Matlock shortly and the Village Hall Management intend to send some five delegates. In view of this it was not thought necessary for anyone to go from the Council.

The DALC's Annual Report is with the clerk and available to any Councillor wishing to read it.

38/90 Finance:

Cheques: Cheques for the caretaker's wages and clerk's salary were signed.

Bank Charges: The clerk reported that these may well rise due to the District Auditor's continuing requirement that 'paid' cheques must be exhibited with invoices. Every effort will be made to persuade the bank to keep charges to a minimum.

Bonfire Insurance: The Clerk had, as in the past, asked the Council's insurers to cover the bonfire and firework display and he anticipated the premium being, as last year, £30.00. Several Members felt that with the Council now paying the caretaker's wages, and this premium, that these costs should be born in mind in the event of the Village Hall Management Committee asking for further financial assistance and the overall feeling of Members appeared to be that that point of view was reasonable and that it should be here recorded.

39/90 Exclusion of Press and Public:

Owing to the confidential nature of the following item of business it was RESOLVED

that the public and press be excluded.

40/90 Clerk's Salary:

The National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks had reached agreement on the 1989 salary increases the rate for part-time clerks being raised from 64% to 70% of the present formula and it was RESOLVED

that the Clerk's salary be raised as nationally agreed to £538 per annum back dated to 1 July 1989.

The public were now invited to return to the meeting.

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41/90 Parish/Liaison Committee:It was RESOLVED

that Councillor MP Niblett and the Clerk represent the Council at the Committee's next meeting.

42/90 Footpath Evershill lane to Cricket Ground:

The Clerk reported that the application was now with the Department of the Environment awaiting final determination.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak on the future of the cricket ground and on general matters concerning the above and other footpaths.

On resumption of the meeting.

43/90 Land to rear of Morton Manor:


Councillor JR Smith raised this matter as he was concerned that perhaps the Council had missed an opportunity to acquire recreational land. The Council had originally declined the offer from Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation as the costs demanded by the District Council to rehabilitate the ground were extortionate. (Minute No. 42.88/9). Perhaps no harm could come from asking the price required and taking up the offer of a visit from a Coal Industry officer.
It was RESOLVED

to invite a Coal Industry representative to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

44/90 Footpaths Talk:

The Ramblers Association is organising an evening with a speaker at Clay Cross Social Centre on the 17 November 1989 and all Members are invited.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm


CHAIRMAN

Minutes of a Meeting of Morton Parish Council held at
Morton on 15 November 1989

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon Mrs M Clark Mrs V
Smith Mrs M Treweek SM Checklin MP Niblett
& JR Smith.

District Councillor B Parr in attendance.

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs
NK Shepperson and SH Towndrow.

45/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 October
1989 were approved and signed.

46/90 Police:

Pc Noakes reported that the old air raid shelter at
the school had been sealed but that he would continue
to monitor children playing in that area. "Beat"
notifications had been issued concerning cyclists
riding without lights - a county wide problem. No
more complaints had been received by the police
about motor cyclists on Pit Lane and bonfire night
had passed without incident.

47/90 Planning:

The clerk explained the District Council's new
procedures in regard to planning applications.

It was RESOLVED

to make no objections to application No. NED/1189/1180.

48/90 Road Reinstatements:

The clerk had previously circulated the Area Surveyor's
letter outlining the procedures on reinstatement works
and Members felt there was no alternative but to accept
that little could be done to speed up works.

49/90 Delayed Letters:

Royal Mail Letters had replied to the clerk's complaint
and could offer no explanation for the delay recently
suffered but did apologise for the inconvenience caused.

for E. Niblett

50/90 Parish Liaison Committee:

The Chairman reported on the recently held committee meeting where amongst other matters the unsatisfactory refuse collection service was debated. Some areas, including Morton, suffer badly but others, even nearby, do not and the Director appears to be at a loss what to now suggest. Closer supervision of the operatives appears to be necessary and Members here will continue to monitor the situation. The overall impression of the Chairman is that the Committee appears to be presented with a "cut and dried" District Council view and that little is gained by the parishes although it is still important to attend.

51/90 Morton Miners' Welfare Recreational Land:

The Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) had confirmed that the land is still available and that an officer is prepared to meet the Parish Council. It was considered that this recreational land should come under the auspices of the Parish Council and it was RESOLVED

to notify the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation that the Parish Council now wishes to take over the land and that CISWO make, in consultation and agreement with the Parish Council, the necessary arrangements,

to, because of the above resolution, to rescind minute No. 42.88/9,

to invite a representative of CISWO to meet Parish Council Members on site to enable the boundary to be checked.

52/90 Finance:

Cheques signed as follows:
 MP Niblett £4.93
 Alferton Print & Copy Centre £28.75
 British Gas £9.89
 Municipal Mutual £30.00 and £167.67.
 James Harwood Ltd £103.50
 Audit Commission £66.70
 Mrs M Gough £67.51
 Royal British Legion £12.00 **
 Morton Holy Cross Cubs £5.00 **

In the instances ** above it was RESOLVED to make a donation of £2.50 to the Royal British Legion over and above the cost of the Remembrance Day wreath and to make a donation of £5.00 to the Cubs in acknowledgement of the excellent job they made of cleaning the War Memorial site.

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52/90 cont:

Disposal of old filing cabinet:

This was of no value being very old and well used and it was RESOLVED

to authorise Cllr JR Smith to find a suitable disposal method.

Morton Holy Cross Church Grant:

It was reported that the Church is grateful for the recent grant but that the cost of maintaining the churchyard was ever increasing and a considerable burden.

It was RESOLVED

that in future years a grant for churchyard maintenance be considered separately to other requests and that suitable provision be made in the 1990 budget.

53/90 Standing Orders:

The adoption of formal written standing orders was considered together with the Clerk's report on the "model" orders available from the County Association. In general it was felt that although there is merit in having written orders they were unnecessary for the business of a small council and it was

RESOLVED

that no action be taken to adopt written standing orders.

54/90 Matters concerning the District Council:

Parking - Evershill Close.

The problems here persist and are not helped by the reluctance of some motorists to use the small parking area by the garages. A light there might assist and the Clerk had already written to the District Council asking for this to be considered.

55/90 Matters concerning the County Council:

The County Council is keen to promote the recycling of waste and had asked for details of any local groups engaged in collection. There did not appear to be any but Members would encourage the installation of more bottle banks and paper disposal points although it was accepted that in a village the size of Morton these would hardly be viable.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm


Chairman

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton on the 30th November 1989 at Morton School.

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs NK Shepperson, Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek, MP Niblett, JR Smith & SH Towndrow.

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr SM Checklin.

56/90 Planning:

The Chairman had called the meeting primarily to discuss application No.NED/1189/1205 as a reply was required well before the next scheduled meeting.

All Members had previously been sent a plan of the proposal and it was RESOLVED


to make no objections to the application numbered above.

57/90 Meeting with Representative of the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation concerning land to rear of Morton Manor:

Several dates had been offered and it was RESOLVED

to request that a representative of CISWO meet the Parish on Wednesday the 13th December 1989 at 3pm Members to assemble at the Village Hall prior to proceeding to the site.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm


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Chairman

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Morton on the 20 December 1989

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs NK Shepperson, Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Teweek, MP Niblett & SH Towndrow.

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor JR Smith and District Councillor B Parr.

58/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 November 1989 were approved and signed.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 30 November 1989 were approved and signed.

59/90 Police:

A Member complained of a group of youths who had caused problems and the officer present said they had been seen and warned as to their future conduct.

(At the conclusion of the formal business the officer showed the Chief Constable's video on the Force Objectives and Members expressed appreciation at being given the opportunity to see this interesting film).

60/90 Finance:

The following cheques were signed:

D C C £6.00

Gough £67.51

Morton £187.33

Marshall £9.60

On behalf of the school the Council were thanked for again providing the christmas trees at a cost of £9.60.

The Clerk reported that the District Council required notice of the 1990/91 precept by the end of January 1990 and that he was preparing a budget and precept requirement for submission to the January meeting of the Parish Council.

61/90 Morton Miners' Welfare Land:

The clerk submitted a report (circulated to all Members prior to the meeting) about the recent site meeting. Members who had attended felt strongly that the Parish Council should have control of all the land and that none should be sold off by British Coal. This was the general view of all Members and it was RESOLVED

that the Clerk confirms with Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation that the Parish Council wishes to take over all the land and that the Coal Industry Welfare Social Welfare Organisation be therefore requested to withdraw from negotiations with the unnamed private person to allow this to take place.

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Chairman

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman wished all a happy christmas and a peaceful new year. Meeting closed at 7.20pm.