

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton  
on the 17 January 1990

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

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair

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

62/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 December 1989  
were approved as a correct record and signed.

63/90 Police:

No police officers were present and no matters  
concerning the police were raised.

64/90 Morton Manor Land:

A letter had been received from the Coal Industry  
Social Welfare Organisation acknowledging the Council's  
wish to have all the land and that the matter was  
now being discussed with the Charity Commissioners.

65/90 Village Hall:

Cllr Mrs M Treweek raised the matter of damage alledged  
to have been done by the Youth Club and the delay in  
notification. There appered to be some dispute about  
when the hall was checked and clearly there needs to be  
a more formal method concerning lettings. However it  
was generally felt that the matter was essentially between  
the Hall's Management Committee and the hirer.

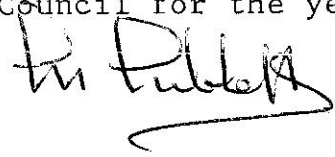
66/90 Finance:

Cheque. One cheque for Mrs Gough's wages was signed.

Budget & Precept 1990/91:

The Clerk had prepared a budget for the coming year and  
and with the amendment of the sum allowed for grants to  
voluntary bodies being reduced to £50 and that to the church  
being increased to £100, such amendments having no effect  
on the total budget, it was

RESOLVED to approve the budget as shown in the appendix  
to these minutes AND  
to set a Precept upon the District Council for the year  
1990/91 in the sum of £2865.00.



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Bottle Bank:

The District Council had advised the Council of local sites but that one had not yet been found in Morton. It was

RESOLVED to request the District Council that it considers land to the north of Pilsley Road railway bridge for the location of a bottle bank.

68/90

Footpath to Morton Manor Land:

This footpath is not on the definitive map and as it gives pedestrian access to the land the Council hope to acquire it's status requires careful investigation. It was felt premature to seek 'definitive' status yet as if the land is taken into Council ownership the 'path, no doubt, will be part of the transaction. County Councillor Mrs Treweek offered to make enquires at County Offices and report back and her offer was accepted.

69/90

Toilet Accommodation in Village Hall:

The toilets in the hall are inadequate and it was mentioned in the budget report that perhaps some thought should be given to their replacement. Plans will be expensive but are necessary to give precise costings and when seeking planning consent. The clerk advised that there was money in balances to meet those costs but not enough to meet the costs of building. Members felt that preliminary moves should be made and Cllr Mrs Bacon will approach a local surveyor in the first instance. It was reported that the owner of the Manor still claimed that the hall's tiny car park was her's and the clerk was asked to bring the deeds of the hall to the next Council meeting so that the matter may be further discussed.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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Chairman

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Morton Parish Council.

Budget & Precept 1990/91.

1. General Administration.

Clerk's salary	580	
Postage, stationary, phone etc.	200	
Office allowance	98	
Audit Fee	72	= £1300
Members travel	15	
Conference fees	65	
Subscriptions	62	
Insurances	208	

2. Village Hall.

Caretaker's wages	948	
Boiler service contract	40	= £1215
Fire ext. service	27	
Maintenance contingency	200	

3. Grants to Voluntary Bodies.

Grants fund	50	
Holy Cross Church Graveyard		= £ 150
Maintenance	100	

4. Special and Contingency Funds.

Morton Manor Land		
Acquisition	100	
Policy Initiatives	100	= £ 200

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PRECEPT = £2865  
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Number of Community Charge payers as at commencement of register - 988.

Parish Community Charge ∴ £2.89 per payer.



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Mrs V Smith, Mrs M Treweek, M. Niblett & SH Towndrow.

Councillor M Niblett in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors SM Checklin,  
JR Smith and District Councillor B Parr.

70/90 Minutes:

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were approved as a correct record and signed.

71/90 Police:

Pc Laverick attended and his attention was drawn to  
rubbish being dumped on open land near the bottom of  
the village and to a motor cyclist causing problems near  
to Sitwell Villas. Other motor cyclists were causing  
a nuisance by riding on the pavement in New Street.

72/90 Planning:

7.10pm Prior to this item the Chairman adjourned the meeting for  
a short while to allow residents of New Street to state  
their views on planning application 190/61.

7.35pm The meeting being resumed -

It was RESOLVED to make the following objections to  
planning application 190/61:

that the premises are totally unsuitable for their  
intended use;  
that the parking problems in the street will increase;  
that this residential area is unsuitable for a  
commercial use;  
that the granting of permission to turn terraced houses  
into care homes would create a precedent difficult to  
resist in other areas of the district.

It was further RESOLVED to draw to the attention of the  
Director of Social Services for Derbyshire the circumstan-  
ces of this matter.

It was RESOLVED to make no objections to applications  
No's. 290/87 and 290/102.

73/90 District/Parish Liaison Committee:

It was agreed that Councillor M Niblett & Mrs GH Bacon  
represent the Council at the next meeting.

74/90 Village Hall:

The clerk was asked to contact an architect to ascertain  
the likely costs of drawing up plans for new toilet  
accommodation.

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Boundary of Village Hall:

The Clerk produced the deeds of the village hall and Members agreed that these clearly show that the land by the telephone box is owned by the Parish Council.

75/90

Revised Allowances for Members:

The new scale of allowances was circulated.

76/90

Finance:

Cheques: Two cheques as under were signed.  
M Gough £67.51 wages.  
British Gas £9.89 boiler service.

DAI.C - Revised subscription charges: The subscription for 1990 had increased by over £30 and the clerk was asked to write to the Association's Secretary for an explanation.

Parsons Cont Chesterfield Ltd: A further request for payment had been received but the job had still not been completed despite numerous requests over the last two years. A further request will be made and the clerk was authorised to pay the account when the work is complete.

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Matters concerning the District Council:

A report on the work of the recently appointed dog warden was considered.

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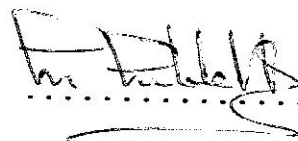
Matters concerning the County Council:

Proposed New Midlands Forest:

The County Council had written asking for the support of organisations in it's bid to the Countryside Commission for a new forest in the Midlands.

It was RESOLVED to support the County Council in it's bid for a new forest to be located in Midlands.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

  
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Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at  
Morton on the 21 March 1990

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

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs  
M Treweek.

79/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 February  
1990 were approved as a correct record and signed.

80/90 Police:

Further problems with the riders of motor cycles  
were reported and Pc Skelton urged Members to ring-  
the station at the time of the alledged nuisance.  
Pc Skelton said he would visit one of the alledged  
culprits and advise him as to his future conduct.

81/90 Planning:

British Telecom had advised that it was intended  
to move the telephone kiosk from outside the village  
hall to near to the post office. Members felt  
unhappy at this, and it was

RESOLVED to invite a representative of British Telecom  
to the village to discuss the proposed re-siting.

82/90 Residential Care Homes:

The County Director of Social Services had yet to  
reply to the clerk's letter.

83/90 Morton Manor Land:

There was no further progress to report on this matter  
which is understood to be in the hands of the Charity  
Commissioners.

84/90 Village Hall Toilet Accommodation:

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs GH Bacon reported on her  
meeting with Mr JB Thompson, Building Consultant.  
The Clerk had also been present and much had been  
discussed for the building, if it is to be improved  
by the installation of new toilets and a ramp for  
the disabled, needs to keep its present character  
if at all possible. The building will be difficult  
to adapt but modern toilets are essential and a ramp  
highly desirable. Any scheme is likely to be  
expensive but until plans are before Members and some  
idea of the likely costs are available no decision  
can be reached as to whether it will be possible

*Mr. Niblett*

84/90 cont

to fund any improvements at all.

It was RESOLVED to instruct Mr Thompson to draw up basic plans on the feasibility of improving the toilets and access and to authorise expenditure to cover his fee of £250.

85/90 Finance:

Manual Workers Settlement 1989/90:

Members considered the clerk's report on the settlement as this concerned the Village Hall Caretaker her wages being governed by Scale 1 of the Manual Workers Scales (Minute No. 53.88/9). The basic rate had been increased to £2.834p per hour back dated to 1 September 1989 and it was

RESOLVED to authorise the clerk to pay the new rate with effect from this month's (March) pay day, and to make back payments of wages to 1 September 1989 in the sum of £35.88p.

Cheque:

One cheque for Mrs M Gough for wages and back pay in the sum of £109.56 was signed.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

The reply of the Deputy Secretary to the clerk's letter questioning the 60% plus increase in the Council's 1990 subscription was discussed and Members felt the reasons for the increase were quite inadequate and without logic. It was

RESOLVED to advise the Association that the new fee is unacceptable and that the Parish Council would be happy to pay an increase based on the rate of inflation but not by the new method.

86/90 Rainge Opencast Site/Road Improvements A61 Junction:

It is understood that coal is now being extracted from the site and that although there is presently activity on the A61 with preparations apparently going on for the installation of new kerb stones there seems to be no action being taken to improve the Stretton Road/A61 junction. As improvements here were part of the planning consent it was

RESOLVED that the County Planning Officer be asked to advise when such improvements are likely to occur and if, in view of the workings, there is now a breach of the planning condition.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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Chairman

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held at Morton  
on 18 April 1990

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

Councillor MP Niblett in the chair

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs V Smith, JR Smith & District Councillor B Parr.

District Councillor RJ Beaver in attendance.

87/90 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 March 1990 were approved as a correct record and signed.

88/90 Police:

Pc Laverick reported that a number of young motor cyclists had been seen with their parents and advised as to their conduct.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow two members of the public to state their views on British Telecom's intentions to resite the telephone kiosk. The Chairman assured them that the Parish Council backed their case and that British Telecom had been asked to send a representative to talk to the Council about the matter.

On the meeting being resumed:

89/90 Rainge Opencast Coal Site:

In response to a letter from the clerk the County Surveyor had stated that the junction of the A61 and the B6014 would be improved during the present operations on the A61. Members were however still convinced that coal was being transported from the site, in breach of the planning consent, although this had been denied at a recent Site Liaison Committee meeting. The County Surveyor had not replied to the clerk's questions on that point and County Councillor Mrs Treweek offered to take the matter up at the County Council and at the next meeting of the Site Liaison Committee. This offer was accepted and the clerk was instructed to write again to the County Surveyor pointing out that if coal is indeed being shipped, without the road improvements called for in the planning consent, a breach of the consent appears to be taking place.

*R. Treweek*



90/90 Village Hall:

Councillor Mrs Bacon reported that Mr JB Thompson had now surveyed the hall and that plans for the proposed alterations should be available shortly.

91/90 Finance:

Cheques - two cheques, for Mr JI Morton £176.60 and Mrs M Gough £73.68 were signed.

Alfreton & District Heritage Trust - The Trust had written seeking a grant or sponsorship towards a booklet it proposes to publish on Alfreton and it's surrounding villages.  
It was RESOLVED

that the Trust be advised that the Parish Council feel the expenditure of public money on such a venture is inappropriate and therefore it's request is refused.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - A further letter had been received from the Deputy Secretary which failed to give any reason at all for the 60% increase demanded for future membership.  
It was RESOLVED

that the Association be advised that the Parish Council intend to let it's membership lapse it being unable to authorise payment of such a vastly increased subscription.

Audit 1989/90 - The clerk reported that the books (subject to audit) balanced, and that the Annual Audit will take place during June.

92/90 Matters concerning the District Council:

It was reported that the road sign at Pilsley Road is missing and that litter bins on the Triangle and by the Corner Pin have been destroyed. Both matters will be reported.

93/90 Matters concerning the County Council:

The bank below the old Pit offices on Main Road again requires attention and this will be reported to the County Estates Officer.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

  
Chairman

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held  
at the Village Hall, Morton, on the 16 May 1990.

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark,  
Mrs V Smith, JR Smith and SH Towndrow.

Pc Laverick, Derbyshire Constabulary.

Councillor Mrs GH Bacon in the Chair.

Apologies for absnce were received from Councillors M Checklin, MP Niblett and Mrs M Treweek & District Councillor B Parr.

Minutes: The minutes of the 1989 Annual Parish meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chairman's Report: In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs GH Bacon gave a short review of the past and passed on the thanks of the Chairman for the help of Members and the clerk.

There being no members of the public present the meeting then closed at 7.03pm.

Chairman

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Morton, on 16 May 1990.

Present: Councillors Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs V Smith, JR Smith and SH Towndrow.

Councillor Mrs GH Bacon in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor SM Checklin, MP Niblett and Mrs M Treweek and District Councillor B Parr.

1/91 Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 1990/1991

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Clark and seconded by Cllr JR Smith that Cllr MP Niblett be nominated as Chairman.

There being no other nomination and Cllr Niblett having signified to Members that he was prepared to accept nomination in his absence it was

RESOLVED that Cllr MP Niblett be elected Chairman for the Civic year 1990/91.

2/91 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr SH Towndrow and seconded by Cllr JR Smith that Cllr Mrs GH Bacon be nominated as Vice-Chairman.

There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs GH Bacon be elected Vice-Chairman for the Civic Year 1990/91.

3/91 Representative to the Village Hall Management Committee

It was

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs GH Bacon be the Parish Council's representative on the Committee.

4/91 Cheque Signatories

It was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council's cheque signatories be Cllrs MP Niblett, Mrs GH Bacon, Mrs M Clark, Mrs V Smith and the clerk Mr JI Morton and that the Council's bankers be so advised.

5/91 Meetings--1990/91

It was

RESOLVED that the Council continues to meet in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month except in August when no meeting will be held.

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 the 20 June 1990

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

Councilbr MP Niblett in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs NK Shepperson, Mrs M Treweek & SM Checklin.

- 6/91 Minutes: All the Council's books being with the District Auditor for the Annual Audit the minutes of the meetings held on the 18 April and the 16 May 1990 were deferred for consideration at the next meeting.
- 7/91 Police: Damage had been caused to a seat and broken glass had been found by the swings. These matters will be dealt with by Members. The use of bad language by village youths was drawn to the attention of the officer.
- 8/91 Planning: Cllr Mrs GH Bacon reported that permission had been refused for the conversion of dwelling houses in New St to residential accommodation for the handicapped and this information was welcomed by Members.
- 9/91 Village Hall: Mr JB Thompson had submitted plans aimed to improve the toilet accommodation and to give disabled access. No allowance had been made to give access to under the floor and this will be mentioned to Mr Thompson. The plans showed an extension to the kitchen which may, or may not, be necessary but better and bigger toilets are clearly needed and the drawings show an attractive way of overcoming the problems of an old but substantial building. Members felt that the idea of a chair lift up the entrance steps may be better than a ramp and after a full debate it was RESOLVED
1. to authorise Mr JB Thompson to act as agent for the Council and for him to apply for planning permission for,
  2. extensions to form a larger kitchen and toilet area, and for him,
  3. to delete from the plans the proposed disabled access ramp,
  4. to investigate an access to the underfloor space,
  5. to investigate a weather proof chair lift.
- 10/91 Finance: The signing of cheque for Mrs Gough - caretaker - wages for June was approved.

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11/91      War Memorial:      The Imperial War Museum is undertaking, with the help of parishes, a nationwide survey of war memorials and had sought the help of this Council. It is a four year project and the information required is formidable. Following a suggestion from the Clerk it was decided to ask the Headmaster of Morton School if he would be prepared to assist by using the project as part of the local history teaching of school and the Chairman undertook to see the Headmaster and report back to Members.

12/91      Rainge Opencast Site:      It is still claimed that lorries are travelling through the village although both the County Council and British Coal deny it. The matter will again be mentioned at the Site Liaison Committee but the registered numbers of vehicles, and the time and place when seen, are really required before effective action by British Coal can be expected.

Meeting closed at 7.4pm

  
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Chairman