

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on the 12th January, 1994.

Present. Mr. S.M. Checklin, Mrs. M. Treweek, Mr. J.R. Smith, Mrs. V. Smith, Mr. D.S. Keeton, Mr. E.A. Treweek. Mr. T. Carlin and Mr. A. Holden.

Apologies. Mrs. G. Ward.

2. 94 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meetings held on the 17th November and 22nd December 1993 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

3. 94 **Police.** P.C. Chidlow was asked about the incident last week when intruders at Morton Service Station were chased from the scene by 3 officers. P.C. Chidlow outlined the circumstances of the incident and also the fact that during December 1993 there were no reported crimes in Morton. P.C. Chidlow was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

4. 94 **Planning.** None.

5. 94 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Next meeting is not until February.

6. 94 **Finance.** a) Clerk's wages and expenses £94 . 10.

7. 94 **Parish Council Land.** After much discussion it was decided to withdraw from the joint tree planting scheme with Shirland and Higham Parish Council. Also, the sub-committee is disbanded forthwith and any future decisions regarding the Council's land will be made at full Parish Council Meetings.

8. 94 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed including DCC's Social Services Draught Community Care Plan 1994/95 and the NEDDC's minutes which were both taken for perusal by the Chairman. Letters of thanks were received from the Head of the Primary School for the Christmas trees and Morton PCC for the grant of £200. A letter has been received from Mrs. G. Ward who has reluctantly tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk had prepared notices advertising the vacancy which will now be displayed; if within 14 working days (Monday to Friday) 10 or more persons have written to the Chief Executive of NEDDC requesting an election a by-election will have to be held. If not, then the Parish Council can, if it so wishes, co-opt someone to the position.

9. 94 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr. Checklin reported that at the site meeting with NEDDC on 20-12-93 concerning the vandalism of trees planted at Station Road, Morton it was decided to review the situation at the end of January, 1994 as there had been no worsening of the damage recently.

10. 94 **Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr. Keeton mentioned the problem of some fairly large potholes which have appeared during the recent bad weather and Mrs. Treweek will raise the matter with the County Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.35.p.m.

Chairman. *J.M. [Signature]* 16.2.94

**Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on the 16th February, 1994.**

**Present.** Mr. S.M. Checklin, Mrs. V. Smith, Mr. D.S. Keeton, Mr. T. Carlin, Mrs. M. Treweek and Mr. B. Darby.

**Apologies.** Mr. J. R. Smith, Mr. E.A. Treweek and Mr. A. Holden.

**81/94 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January, 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**82/94 Police.** WPC Taylor attended for this item. Mr. Keeton reported cars speeding on and off the land outside the Village Hall and also inappropriate use of the land and buildings thereabouts. WPC Taylor was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.

**83/94 Parish Council Vacancy.** NEDDC have written to confirm that an election will not be needed and Mr. B. Darby was duly proposed and seconded to be co-opted to the vacancy which he was pleased to accept. Mr. Darby then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**84/94 Planning.** There were no objections to the Corner Pin Motors amended scheme.

**85/94 Rainge Opencast Site.** Mrs. Treweek attended a site meeting on the 16-2-94 and despite some delays due to the weather the scheme is now back on schedule. Completion is due for 1995 but it is possible that this may have to be extended.

**86/94 Finance.**

a) Proglaze - new windows	£4,200 . 00
b) NEDDC - Christmas Trees	51 . 12
c) DALC Annual Membership	118 . 49
d) Clerk's wages and expenses	95 . 03
e) Mr. A. Larner - decorating	648 . 00
f) Mr. G. Ward - Nursery lock	68 . 38

**87/94 Parish Council Land.** It was decided to discuss this issue at 7.00.p.m. on the 16th March, 1994 immediately before the next Parish Council meeting.

**88/94 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present.

**89/94 Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

**90/94 Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr. Keeton mentioned the disabled access slopes at the end of Evershill Lane and on Holland Close the gradients of which are too steep. Also, the problem of water draining across Higham Lane about half the way down. Mrs. Treweek will raise these matters with the appropriate Departments at the County Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30.p.m.

**Chairman.** *In the*

*16-3-94.*

Minutes of a meeting of Morton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on the 16th March, 1994.

Present. Mr. S.M. Checklin, Mrs. V. Smith, Mrs. M. Treweek, Mr. E.A. Treweek, Mr. J.R. Smith and Mr. B. Darby.

Apologies. Mr. D.S. Keeton, Mr. T. Carlin and Mr. A. Holden.

94 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th February, 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

94 Police. WPC Taylor attended for this item. Motorbikes and horse riding on the Parish Council land were reported again and the Police will try and keep an eye on the situation.

94 Planning. None.

94 Rainge Opencast Site. There has not been a meeting since the 16-2-94.

94 Finance. a) Clerk's wages and expenses £91 . 39

94 Parish Council Land. Mrs. Treweek will speak to Mr. Bentley at NEDDC regarding plans for the land and the disused Railway Line in order that any work may be co-ordinated between the two parties. Also the NEDDC Solicitor will be consulted regarding the possibility of setting up a separate committee to administer the land. The Clerk will bring the deeds to the next meeting.

94 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. It was unanimously decided to instruct the District Council to carry out the repairs to the rocking horse at an approximate cost of £135. Following minor complaints about the decorating it was decided to ask the decorator to give a quote for painting the stage in the same colour; the small items requiring attention could be carried out at the same time. Mr. Smith registered his objection to this decision.

94 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

94 Matters concerning the County Council. Mrs. Treweek will again raise the problem of water draining across Higham Lane. Mr. Darby asked about the Doe Hill scheme and hopefully this will not be coming through Morton by road unless the firm take the matter to appeal and win.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10.p.m.

Chairman. *In the*

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 20th April 1994.

- 100/94 Members Present. Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby and Mrs M. Treweek.
- 101/94 Apologies. Mr J.R. Smith, Mr A. Holden, Mr D.S. Keeton and Mr T. Carlin.
- 102/94 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 103/94 Police. P.C. Betts attended for this item only. Youths causing a nuisance around the Morton Manor building next to the Village Hall were reported again; this was noted and cars speeding on and off the car park will be reported to the Traffic Division. P.C. Betts was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.
- 104/94 Planning. There were no objections to the proposed single storey pitched roof side extension at Monabren Cottage, Pilsley Road, Morton for David Hadfield. The letter regarding the proposed extension to Doe Hill House Opencast Coal Site, Tibshelf code no. CMS/793/49 was taken by Mrs Smith and will be returned at the next meeting.
- 105/94 Rainge Opencast Site. None.
- 106/94 Finance.
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| a). Clerk's wages and expenses              | £ 111 . 95 |
| b). Mr A. Larner - decorating               | £ 135 . 00 |
| c). Morton Parochial Church Council - Grant | £ 200 . 00 |
- 107/94 Parish Council Land. NEDDC have sent a map asking for the area of land owned by the Parish Council to be marked out. The Clerk did this and will also confirm that Red Lane is the official access route to the Parish Council land. Discussion also took place about the poor state of the football pitch and it was decided that Mrs Smith will ask representatives of the football clubs to attend the meeting on the 15th June 1994. Also, Pugh Lewis will be asked to provide a quote for improving the drainage on the land.
- 108/94 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit will be carried out on the 1st July 1994 at 11:45am. The Notice of Audit and the Annual Parish Meeting notices were given out for display within the Village.
- 109/94 Matters concerning the District Council. None.
- 110/94 Matters concerning the County Council. None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:05pm.

Chairman

15-6-94



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 18th May 1994.*

**Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby Mrs M. Treweek Mr D.S. Neeton and Mr T. Carlin.

**Apologies.** Mr J.R. Smith and Mr A. Holden.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the 1993 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

**Chairman's Report.** The Chairman Mr S. M. Checklin thanked everyone for their efforts during the past year. Mr Checklin reported that during the last year new windows had been provided throughout the Village Hall and internal decorating had also been carried out. Hopefully, some progress can be made during 1994/95 towards improving the Parish Council's land. Overall the progress made to date is very positive.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 7:55pm.

**Chairman**

19 May 1995



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 18th May 1994.

**1/95 Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr D.S. Keeton and Mr T. Carlin.

**2/95 Apologies.** Mr J.R. Smith and Mr A. Holden.

**3/95 Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 1994/95.** Mr S.M. Checklin was proposed and seconded for the office of Chairman.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Mr S.M. Checklin be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 1994/95.

**4/95 Election of Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1994/95.** Mrs V. Smith was proposed and seconded for the office of Vice - Chairman.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Mrs V. Smith be elected Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1994/95.

**5/95 Representative to the Village Hall Management Committee.** Mrs M. Treweek was proposed and seconded as the Parish Council representative on the VHMC for the year 1994/95.

**6/95 Parish Council Land.** Mr B. Darby was nominated as the Council's liason officer for the development of the land and will report all details and any progress to the monthly Parish Council meetings.

**7/95 Cheque Signatories.** It was resolved that the Parish Council's cheque signatories shall remain as Councillors Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr S.M. Checklin and the Clerk Mr P. Goodwin.

**8/95 Meetings 1994/95.** 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.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Chairman

15th June 1994



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 15th June 1994.

- 9 95 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr D.S. Keeton and Mr J.R. Smith.
- 10 95 **Apologies.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr A. Holden and Mr T. Carlin.
- 11 95 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 1994 and those of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th May 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 12 95 **Police.** Problems concerning Morton Manor were raised again and Mrs Treweek reported that if improvements are not made it is possible that the District Council could place an enforcement order on the premises. Litter tipping on the outskirts of the Village was also brought to the attention of the Police.
- 13 95 **Planning.** There were no objections to the proposed erection of a building for the repair and maintenance of hire vehicles at Old Pit Yard, Main Road and the proposed two storey side extension at 35 Bacchus Way, Morton.
- 14 95 **Rainge Opencast Site.** None.
- 15 95 **Finance.**
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| a). Clerk's wages and expenses              | £ 110 . 30 |
| b). NEDDC - repairs to Play Area            | £ 118 . 96 |
| c). N.E. Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau  | £ 50 . 00  |
| d). Derbyshire Coalition of Disabled People | £ 50 . 00  |
- 16 95 **Parish Council Land.** Strenuous efforts will be made in the next two weeks to obtain quotes for proper drainage of the land. The Secretary of Tupton Tornados has written to ask permission for their two teams to play on the land for the 1994/95 season. Also, two representatives of Mickley F.C. attended the meeting for this item only to ask permission to use the pitch for the forthcoming season. After much discussion it was decided to let both teams use the pitch free of charge for one more season but that once the drainage problem has been rectified a charge will have to be made for the 1995/96 season. The Clerk will write to both sides in order to confirm this.
- 17 95 **Centre of England Tree.** Mr Darby introduced this item and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Barrett will be approached by Mr Darby to seek approval for the planting of a replacement tree; hopefully this will then be planted at the appropriate time later in the year.
- 18 95 **Grants.** Two grants of £50 each were unanimously agreed for North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau and the Derbyshire Coalition of Disabled People.
- 19 95 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Heated discussion took place about the Doe Hill House Opencast Site, Tibshelf and members had to agree to differ over the way to approach the difficulty. The local Labour Party will continue to pursue their objection to the routing of lorries through Morton Village.



20/95 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

21/95 Matters concerning the County Council. Mrs Treweek will follow-up the alterations to the kerbs on Holland Close and Evershill Lane. A pothole on Higham Lane was reported by Mr Darby which is potentially quite dangerous; Mrs Treweek will take this up with the Highways Dept.

The meeting was declared closed at 10:05pm.

Chairman

17th August 1994

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# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th August 1994.

- 22 95 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr J.R. Smith and Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 23 95 **Apologies.** Mr A. Holden, Mrs V. Smith, Mr D.S. Keeton and Mr T. Carlin.
- 24 95 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th June 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 25 95 **Police.** Mr Darby reported vandal damage to the rear of the Village Hall and the continuing problem of youngsters loitering around this vicinity needs addressing by the Police.
- 26 95 **Planning.** A number of approved applications were distributed amongst the members present and there were no objections to the new applications which had already been communicated verbally to either the Chair or the Vice Chair.
- 27 95 **Rainge Opencast Site.** The next meeting is not until the 24th August 1994.
- 28 95 **Finance.**
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| a). Clerk's wages and expenses           | £ 223 .16 |
| b). Audit Commission - Audit Fee 1993/94 | £ 115 .27 |
- The Clerk also reported that the District Auditor had asked that all quotes for work tendered for by the Council must show the amounts in the minutes. Also, any grants made must state that this is being done under Section 137; the Council again considered the Fidelity insurance cover which it was decided would not be increased from £2,000.
- 29 95 **Parish Council Land - Drainage.** Mr Darby and Mr Treweek have now met with a representative of NEDDC and a quote for this work should be received shortly; it has not been possible to obtain any other quotes for this work. Also, it may be possible to incorporate some tree planting on this area and obtain a grant from the Department of the Environment.
- 30 95 **Pit Wheels / Memorial Railings.** It was decided that Mrs Treweek will speak to the Derbyshire County Council and NEDDC regarding the siting of the pit wheel on Morton Pit Tip at Main Road before a price is obtained from Mr Hudson for moving the wheel. It was unanimously agreed that the memorial railings should now be painted as soon as possible and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr A. Lerner (Decorator) to arrange for this work to be done.
- 31 95 **Children's Play Area.** Mr Checklin read out a letter from a teacher at the Primary School expressing concern at the state of the play area. The Council has spent £546 on repairs over the last 3 years and Mr Checklin will respond to this letter acknowledging the teacher's views.
- 32 95 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present.
- 33 95 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Gulley cleaning on New Street was raised by Mr Darby and it appears that access is a problem but in any case Mrs Treweek will raise this with the District Council.

**34/95** Matters concerning the County Council. None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:15pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. W. O.', written in a cursive style.

Chairman

21st September 1994

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 21st September 1994.

- 35/95 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr D.S. Keeton and Mr T. CANHAM.
- 36/95 **Apologies.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr A. Holden, Mr J.R. Smith and Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 37/95 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th August 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 38/95 **Police.** The ongoing problems of children and young people causing damage to the old Miners Welfare was raised again and it was suggested that a letter be sent to Mansfield Brewery complaining about this.
- 39/95 **Planning.** None.
- 40/95 **Rainge Opencast Site.** The work is still ahead of schedule and the scheme should be finished by 1995.
- 41/95 **Finance.**
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| a). Clerk's wages and expenses      | £ 112 . 68 |
| b). Domestic Service Care Ltd.      | £ 117 . 50 |
| c). Morton Mother and Toddler Group | £ 50 . 00  |
| d). Morton Playgroup                | £ 50 . 00  |
- A grant of £50 each was unanimously approved for both the Morton Mother and Toddler Group and the Morton Playgroup. It was also agreed to take out an annual service agreement with Domestic Service Care Ltd. for the central heating system at a current cost of £117.50 per annum.
- 42/95 **Parish Council Land - Drainage.** Two representatives of the Tupton Tornadoes F.C. attended the meeting in order to discuss this issue. The quote received from NEDDC of some £7,000 to carry out the work on a phased basis was not acceptable to the Parish Council. Mr Darby and Mr Treweek will meet with the Football Club representatives to see what a lesser scheme might cost and a further quote will be presented to the Parish Council.
- 43/95 **Siting of the Pit Wheel.** Mrs Treweek is still waiting for further news from the County Council regarding this matter.
- 44/95 **State of the area surrounding the Village Hall.** Much discussion took place about the general untidiness of this area and it was decided that perhaps the only practical solution would be for members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee to arrange to clean and tidy-up around the Village Hall periodically; this proposal will be suggested to the Village Hall Management Committee. The Clerk will also write to Mrs Jones again about the state of her hedge and contact the County Council to find out further details of their Grounds Maintenance work.
- 45/95 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. It was decided not to reimburse the cost of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme as this would set a precedent within the Village.

- 46/95 Matters concerning the District Council. Mrs Treweek will contact NEDDC regarding the problem of weeds and overgrown hedges throughout the Village and also to see if any action can be taken regarding the appalling state of the area around the old Miners Welfare.
- 47/95 Matters concerning the County Council. None.

The meeting was declared closed at 10:15pm.

Chairman

19th October 1994

*M. Treweek*

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 19th October 1994.

48 95 **Members Present.** Mr S. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr D.S. Keeton.

49 95 **Apologies.** Mr A. Holden, Mr J.R. Smith, Mr T. Carlin and Mr E.A. Treweek.

50 95 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to £8,000 being replaced with £7,000 and Mr T. Carlin stated as present at the meeting.

51 95 **Police.** The Clerk read out a letter from Mansfield Brewery regarding the problems being encountered with Morton Manor. This was discussed again but the only solution would appear to be if a buyer is found for the property and obviously once occupied the damage would hopefully diminish. Mr Darby raised potential dangerous parking on the junction of New Street/Main Road and the Police indicated that this would depend upon the opinion of the officer attending the scene. At this point the Police were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

52 95 **Planning.** The Rainge scheme is now proposed to be extended by 6 months to 6 years and 6 months. There were no objections to this. The news that after 6 months the Doe Hill Scheme will use rail instead of road was well received. There were no objections to the proposed Agricultural Building at the site on Pilsley Road, Morton for Andrew Burton.

53 95 **Rainge Opencast Site.** None.

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54 95 <b><u>Finance.</u></b> a). Clerk's wages and expenses	111	85
b). Morton VPMC - 11 months rent	77	00
c). Morton Colliery Cricket Club	500	00

55 95 **Parish Council Land.** Mr Checklin mentioned that he had met with Mr Bentley from NEDDC and Mr Taylor from DCC regarding their plans for the old railway line and surrounding area. It may be possible to incorporate the pit wheels into this scheme. Further details are to be sent to the Parish Council about possible grant applications which we may be able to make. Mr Darby then presented a quote received from J.R. Broomhead for the drainage improvement to the football pitch at a price of £1,263 net. This was unanimously accepted and work will now commence as soon as possible.

56 95 **Cricket Pavilion.** Following an earlier presentation from members of the Cricket Club a letter was read out asking for financial help towards the cost of a new Pavilion. After much discussion it was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £500 to the Cricket Club and grants in future years will have to be applied for at the appropriate time.

57 95 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. A letter has been received from the VPMC regarding various works which are required to the Village Hall. It was decided to invite their representatives to the November meeting in order to discuss these issues. The Christmas Trees for 1994 were approved one 3 to 4ft and one 5 to 6ft which will be supplied and delivered to Morton Primary School.

**58/95** Matters concerning the District Council. Trees overhanging the Church wall were mentioned and also one of the 'legs' is missing from the street sign on Evershill Close.

**59/95** Matters concerning the County Council. Mr Keeton stated that the 'chevron' signs on Higham Lane are missing.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:45pm.

Chairman

16th November 1994



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 16th November 1994.

- 90 95 **Members Present.** Mr S. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 91 95 **Apologies.** Mr A. Holden, Mr J.R. Smith, Mrs V. Smith, Mr T. Carlin and Mr D.S. Keeton.
- 92 95 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to 21-9-94 replacing 17-8-94 under 'Minutes'.
- 93 95 **Police.** None.
- 94 95 **Planning.** There were no objections to the proposed alterations to the existing vehicular access at 32 Stretton Road, Morton for Ian Bowler.
- 95 95 **Rainge Opencast Site.** The six months extension for the site has been granted and the back-filling is still ahead of schedule..
- 96 95 **Finance.**
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| a). Clerk's wages and expenses              | ✓ 136 | . 00 |
| b). Mr A. Larner - painting of the railings | ✓ 168 | . 00 |
| c). NEDDC - replace rocking horse seat      | ✓ 10  | . 83 |
- 97 95 **Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby reported that the work is now approximately two thirds completed but the remainder will have to wait until the ground conditions are more favourable; this will probably mean that the work will not be finished until April 1995 unless there is a particularly dry spell. The job is proving very difficult due to the poor conditions and there may be an increase on the amount quoted because of the extra labour costs.
- 98 95 **Village Hall Management Committee.** Discussion took place about the works which are required to enable the Village Hall's Public Entertainment Licence to be renewed, namely anti-slip floor covering to the urinals, tiling or glossing to the toilet walls and signs for the men's and women's toilets. The toilet signs will be provided by the VHMC and it was decided that quotes will be obtained for the other work before any decision is made as to how this should be financed. The Clerk will obtain a quote for the painting of the toilets and other quotes, at least three, will be obtained by the VHMC. Mr Towndrow also raised the possibility of replacement lighting, a grant from the Parish Council and disabled access to the Village Hall. The decision regarding a grant will be deferred until the above prices are available, quotes for new light fittings will be obtained by the VHMC and Mrs Treweek will enquire about the possibility of providing access and appropriate toilet facilities for disabled people.
- 99 95 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. This included a thank you letter from the Cricket Club and a report of further vandal damage to a swing cradle on the Bacchus Way play area.
- 100 95 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Following some confusion as to who actually owns the land where the children's playground is situated, Mrs Treweek will make further enquiries with the District Council.



71/95 Matters concerning the County Council. Mr Darby mentioned again that the Streetcleaner has not been on New Street; this is due to access problems but remains of concern to local residents.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:50pm.

Chairman

14th December 1994

*John Lee*

## MORTON PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT 1995/96.

### 1). GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

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Clerk's Salary (950 x £1.28)	1,216
Office and Telephone Allowance	284
Postage, Stationery and Telephone	80
Insurances	800
Audit Fee	140

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2,520

### 2). VILLAGE HALL.

Maintenance Contingency	3,600
Grant towards running costs	400
Hire of hall for meetings	100
Fire extinguisher service	40

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4,140

### 3). GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY BODIES.

General	1,500
Holy Cross Church Graveyard Maintenance	400

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1,900

### 4). SPECIAL AND CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

Maintenance of land	1,600
Policy Initiatives	400

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2,000

**PRECEPT** 10,560

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Rectory Rooms on the 14th December 1994.

- 72/95 **Members Present.** Mr S. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr T. Carlin and Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 73/95 **Apologies.** Mr A. Holden, Mr J.R. Smith Mrs M. Treweek and Mr D.S. Keeton.
- 74/95 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 1994 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 75/95 **Police.** P.C.'s Bishton and Chidlow attended for this item only. Youngsters riding bikes around the Village without helmets and in a dangerous manner were reported to the police. Also, an Astra car speeding around Morton is causing a nuisance although it may be difficult for the police to act on this due to a lack of manpower. The ongoing problems around Morton Manor were briefly discussed including the fire which took place at the rear of the building. There were 9 crimes in Morton during the past month.
- 76/95 **Planning.** Vehicular access at 24 Main Road, Morton for Mr & Mrs A.G. Brindle has been refused by the District Council.
- 77/95 **Rainge Opencast Site.** The work is still well ahead of schedule.
- 78/95 **Finance.** a). Clerk's wages and expenses
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- 79/95 **Parish Council Land.** The drainage work has not been completed and therefore some water is still standing on parts of the pitch. Hopefully this will be improved when the work has been finished.
- 80/95 **Village Hall Management Committee.** To date only one quote for the decorating has been received and at least one more is needed before a decision can be made. No quotes have yet been received for the other works which are required. Mr Towndrow and Mr Gough were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.
- 81/95 **Precept for 1995/96.** The Clerk presented a draft budget for the year 1995/96 to discuss. After a short deliberation Councillors unanimously agreed to set a Precept of £10,560 for the forementioned year.
- 82/95 **Clerk's Wages.** The Clerk's wages from January 1995 were agreed at a figure of £1,216 per annum with office and telephone expenses of £284 per annum.
- 83/95 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present including a letter from the District Council regarding poor attendance at the District/Parish liaison meetings. However, these are normally held on a Wednesday evening which can clash with our own meetings.

84.95 Matters concerning the District Council. The leg on the Evershill Close street sign is still missing. The grass verge on Stretton Road near to the junction with Holland Close has been churned up by Severn Trent and the overgrown hedge and tree at Church Farm have still not been trimmed back. Finally, two raised manhole covers near to the War Memorial have been reported. The Clerk will write to the Council regarding all these matters.

85.95 Matters concerning the County Council. The drains at the bottom of the first hill/bend on Higham Lane going out of Morton are badly blocked with silt and this will be reported by the Clerk.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:50pm.

Chairman

18th January 1995

