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Date: 11 January 1996

To: Adrian Westbury, DALC

VH/Morton

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNTS

My response to your two questions are:

"Should the Village Hall management committee make available their accounts to the Parish Council?"

The answer is 'YES'. The management committee are required to send copies to the Parish Council because their Governing Instrument (the lease and trust deed dated 6 June 1978) says they have to do so (see paragraph 16 of the First Schedule).

It can also be noted that:

- (i) The committee has to present the accounts at the annual general meeting - see paragraph 11(5) in the First Schedule. The annual general meeting is open to all inhabitants of the parish, and should be held this month.
- (ii) The Parish Council has the right to appoint one representative to the committee. Presumably each member of the committee has a copy of the accounts.
- (iii) The law relating to charity accounts is that charity accounts is that charities are required to make their accounts available to the public on request. I enclose a leaflet setting out the new legal requirements. Under the old requirements (which terminate on 31 March 1996) local charities (excluding those for the relief of poverty and ecclesiastical charities) had to submit accounts to their parish council.

So, in conclusion, the accounts of Morton Village Hall are public documents, and they must submit copies to the Parish Council.

"What, if any, action can the Parish Council take to force the management committee to submit accounts?"

I would hope that after the explanation of the above that the committee will make them available. If they are still not forthcoming I would suggest a letter be sent to the Charity Commission, and that DALC consults the NALC to see if any further action can be taken.

Richard Gibbs.

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th January 1996.

85/96 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs P. White and Mr K. Vardy.

86/96 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek and Mr T. Carlin.

87/96 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th December 1995 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

88/96 **Police.** P.C. Betts attended for this item only and reported that there had been no serious increase in crime but the exact figures were not available due to a computer failure. The van parked on the corner of Holland Close is not parked illegally and therefore no action can be taken by the police. Mrs Treweek reported a potential problem with 2 alsation dogs at a farm in Morton. There has been a case of indecent assault on a child in the Village. There being nothing further to report P.C. Betts was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

89/96 **Planning.** Morton Service Station Ltd. are appealing against the District Council's decision to refuse the proposed residential development, (outline application), at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton for Morton Service Station.

90/96 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Work is expected to continue until at least the summer of 1996.

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91/96	<u>Finance.</u> a). Mr A. Larnar - interior decoration	354	. 00
	b). Clerk's wages and expenses	167	. 37

92/96 **Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby reported that the brick foundation for the drain has been ripped apart by vandals. It was decided to leave this until the Spring before any action is taken.

93/96 **Pit Wheel.** Mr Vardy reported that an offer has been made by a firm to split, sandblast and under coat the wheel in Chesterfield at which point it will be stored at Holmewood where the site is apparently fairly secure. A possible location has been suggested for the siting of the wheel and Mrs Treweek will check this out with the District Council who it is thought are the owners of the land in question.

94/96 **Village Hall Management Committee.** Mr Westbury has returned the documents relating to the Village Hall and supplied a letter laying out the Management Committee's obligations regarding the financial records for the Village Hall and that they should be widely publicised within the Village. This will be inserted in the minute book. Mr Westbury has been thanked for his efforts.

95/96 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present.

96/96 **Matters concerning the District Council.** There are two faulty streetlights both of which have been reported.

97/96 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The footpath from the Memorial to Church Farm has been reported by local residents as dangerous due to wet leaves which have now decomposed into a slippery film and the actual surface of the path is sub-standard. There are two raised manhole covers on the footpath at the corner by the Memorial. These matters will be reported to the County Council by the Clerk.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:05pm.

Chairman

21st February 1996

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. J. ...', written over the printed name 'Chairman'.

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 21st February 1996.

- 98.96 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs P. White and Mr K. Vardy.
- 99.96 **Apologies.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr E.A. Treweek and Mr T. Carlin.
- 100.96 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 101.96 **Police.** P.C. Greaves and P.C. McGill attended for this item only and reported that there had been 4 crimes during the past month details of which were not known at present. P.C. Greaves reported that the owner of the dog which was causing some problems locally has now been spoken to. There being no other matters to report the police were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.
- 102.96 **Planning.** There were no objections to the erection of a replacement cricket pavilion at the Cricket Ground, Back Lane or the two storey side extension at 42 Stretton Road, Morton for Mrs S. Bacon.
- 103.96 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Work is still well on schedule for completion at the end of this year.
- 104.96 **Finance.**
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| a). NEDDC - Election expenses 1995 | 37 | 01 |
| b).NEDDC - Supply and deliver Christmas trees | 67 | 63 |
| c).Clerk's wages and expenses | 173 | 52 |
- 105.96 **Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby reported that although the general drainage is much better he has noticed a recent problem with water in one of the goal areas. Vandal damage will be reported immediately if any offenders are recognised. There have been some problems with Village Hall users parking on the Morton Manor land and this needs to be monitored to avoid the situation escalating. Strictly speaking people are only entitled to park in the 2 spaces behind the telephone kiosk but a more discreet approach by the owner would be most welcome.
- 106.96 **Pit Wheel.** This has now been split, sandblasted and painted; the two halves are now stored in the Council yard at Clay Cross. This is promising news and a site is now needed in order for further progress to be made. Mr Darby expressed some local views which he has canvassed that are against the siting of the wheels. However, it has been agreed that they will be sited in the Village and Mrs Treweek will now contact the owners of the land at the top of the steps, (Coalfield Communities), prior to the Clerk writing for permission to use some of the land when he has been notified of the address.

- 107/96 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk read out a letter from the VHMC asking if the Council has a copy of the Trust Deed dated the 6th June 1978 which he presented to those present. The Clerk will write to confirm this and also that Shacklocks will now be asked to look at the central heating system. Stuart Towndrow is apparently contacting a local plumber to attend to the flushing of the urinals. A decision regarding the pebble dashing at the front of the Hall will be deferred until the spring. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr & Mrs D. Hadfield expressing their concern at the lack of streetlighting on Pewitt Lane and Pilsley Road; Mrs Treweek took the letter to check with the District Council which parts of these roads fall within our Parish. Mrs Treweek will then inform the Clerk of the position.
- 108/96 Matters concerning the District Council.** None except that the footpath between the memorial and Church Farm has now been promptly attended to which is most encouraging.
- 109/96 Matters concerning the County Council.** The faulty street lights have now been repaired.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:00pm.

Chairman

20th March 1996

JM Treweek

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 20th March 1996.

- 110 96 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs P. White and Mr K. Vardy.
- 111 96 **Apologies.** Mrs V. Smith and Mr T. Carlin.
- 112 96 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 113 96 **Police.** There have been some more problems with the dogs at Hopkinson's Farm which is actually outside our Parish boundary; the Clerk will report this to the police.
- 114 96 **Planning.** There were no objections to the creation of vehicular access at 128 Main Road, Morton for E. Eyley, extension to rear of garage at 38 Evershill Lane, Morton for Mr & Mrs S.W. Howarth and the first floor rear extension at 26 Evershill Lane, Morton for Mr & Mrs D. Mowbrey.
- 115 96 **Rainge Opencast Site.** There were no objections to the variation to the original application as the work will still be completed within the agreed time schedule.
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| 116 96 | Finance. a). Audit Commission - Audit fee 1994/95 | 116 | 33 |
| | b). Clerk's wages and expenses | 169 | 43 |
| | c). Neil Shacklock - Repair to heating system | 27 | 91 |
| | d). DCIL | 50 | 00 |
- 117 96 **Request for financial assistance - DCDP.** A grant of £50 was proposed, seconded and duly approved.
- 118 96 **Streetlighting.** It has been confirmed that the areas referred to on Pewitt Lane and Pilsley Road are not within our Parish; this matter had been raised by Mr & Mrs D. Hadfield who had also written to ~~Stretton~~ Morton Parish Council who will now presumably be looking into the situation.
- 119 96 **Parish Council Land.** The Clerk was asked to find out the address of Mr S. Parker of Tupton Tornados and write requesting payment of the agreed amount, (£5 per match), together with a separate agreement for the training which is now taking place on a Saturday. Mr Vardy asked about the NEDDC South Eastern Parishes Plan dated 1985 and whether there is any possibility of this being progressed. Mrs Treweek took this document in order to raise the matter with the District Council.
- 120 96 **Pit Wheel.** Mrs Treweek is still waiting for clarification regarding the ownership of the land with regard to the proposed site.
- 121 96 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr S. Gough about the state of the bus shelter opposite his house. It was agreed that all councillors should look at the situation and report back to the next meeting. It was agreed that the rocking horse seat insert should be replaced by the District Council at an estimated cost to this Council of £22.50.

- 122/96 Matters concerning the District Council. The tipping of waste material in Morton Brook was mentioned and Mrs Treweek will report this matter to the District Council.
- 123/96 Matters concerning the County Council. There have been complaints about the poor state of the cutting of grass verges in the Village but there is little that can be done to rectify this because of the type of equipment used.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:00pm.

Chairman 17th April 1996



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th April 1996.

124/96 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs P. White and Mr K. Vardy.

125/96 **Apologies.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr T. Carlin.

126/96 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Pilsley replacing Stretton under minute no. 118/96.

127/96 **Police.** The police were not in attendance but it was noted that there had been a burglary in the Village which had taken place during the afternoon whilst the occupants were visiting hospital.

128/96 **Planning.** None.

129/96 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Work is still several months ahead of schedule.

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130/96 <u>Finance.</u> a). DALC - Annual membership	135	09
b). Clerk's wages and expenses	170	82
c). NEDDC - dog waste bins	376	00

131/96 **Bus Shelter.** It was agreed that the shelter is in an appalling condition. After some discussion it was decided that Mr Checklin should approach the Community Service staff with a view to the shelter being painted in a sandstone type of colour.

132/96 **Parish Council Land.** Mr Treweek reported that one of the drains is blocked behind the goals near the bridge and this needs sorting out before the onset of next winter. Mr Vardy offered to look at this and 'rod' the drain through if possible. Mr Vardy will report the position at the next meeting.

133/96 **Pit Wheel.** There has been no further progress since the last meeting but Mrs Treweek will continue to pursue this matter on the Council's behalf.

134/96 **VHMC.** There has not been a meeting of the VHMC since the last Parish Council meeting on the 20th March 1996.

135/96 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Of particular note was information about the proposed changes to the provision of fire cover in Derbyshire which was distributed to those present at the meeting.

136/96 **Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

137/96 **Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr Darby mentioned the problem of vehicles parking on the pavement and causing an obstruction particularly for people with prams etc. The Clerk will report this to the police when they contact him.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:45pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. J. Lee".

Chairman

22nd May 1996

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 22nd May 1996.

Present. Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr K. Waddy, Mrs P. White and Mr J. Milner - member of the public.

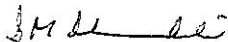
Apologies. Mr T. Carlin.

Minutes. The minutes of the 1995 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. There has been steady but sure progress during the past 12 months and in particular significant expenditure has taken place on the playing field drainage. Further work to the Village Hall in the form of decorating and building repairs has also been done.

Matters Raised by Members of the Public. Mr Milner, who has taken over the Morton Manor building, attended the meeting and gave an update on the progress to date, some of the problems being encountered with vandalism and that the reason for the current delay is due to difficulties in obtaining building regulations from the District Council. Mr Milner was thanked for his attendance and for keeping the Parish Council informed of the current situation.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 8:00pm.



Chairman

21st May 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 22nd May 1996.

1/97 Members Present. Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy and Mrs P. White.

2/97 Apologies. Mr T. Carlin.

3/97 Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 1996/97. 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 1996/97.

4/97 Election of Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1996/97. 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 1996/97.


5/97 Representative to the Village Hall Management Committee. Mrs M. Treweek and Mr S.M. Checklin were proposed and seconded as the Parish Council representatives on the VHMC for the year 1996/97.

6/97 Other Committees of the Parish Council. Mr B. Darby was again 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. Mr Vardy was also nominated to act in this capacity and he too duly accepted.

7/97 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.

8/97 Meetings 1995/96. Despite a request to change the day of the meetings from Wednesday to either Tuesday or Thursday 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 8:35pm.



Chairman

17th June 1996

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 19th June 1996.

- 9.97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr K. Vardy.
- 10.97 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs V. Smith and Mrs P. White.
- 11.97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 1996 and those of the Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd May 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 12.97 **Police.** P.C. Greaves and P.C. McGill attended for this item only. Mr G. Bacon, a local resident, asked about parking off the road on Main Road, Morton and was reassured that there would be no problem with this long standing agreement provided that an obstruction on the pavement is not caused. The vandal damage, and release of cows from a local farm in the early hours of Sunday morning 26th May 1996, were reported to the police. The police were thanked for their attendance and together with Mr Bacon they left the meeting.
- 13.97 **Planning.** The Clerk read out a letter from Mr S. B. Salt of Clay Colliery Company Ltd. regarding their interest in opencasting the land to the east of Mickley Lane. After some discussion it was decided to invite Mr Salt to the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 17 June 1996 at 7.00 pm.
- 14.97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** The next meeting is not until 26 June 1996.
- 15.97 **Finance.** a). Clerk's wages and expenses - June. £ p
177 . 88
- 16.97 **Bus Shelter.** The Clerk was asked to contact Mr A Lerner, decorator in order to obtain a price for the painting of the shelter and also to mention the gold paint on the memorial railings which has faded badly.
- 17.97 **Parish Council Land.** There is ongoing vandal damage but it was decided to leave any repairs until after October when hopefully the situation may have eased. Mr Darby does not feel that the dug-out is dangerous although it has been badly damaged.
- 18.97 **Parish Council Vacancies.** Mr Carlin is no longer a member of the Council and the Clerk will therefore advertise the 2 vacancies after the next meeting on 17 July 1996.
- 19.97 **Pit Wheel.** Mrs Treweek has arranged a site visit on either the 21st or 24th June and following this she will contact the Clerk to arrange a letter to the Planning and Highways Department requesting siting of the wheels on either side of the colliery steps on Main Road.
- 20.97 **Village Hall - Refurbishment.** Mr Vardy mentioned the poor state of the churchyard and after some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Key Services (gardeners), to obtain a price for maintaining the land; Mr Vardy agreed to meet them on site to indicate what work is needed. A quote for £1,700 for knocking off and re-pebble dashing the front and kitchen extension of the Village Hall was received from Allen Contractors which was unanimously accepted; other quotes have been requested but this was the only one available and the work needs to be done soon. Mr Checklin will let the VHMC know of the impending works.

21/97 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Of particular note was a letter from Tupton Tornadoes requesting use of the football pitch again in the 1996/97 season. It was decided to invite a representative of the club to the July meeting in order to confirm the arrangements.

22/97 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

23/97 Matters concerning the County Council. None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm.

Chairman 17th July 1996

John L. L. L.