

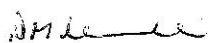
MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

- 24/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs P. White and Mr K. Vardy.
- 25/97 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 26/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 27/97 **Police.** The police had attended the meeting but had to leave due to the presentation taking place by Clay Colliery Company Limited regarding the proposed opencast development. Mr Gough has written to complain about a 56 seater coach belonging to G.A. Holmes taking a short cut through narrow lanes from Morton to Mickley.
- 28/97 **Planning.** There were two applications granted; namely a replacement cattle shed (Conservation Area) at Yew Tree Farm, Church Lane, Morton for S Hollingsworth and a Residential Development (outline application) on land at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton for Morton Service Station. The only application was for Agricultural Determination for the erection of a hay, straw and implement shed at Hagg Farm, Pilsley Road, Morton for Mr H Byard - there were no objections to this.
- 29/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Work is still well on schedule for completion at the end of this year.
- 30/97 **Finance.** a). Clerk's wages and expenses - July
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| 176 | 31 |
- 31/97 **Clay Colliery Company Limited.** Mr S.B. Salt attended with 3 colleagues to give a presentation on the proposed Reclamation and Mining Development, Mickley Farm, Nr Higham. This lasted approximately 30 minutes and was followed by brief questions/comments by those Councillors present. Mr Salt stated the Company's intention to pursue this scheme and the presentation was merely an information giving exercise. Mr Salt and his colleagues were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.
- 32/97 **Tupton Tornadoes.** Mr S Parker attended for this item only. Apparently only approximately 10 matches will be played on the pitch together with some training sessions. Mr Parker offered to pay £50 in advance as payment in full for the 1996/97 season; this was unanimously accepted and Mr Parker was thanked for his attendance.
- 33/97 **Bus Shelter.** The decorator has not been in touch with Mr Checklin and therefore Key Services will be contacted by Mr Vardy for a price to paint the shelter.
- 34/97 **Parish Council Land.** Although not owned by the council a price has now been obtained for cutting the grass in the churchyard. The whole area would cost £130 +V.A.T. per cut but the 2 sections causing most concern would cost £52 + V.A.T. per cut. Mr Vardy will speak to the church representative to obtain their agreement before confirming this price with Key Services.

- 35/97 **Pit Wheel.** Mrs Treweek has obtained the County Council's approval for the siting of the wheel at the old colliery steps on Main Road, Morton. The Clerk has filled out the application as far as possible and all that is now required is a drawing of the proposal to submit with the application. Mrs Treweek will contact both the County and the District Councils in order to obtain their suggestions, prices for the work and a detailed drawing/sketch plan.
- 36/97 **Village Hall Management Committee.** Work has now commenced on the exterior of the Hall and the Clerk was asked to ensure that the pebble-dashing will be carried out to a high standard by the contractor.
- 37/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present, of particular note was a letter and questionnaire from the District Auditor which was signed by Mr Checklin and the information was taken for reading by the Councillors. The County Council are running a roadside poster campaign on safer driving and the 2 sites put forward within Morton were both entrances to the Village. The District Council need to be notified of any missing street nameplates by the 26th July 1996 at the latest.
- 38/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** None.
- 39/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:30 pm.



Chairman

18th September 1996

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 18th September 1996.

- 40/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mrs P. White.
- 41/97 **Apologies.** Mrs V. Smith and Mr K. Vardy.
- 42/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 43/97 **Police.** The police did not attend the meeting and the only item raised was the riding of untaxed motorbikes on public footpaths within the Village; this will again be brought to the attention of the police.
- 44/97 **Planning.** There were no objections to the Agricultural Determination to erect a workshop and tool shed, (Conservation Area), at Yew Tree Farm, Church Lane, Morton for S. Hollingsworth.
- 45/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Work is still well on schedule for completion at the end of this year and Mrs Treweek reported that the road will not be removed at the end of this particular period of work.
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| 46/97 | <u>Finance.</u> | | £ | p |
| | a). Clerk's wages and expenses - August | | 168 | . 73 |
| | b). Allen Construction - work on the Village Hall | | 1,820 | . 00 |
| | c). NEDDC Replace 1 rocking horse seat | | 15 | . 84 |
| | d). Clerk's wages and expenses - September | | 176 | . 77 |
| | e). Mr G. Whitmore - work to the football ground | | 100 | . 00 |
| | f). Fireworks Galore - Annual fireworks display | | 340 | . 00 |
- 47/97 **Responsible Financial Officer.** With effect from the 1st April 1997 each Parish Council is required to have a Responsible Financial Officer and it was proposed, seconded and duly approved that the current Clerk to the Council, Mr P. Goodwin, be appointed as the RFO for Morton Parish Council.
- 48/97 **Bus Shelter.** Mr Gough attended the meeting for this item and expressed his anger at the lack of progress in renovating the bus shelter. However, it was explained that the work could not be carried out until a proper quote for the cost of the work had been received and this did not arrive until late August. M. Kerry has now provided a quote of £180 which was unanimously accepted and the work will be done as quickly as possible. Mr Gough was pleased with this outcome.
- 49/97 **Parish Council Land.** The shelter has now been removed by Mr Whitmore for safety reasons. There has been a strong representation within the Village for the provision of a new and safe children's play area. The County Council has provisionally agreed to lease the land adjacent to the football pitch off New Street, Morton to the Parish Council at a reasonable rate for this purpose. The Clerk will now write to Mr G. Tommy, Director of Technical Services in order to formalise this arrangement and also contact Nova Sport Ltd. in order that an accurate price for the provision of a play area which meets all the appropriate safety standards can be obtained as soon as possible.

- 50/97 Pit Wheel.** Mrs Treweek will try and obtain some plans from the District/County Council for this scheme in order that the Clerk can submit the planning application to the District Council.
- 51/97 Village Hall.** The annual service contract for the central heating system is due for renewal and it was decided that the Clerk should contact Shacklocks heating engineers in order to arrange the annual inspection of the system,(previously arranged by the VHMC), and the service at the same time during February. The service contract with Domestic Servicecare Limited will not therefore be renewed. Mr Checklin will obtain a price for the painting of the front of the Village Hall in order that this work can be carried out prior to the onset of winter.
- 52/97 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. There was no-one available to attend the Annual Civic Service of the District Council or the Annual General Meeting of the Derbyshire Rural Community Council in Ticknall, South Derbyshire.
- 53/97 Matters concerning the District Council.** Several items raised by a member of the public will be pursued by Mrs Treweek including the illegal dumping of unsightly rubbish within the Village.
- 54/97 Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm.

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Chairman

16th October 1996

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 16th October 1996.

55/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr K. Vardy.

56/97 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs V. Smith and Mrs P. White.

57/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th September 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

58/97 **Police.** P.C. Staten attended at the very end of the meeting due to work pressures on the evening and the only item to report was people riding motorcycles on the pit tips without permission on a Sunday afternoon and these may well be untaxed vehicles. P.C. Staten made a note of this complaint.

59/97 **Planning.** There were no objections to the request for vehicular access and a 'stopping-up order' at numbers 128 and 126 Main Road, Morton.

60/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** There has not been a recent meeting.

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| 61/97 | <u>Finance.</u> a). B.J. Allsop - paint exterior of Village Hall | 400 | . 00 |
| | b). NEDDC - emptying of dog waste bins | 29 | . 00 |
| | c). Clerk's wages and expenses - October | 173 | . 53 |
| | d). Key Services - cut grass in churchyard | 122 | . 20 |
| | e). M.J. Kerry Ltd. - Make good and paint bus shelter | 211 | . 50 |
| | f). The Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath | 11 | . 75 |

62/97 **Summer Holiday Playscheme.** Mrs Treweek has made initial inquiries concerning the possibility of holding a joint playscheme with Shirland and Higham Parish Council and will be discussing this matter further with Mr A. Milroy, Community Social Services Manager for the North East Derbyshire area.

63/97 **Parish Council Land - Playground.** A detailed proposal and quote has now been received from Nova Sport Ltd. and a very basic scheme with the appropriate safety flooring will cost almost £11,000. Some discussion took place concerning whether or not it would be feasible to move the existing swings onto the new site. A meeting is needed with the County Council in order to finalise the terms of the lease of the land which they are suggesting would be on an annual rent of £50 with an annual figure of £300 for grass cutting; it is unclear at the moment as to whether we have any choice regarding who cuts the grass. It was decided that Mr Checklin will discuss the matter further with Nova Sport and Mrs Treweek will notify the Clerk if a planning application needs to be submitted for this scheme.

64/97 **Pit Wheel.** Mrs Treweek has obtained the plans from the District Council for the wheels sited in Clay Cross and the Clerk has completed the appropriate planning application forms which he gave to Mrs Treweek. It was decided that because of the inordinate delays experienced with this scheme Mrs Treweek should be given authority to present the application to the District Council together with a request that they agree a scheme for the siting of the wheels and carry out the work on behalf of the Parish Council; this was unanimously endorsed.

- 65/97 **Village Hall.** The exterior painting to the Hall has now been completed. Problems were again encountered with obtaining the keys to the Hall and it was therefore agreed that the Council's set of keys will not in future be released to the VHMC.
- 66/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present including a letter of apology from Mr S. Gough, member of the public, for his behaviour at the last Council meeting and in particular the comments he made to Mr Treweek.
- 67/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Vardy asked what could be done regarding local complaints concerning housing placements and the only advice which can be given is for comments to be forwarded to the Director of Housing at the District Council, Saltergate, Chesterfield.
- 68/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:20pm.

Chairman

20th November 1996



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

69/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr K. Vardy.

70/97 **Apologies.** Mrs P. White.

71/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

72/97 **Police.** The police had rung the Clerk to give their apologies due to staff shortages. The damage caused to the 2 cradle seats on the 8ft swings estimated at £123 to repair has been reported to the Council. Apparently the offenders have been apprehended and it was unanimously agreed that the police should be contacted and asked to pursue this matter as far as possible. Mr Darby again raised the problem of young people riding untaxed motorcycles on the pit tips without permission on a Sunday afternoon; this will again be brought to the attention of the police.

73/97 **Planning.** The proposed opencast coal site, Mickley Farm, Stretton, Derbyshire for Clay Colliery Company Limited, Application Code No.: CM4/1196/53 was presented to the meeting and a detailed and informative discussion took place regarding the scheme. Mrs Smith and Mr Darby were strongly opposed to the scheme, Mr Vardy and Mr Treweek remain open minded as do Mr Checklin and Mrs Treweek who felt that if the scheme is to go ahead we should try and obtain some tangible benefits to the local community as part of the process. It was decided to call a public meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the matter more widely before sending any comments to the County Council; a provisional date of Wednesday 4th December 1996 at 7:30pm was set and the Clerk offered to draw up a notice of the meeting for display around the Village. Any comments/petitions will have to be submitted to the County Council by the 11-12-96 at the very latest.

74/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Nothing new to report this month.

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| 75/97 | Finance. a). NEDDC - emptying of dog waste bins | 8 | 36 |
| | b). Clerk's wages and expenses - November | 184 | 80 |

The Clerk gave a brief resume of the recent training event he attended on the Audit and Account Regulations and permission was given to the purchase of guidance notes up to a value of £15 if needed; the clerk thanked the Council for this. Examples of the new format will be brought to the December meeting for the information of Councillors.

76/97 **Summer Holiday Playscheme.** Mrs Treweek is meeting with Social Services on the 22-11-96 in order to discuss this suggestion in more detail.

77/97 **Parish Council Land - Playground.** Mr Checklin has received a revised scheme and price of £10,800 net from Nova Sport Ltd. After some discussion it was agreed to accept this quote, subject to planning permission being obtained, in order to try and ensure that the equipment is in place for next Spring.

- 78/97 **Pit Wheel.** This project is still in the planning application stage and the District Council are drawing up their proposals for how the wheels are to be sited.
- 79/97 **Village Hall.** None.
- 80/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee of the County Council has written regarding the Derbyshire Speed Challenge and it was decided to ask for 50 copies of the appropriate car stickers which have been produced in support of this campaign.
- 81/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** None.
- 82/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** Mrs Treweek has been asked about the possibility of grit bins being provided in the Village. These would cost £197 each to buy and there would be a refill price of £30.97 each. Because of the amount of money involved this request will be considered at the December meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:45pm.

J. Treweek

Chairman

11th December 1996

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT 1997/98.

1). GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

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| Clerk's Salary (NALC - recommended rate w.e.f. 1-7-96) | 2,220 |
| Office and Telephone Allowance | 360 |
| Postage, Stationery and Telephone | 150 |
| Insurances | 500 |
| Audit Fee | 186 |

3,416

2). VILLAGE HALL.

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| Maintenance Contingency | 3,300 |
| Grant towards running costs | 500 |
| Hire of hall for meetings | 150 |
| Fire extinguisher service | 50 |

4,000

3). GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY BODIES.

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| General | 1,700 |
| Holy Cross Church Graveyard Maintenance | 400 |

2,100

4). SPECIAL AND CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

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| Maintenance of land | 1,700 |
| Policy Initiatives | 400 |

2,100

PRECEPT 11,616

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 11th December 1996.

- 83/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby and Mrs P. White.
- 84/97 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr K. Vardy.
- 85/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th November 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Mr Checklin and Mrs Treweek being removed as in favour of the Clay Colliery Company planning application.
- 86/97 **Police.** PC Potts and WPC Hall attended the meeting for this item only. The damage caused to the 2 cradle seats on the 8ft swings estimated at £123 to repair which was reported to the Council at the last meeting was misleading in so far as the offenders have not been apprehended. The youths concerned were only spoken to with regard to the letting off of fireworks in the vicinity. With reference to the problem of young people riding untaxed motorcycles on the pit tips without permission on a Sunday afternoon the police stated that some new motorcycles have been purchased which would enable the police to follow these offenders much more effectively. Problems with youngsters congregating around the Village Hall and some further vandal damage was raised; there is also apparently some use of drugs in this area. These matters were noted by the police who were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.
- 87/97 **Planning.** None other than the Clerk read out the letter he had sent to the County Council following the Public Meeting which was held to discuss the proposed opencast coal site, Mickley Farm, Stretton, Derbyshire for Clay Colliery Company Limited, Application Code No.: CM4/1196/53.
- 88/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Nothing further to report this month.
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| 89/97 | <u>Finance.</u> | | |
| | a). Clerk's wages and expenses - December | 224 | . 96 |
| | b). VHMC - hire of room from Sept. 95 to Dec. 96 | 112 | . 00 |
| | c). NEDDC - Playground planning application | 40 | . 00 |
- It was unanimously agreed to defer the provision of any grit bins for the time being due to the other financial commitments which the Council has.
- It was decided not to make a grant to the District Council Chairs' Appeal for 1996.
- 90/97 **Precept/Clerk's Wages.** The Clerk presented a draft precept for the year 1997/98 which included the recommended rate of salary with effect from the 1st July 1996. After some discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by 10% from £10,560 to £11,616 due to the current commitments of the Council particularly in respect of the new playground and the pit wheels. The Clerk's wages were agreed to be revised to £2,220 and an office/telephone allowance of £360, as detailed in the proposal, both with effect from the 1st January 1997.
- 91/97 **Accounts and Audit Regulations - 1996.** The Clerk outlined the major implications of these new regulations which come into effect on the 1st April 1997 and presented a spreadsheet which will be used in this respect together with other supporting statements. This will undoubtedly result in extra work particularly at the end of the financial year but hopefully the appropriate documents should be produced in time for the annual audit.

- 92/97 **Parish Council Land - Playground.** The terms of the agreement with the County Council regarding the use of their land for the provision of a playground, and a 25 year lease of the land, were agreed by those present and the Clerk will now submit the planning application to the District Council for this scheme.
- 93/97 **Pit Wheel.** The proposed plans for this project drawn up by the District Council were presented to the meeting for consideration and were unanimously accepted. Mr Darby suggested that at some stage a plaque be erected on the site signifying the dates during which the pit operated. The Clerk will take these plans to the District Council and confirm the Parish Council's acceptance of them.
- 94/97 **Village Hall.** None.
- 95/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk read out a letter from the Environment Agency regarding a Flooding Problems Survey Update and after some discussion it was agreed that Mr Darby will draft out some brief notes on the local problems in time for the January meeting in order that the Clerk can send a well informed response on behalf of the Council. The District Council have appointed a disabled Person's Access Officer, whose name is Mr G. Brentnall, and he can advise on a range of issues if required. We have been notified by the District Council that our contribution due to them in terms of grounds maintenance for the year 1997 is £129 which was accepted as a reasonable figure.
- 96/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** None.
- 97/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr Darby mentioned an increasing problem of pot holes on Main Road, Morton opposite Holly Bush Farm and this will be reported to the Highways Department at Clay Cross by the Clerk.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:20pm.

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Chairman

15th January 1997