

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 15th January 1997.

- 98/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy and Mrs P. White.
- 99/97 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek and Mrs M. Treweek .
- 100/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 1996 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to the Clerk's wages being included as an agenda item at the January meeting and being discussed as a separate item to the precept which was agreed in December.
- 101/97 **Police.** None, as the police were not in attendance at the meeting. However, on his return home the Clerk had a message from PC Vallance apologising for not attending the meeting as he had been called to a road traffic accident resulting from the thick fog on the night. PC Vallance rang back the following evening to check if any police matters had been raised at the meeting which was much appreciated.
- 102/97 **Planning.** There were no objections to the application for an attached garage at 9 Bacchus Way, Morton for Mr T. Pell. The Parish Council's application for a children's playground was noted. The Clerk will follow up the application for the installation of the pit wheels which has not yet appeared on the schedule.
- 103/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Mrs Smith reported that the work should now be completed although she has not received the minutes of the last meeting. Concern was expressed about the fact that the road on the site is being left in place and the Clerk will speak to Mrs Treweek to clarify the position before writing to the County Council stating the Parish Council's wish to ensure that the entrance to the road from Morton is kept secure through the use of gates.
- 104/97 **Finance.** a). Clerk's wages and expenses - January £ p
229 . 36
- 105/97 **Parish Council Land - Playground.** This application has now been registered and a decision by the District Council can be expected in the near future.
- 106/97 **Pit Wheel.** As previously stated the Clerk will follow up the progress on this application with the District Council.
- 107/97 **Village Hall.** The rent for use of the room for Parish Council meetings has now been paid up to and including December 1996.
- 108/97 **Clerk's Wages.** After some discussion and bearing in mind the increased workload involved with the job the Clerk's wages were agreed to be revised to £2,220 and an office/telephone allowance of £360, as previously detailed in the precept, both with effect from the 1st January 1997.

- 109/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Of particular note was a letter from Will Steel, DCC Footpaths Officer, regarding organised walks during 1997. A local person would be needed to arrange and attend the walk and Mrs Smith took the information as there may be someone within the Village who would be prepared to do this.
- 110/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** The sign on New Street, Morton has been knocked down and needs putting back in place; the Clerk will write to the District Council to ask them to do this.
- 111/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The Clerk was asked to write to Bill Cox, Planning Officer, at Derbyshire County Council to ask if the Council has a policy regarding opencasting on non-derelict land. Also, confirmation in writing that drilling has taken place on the Pilsley Road area is requested in order to clarify the likelihood of further opencasting taking place around the Village. The Clerk will try to obtain a price for an extra streetlight on Evershill Lane, Morton as one has been requested by a local resident due to the poor light in this spot; the approximate location where this would be needed is somewhere near to 36 Evershill Lane.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:10pm.

Chairman

19th February 1997

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

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 19th February 1997.

- 112/97 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr E.A. Treweek and Mrs P. White.
- 113/97 **Apologies.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr K. Vardy.
- 114/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 115/97 **Appointment of new Councillors following the advertisement in July 1996.** Two vacancies were advertised in July 1996 and an election was not requested. It is only now that anyone has been available to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mrs G.H. Bacon and Mrs E. Rowarth were both proposed, seconded and duly accepted as Parish Councillors for the Village of Morton. Both new Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office whilst at the meeting.
- 116/97 **Police.** The Clerk read out a letter from Superintendent R.W. Allen which stated that in future the police will not be attending all Parish Council meetings as a matter of course but rather by invitation from either side to discuss an agreed subject matter. The police feel that the second tier of Police Consultative Groups which meet on a police section basis would provide a good forum for an interchange of ideas. The Clerk will try and find out when and where these meetings are held.
- 117/97 **Planning.** The change to the proposed location of the children's play area in Mickley as part of the Clay Colliery Opencast Application was noted. The Parish Council's applications in respect of the new play area and the pit wheels are now both progressing through the planning application system.
- 118/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** Nothing further to report this month although Mrs Smith was asked to follow up on complaints about the state of the public footpath which runs through the site.
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| 119/97 | <u>Finance.</u> | a). Clerk's wages and expenses - February | 227 . 14 |
| | | b). NEDDC - Christmas trees | 69 . 72 |
- 120/97 **Parish Council Land - Playground.** This is now at the planning application stage. Mr Checklin has been asked to contact the County Council with a view to getting the site boundary pegged out. Also, the District Council are sending a brochure on equipment which is accessible by disabled children in wheelchairs for our consideration.
- 121/97 **Pit Wheel.** The planning decision is still awaited for this project.
- 122/97 **Village Hall.** The cost of the hall for Parish Council meetings will rise to £4 per hour with effect from the 1st April 1997. Mrs Bacon will inform the VHMC about the problems which the owner of the old Morton Manor building has had with regard to the removal of some of the rubble on site.

123/97 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Of particular note was a letter from the County Council regarding winter maintenance - Parish priorities. The Clerk was asked to write and confirm that the B6014 road from the A61 through Morton to Tibshelf is our main priority and that Pilsley Road, Morton would be our preferred secondary priority. This Council's opposition to all opencast applications will be confirmed, as requested, with Mrs Hemsley of the Parishes Opposed to Opencast and Landfill group. The provision of an extra streetlamp on Evershill Lane, Morton will only cost in the region of £670 and it was unanimously agreed that the County Council should be asked to go ahead with this scheme. The new lamp will be outside Mrs Rowarth's and her mothers property and they have no objection to it being sited there. The Clerk will notify the District Council about the Church Garden Party and Bonfire Night celebrations for their Events in North East Derbyshire information.

124/97 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

125/97 Matters concerning the County Council. None.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:50pm.

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Chairman

19th March 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 19th March 1997.

- 126/97 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mrs P. White, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs G.H. Bacon and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 127/97 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 128/97 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th February 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 129/97 **Police.** Apparently the second tier of police consultative groups meet in the Sitwell Arms, Morton and the next one will be held on the 21-4-97; Parish Councillors are invited to attend this meeting and the Clerk has asked for written confirmation of the date and time it is to be held. The questionnaire asking for Parish Council comments on the proposed new procedures for police attendance was filled in with our response stating that we strongly prefer a routine police presence at our meetings accepting that this may only be for say 10 minutes.
- 130/97 **Planning.** There were no objections to the proposed replacement overhead power cables at Pewitt Lane. Planning permission has now been granted for both the pit wheels and the children's playground which is obviously good news for the Parish Council.
- 131/97 **Rainge Opencast Site.** A letter has been received from RJB Mining stating their intention to fully repair the footpath which was reported as in a poor state by Mrs Smith. Mrs Treweek will take up with the County Council their apparent suggestion that we could pay 50% of the cost of the gates to the site as this is not acceptable to the Parish Council.
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| 132/97 | <u>Finance.</u> | a). NEDDC - Empty dog waste bins | 29 . 26 |
| | | b). Clerk's wages and expenses - March | 227 . 13 |
| | | c). Neil Shacklock - Service boiler and cooker | 49 . 00 |
- 133/97 **Pit Wheel.** Now that planning permission has been granted Mrs Treweek will arrange a site meeting with the District Council in order that some accurate costs for the completion of the work can be obtained; also, the third party indemnity referred to in the approval notice will be checked out.
- 134/97 **Parish Council Land - Playground.** Mr Checklin is still trying to arrange a site meeting with Simon White of the County Council in order that the site can be pegged out. The planning approval notice stated that the Parish Council should consider the purchase of equipment which is accessible to disabled children and this was noted for future action should sufficient funds become available. Mr Darby reported that the football field is in good condition for this time of year and the expenditure on improving the drainage has proved to be most worthwhile. Apparently the owners of Morton Manor are proposing to put up gates to try and stop cars driving on the front of the property; this would require planning permission and the Parish Council/users of the Village Hall would have to be guaranteed access to the two parking spaces which belong to the Council.

- 135/97 **Village Hall.** The chimney stack over the boiler house was mentioned as a possible hazard although when this was checked out by a builder last year it was not deemed to be in any danger of collapse. This will be looked at again during the next few months. Mrs Bacon asked if the Council ought to apply for listed building status for the Village Hall in order to protect its future; there are positives and negatives with regard to this suggestion and the Clerk was asked to find out more information on the subject to enable an informed decision to be made.
- 136/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. An offer from the DRCC/Health Authority to make a presentation on deprivation and poverty has been received and this would last for approximately 20 to 30 minutes; it was decided to invite them to make the presentation prior to the next meeting at 7:00 on the 16th April 1997. Mr Gough has written to the Council raising his concern at the number of large vehicles travelling down New Street onto Back Lane before returning on to Main Road. This is the first complaint about this matter and as such further local opinion will be sought over the next three months whilst the position is kept under review.
- 137/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** A problem with people tipping rubbish in various locations within the Village was raised and Mrs Treweek will report this matter to the District Council.
- 138/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The nuisance of motorcyclists riding on the land at the back of New Street is still a problem; it was decided that this should be taken up by the Parish Council at the next Police Consultative Group meeting in April.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm.



Chairman

16th April 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 16th April 1997.

- 139/97 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs P. White, Mrs G.H. Bacon and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 140/97 Apologies.** Mr S.M. Checklin.
- 141/97 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 142/97 Police.** Mr Checklin and Mrs Treweek will attend the meeting at Beetwell Street on Monday 21st April 1997 at 7:30pm which is to discuss police attendance at Parish Council meetings. Any councillors who wish to attend the second tier police consultative group meeting should go to The Sitwell Arms also on the 21st April at 7:30pm.
- 143/97 Planning.** There were no objections to the stopping-up of the Highway at 128 Main Road, Morton for Mr E. Eyley.
- 144/97 Opencast Sites.**
- a). **Rainge.** There has been no progress with regard to the clearing of the site and if this has not been done by the promised date of the 1st May 1997 the Clerk will write to RJB Mining to enquire what is happening.
- b). **Mickley Farm.** A bore hole has been drilled near to the brook on Higham Lane and ochre is now leaking into the brook; this will be reported to John Essex at the County Council. Also, barbed wire has been attached to the stile at the entrance to the footpath on Higham Lane and this needs reporting to Lance Turvey at the District Council.
- 145/97 Millenium Celebrations.** £
- 146/97 Finance.**
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| a). Audit Commission - Audit Fee 1995/96 | 118 . 44 |
| b). DALC - Annual Membership | 142 . 39 |
| c). Clerk's wages and expenses - April | 226 . 04 ✓ |
- 147/97 Parish Council Land - Playground.** Mr Darby reported that the land is still draining well and Mrs Smith will find out the current situation from Mr Checklin concerning the pegging out of the land for the playground.
- 148/97 Millenium Event.** Mr Darby had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. It was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss this matter on either Friday 16th May or the 9th May and to invite as many local groups as possible to attend; Mrs Bacon will confirm the date, and the addresses of the organisations to invite, with the Clerk as soon as possible. Also, the Clerk will ask Julian Brandram from the District Council to come on the same evening to talk about Local Agenda 21.

- 149/97 **Pit Wheel.** The approximate price quoted by the District Council to carry out the work was £13,000. It was decided to ask for 3 further quotes and Mrs Smith will act as the first local contact point when the builders visit the site.
- 150/97 **Village Hall.** None.
- 151/97 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. A questionnaire on Rural Services was taken by Mrs Bacon to complete on the Council's behalf. A revised price for the provision of an extra streetlighting column in the correct place on Evershill Lane has been received in the sum of £1,222. Mrs White asked that the Clerk should check out with the EMEB about their free lighting for the Millenium offer before any decision is made.
- 152/97 **Matters concerning the District Council.** None.
- 153/97 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:10pm.

Chairman

18th June 1997



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 21st May 1997.

Present. Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs P. White, Mrs G.H. Bacon and Mrs E. Rowarth.

Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek.

Minutes. The minutes of the 1996 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 with the children's play area and pit wheels projects which will both hopefully be completed during this financial year. The Clerk presented the working trial balance sheet for the financial year 1996/97 which was distributed to all Councillors present and explained in detail by the Clerk.

Matters Raised by Members of the Public. No matters had been raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting and no members of the public attended the meeting.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 7:45pm.

Chairman

20th May 1998



MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 21st May 1997.

- 1/98 **Members Present.** Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs E. Rowarth and Mrs P. White.
- 2/98 **Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek .
- 3/98 **Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 1997/98.** Mrs V. Smith was proposed and seconded for the office of Chairman. Mr Checklin was also proposed but as there was no-one to second this proposal Mrs Smith was duly elected.
- Resolved:** That Councillor Mrs V. Smith be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 1997/98.
- 4/98 **Election of Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1997/98.** Mrs G.H. Bacon was proposed and seconded for the office of Vice - Chairman.
- Resolved:** That Councillor Mrs G.H. Bacon be elected Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1997/98.
- 5/98 **Representative to the Village Hall Management Committee.** Mrs G.H. Bacon and Mrs E. Rowarth were proposed and seconded as the Parish Council representatives on the VHMC for the year 1997/98.
- 6/98 **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. Mrs Smith will continue to attend the school governor's meetings on behalf of the Parish Council
- 7/98 **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.
- 8/98 **Meetings 1997/98.** 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.
- 9/98 **Urgent business items.** Traditionally normal agenda items have not been included as part of the Annual General Meeting. It was proposed and duly resolved that in future the AGM agenda will remain the same as for the ordinary monthly meetings with the obvious inclusion of the first two items which are to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year commencing in 1998.

Mrs Smith presented 2 quotes for the siting of the pit wheels and these were in addition to the approximate costing already received from NEDDC of £13,000. The quote from Atkinson - builder was almost £9,000 net and did not include transport to the site and the hire of subsequent equipment. It was therefore unanimously agreed to accept the quote from G. Brownhill - builder provided that the net price does not increase from £9,810 if the work starts in say 2 months time; the Clerk will raise this matter with the builder and report back to the next meeting.

The Clerk read out a letter from the police following the recent meeting which Mr Checklin attended at Beetwell Street along with all other Parish Councils which looked at the issue of police attendance at Parish Council meetings. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Inspector Monk expressing the Council's strong resentment of the decision not to try and send an officer to each meeting. The minutes of the last police consultative meeting were distributed together with the date of the next meeting which is Monday 21st July 1997 at 7:30pm in the Sitwell Arms, Morton.

Mr Darby asked what, if any, assistance the Council would be giving towards the maintenance of the Churchyard during 1997. After some discussion it was decided that the Clerk should ask Key Services to cut the 3 areas A, C and F once now as soon as possible and once more in September at a price of £97 each time in order to try and keep on top of the situation; attempts will be made to obtain further tenders for the work in time for the 1998 cutting season.

Mrs Smith raised the problem of the apparent sub-letting of the Council's football field by Tupton Tornados which came to light when 2 different teams were found using the pitch without our consent and they stated that Tupton Tornados had given permission for them to use the pitch even quoting the rent which we currently charge the team. It was proposed, seconded and duly resolved that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of Tupton Tornados, Mr S. Parker, stating that they will no longer be able to use the pitch with immediate effect. Mr Treweek also suggested that vehicular access to the land be restricted to the proper route off Red Lane and as this will not cost much to bring into effect the proposal was unanimously carried.

Following the recent public meeting the "Millenium Event" will be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

The children's play area work should be starting in early June and the net cost of the project will be £11,150. The formal lease agreement is still being finalised by the County Council.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Chairman



18th June 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 18th June 1997.

- 10/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr S.M. Checklin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs P. White and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 11/98 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 12/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April 1997 and those of the Annual General Meeting held on the 21st May 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 13/98 **Police.** A member of the public raised a problem with parking outside Holly Bush Farm which is likely to cause an accident at some point. However, the parking is not illegal but the matter will be raised at the next police liaison committee meeting which is to be held at the Sitwell Arms, Morton on the 21st July 1997 at 7:30pm.
- 14/98 **Planning.** There were no objections to the proposed conservatory to the side at 20 Stretton Road, Morton for A. Lowe.
- 15/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.**
- a). **Rainge.** Following the site meeting held recently the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council with copies to Clay Cross Parish Council and Shirland and Higham Parish Council stating that we are unhappy with the footpaths, roads, tree planting and the lagoon; also, the site has not, in our opinion, been restored to anywhere near to the agreed standard at the outset.
- b). **Mickley Farm.** Mrs Treweek has contacted the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environmental Services Committee to arrange a visit to the site at a convenient time. The application is now back to the original stage and will have to be re-submitted to the County Council.
- 16/98 **Finance.**
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| a). Clerk's wages and expenses - June | 229 | 13 ✓ |
- 17/98 **Memorial Railings.** Mr Darby raised the current poor state of the railings and after some discussion it was decided that because of the limited funds available Parish Councillors will carry out this work themselves over the next few months.
- 18/98 **Parish Council Land.** The vehicular access to the land has now been restricted to the proper route off Red Lane at a cost of £30. The County Council football field is overdue for cutting and this will be raised with them. Mr Vardy commented on the messy state of the Churchyard after it had been cut recently by Key Services at our request. The overhanging trees on High Street, Stonebroom near to the Church will be reported to Shirland and Higham Parish Council by the Clerk.

- 19/98 **Millenium Event.** After the public meeting a number of suggestions were made for millenium projects. It was eventually decided to try and take up the idea of publishing a quality book on the history of Morton from the transcript which is already available in the Village. In the first instance Mrs Bacon will approach the appropriate people in order to try and get proceedings started.
- 20/98 **Pit Wheel.** Nothing further to report at present.
- 21/98 **Village Hall.** None.
- 22/98 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The vandal damage to the bench on the old playground requires it to be replaced; it was decided not to do this but just to ask the District Council if they would dispose of the old bench. A drug information leaflet received from the District Council was distributed. There were no nominations for the Chief Constable's Cup 1997. It was decided not to make a grant to the Friends of the School towards the cost of plastic glove puppets for the children to assist with the work around police awareness.
- 23/98 **Matters concerning the District Council.** The wooden footbridge has been vandalised and there is only a low rail at the side of the footpath over the brook near to Sycamore Farm; both of these matters will be reported to Lance Turvey at the District Council by the Clerk together with a request for a general footpath survey to be undertaken within the Village. The hole in the road and poor state of the surface on Pit Lane following work by sub-contractors on the Electricity Company's behalf was brought up; this will be reported to East Midlands Electricity by the Clerk.
- 24/98 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:40pm.



Chairman

16th July 1997