

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

- 25/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs P. White and Mrs G.H. Bacon.
- 26/98 **Apologies.** Mr S.M. Checklin and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 27/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 28/98 **Police.** The crime figures for June were distributed to the meeting. The next police liaison committee meeting is to be held in the Sitwell Arms, Morton at 7:30pm on the 21st July 1997.
- 29/98 **Planning.** There were no objections to the proposed two storey rear extension and single storey side extension at 22 Evershill Lane, Morton for Mr M.W. Quinn.
- 30/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** A reply has been received from Mr Burns at the County Council regarding the concerns which we raised about the restoration of the Rainge Opencast Site. Mr Burns has offered to attend a site meeting with Parish Councillors in order to discuss these issues and the Clerk will now contact him in order to arrange a convenient time to meet.
- 31/98 **Millenium Celebrations.** It was decided by a majority vote of 4 to 3 that the Parish Council should write to Mrs Hallam and Mr Clayton to formally request permission to proceed with the publication of the book on the history of Morton. An appropriately worded letter will be supplied to the Clerk by Mrs Bacon/Mr Darby in order that this can be sent to those concerned on official headed paper.
- 32/98 **Finance.**
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| a). Key Services - grass cutting (Churchyard) | 113 | 98 |
| b). Nova Sport Ltd. - playground | 13,101 | 25 ✓ |
| c). Clerk's wages and expenses - July | 231 | 25 <i>from 231.25</i> |
| d). Mr G. Whitmore - removal of drainage pipes | 30 | 00 |

Auditor's Report. The Clerk reported that Mr Checklin and himself had attended the annual audit which was the first under the new Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996. The audit had gone very well and the only points raised were the need to serially number all invoices received in future, the requirement to draw up a set of standing orders and financial regulations and to ensure that at least some Councillors examine the receipts and payments book on a regular basis.

- 33/98 **Memorial Railings.** It was agreed that Mrs Treweek will purchase the paint and the cost will then be shared between all Parish Councillors.
- 34/98 **Parish Council Land.** Mrs Treweek reported that a Clay Cross men's football team are interested in using the football pitch for the 1997/98 season and she will let the Clerk have the contact name and address as soon as possible. After some discussion it was decided on a majority vote of 6 to 1 to charge £150 in advance for the season with the stipulation that the team are responsible for all the cutting and marking out of the pitch; also, it will be stipulated that the pitch cannot be sub-let to any other teams without the express prior consent of the Parish Council. There is a great deal of concern about the size of the new play equipment and after much debate it was agreed that an urgent site meeting should be arranged with Brian Mallett of Nova Sport in order that the problem can be properly examined. As many Councillors as possible will attend this meeting together with those parents who were originally involved with the scheme.
- 35/98 **Pit Wheel.** The Clerk has now instructed Gary Brownhill, Builder, that he can commence the work at his own convenience in accordance with the detailed quotation which he has provided and which has been handed to Mr Darby for safekeeping/local reference.
- 36/98 **Village Hall.** Mrs Bacon took the 2 invoices from Shacklocks heating engineers in order to clarify with Mr S. Gough if the problems have been satisfactorily resolved before any payment is made. The accounts for the year 1996/97 have been received and were taken by Mr Darby for further scrutiny.
- 37/98 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The request from NEDDC for assistance with the purchase of school milk for 5 to 7 year olds who do not have a school dinner was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the milk on the 2 days not financed by the District Council; for approximately 15 children each day the annual cost to the Parish Council will be in the region of £160.
- 38/98 **Matters concerning the District Council.** The street sign on New Street has still not been put back up and the Clerk will again raise this matter with the District Council. Mr Turvey has still not responded to the points raised with him following the last meeting and Mrs Treweek will now pursue this matter with him.
- 39/98 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The football field has still not been cut and the Clerk will again follow this up with the County Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm.



Chairman

17th September 1997

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At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th September 1997.

39/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr S.M. Checklin and Mrs E. Rowarth.

40/98 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek, Mrs M. Treweek.

41/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to "at the end of New Street" being included immediately before "football field" under minute no. 39/98.

42/98 **Police.** The crime statistics were presented to the meeting and the Clerk read out a letter from the police stating the reversal of their policy and that they will now attempt to send an officer to each Parish Council meeting operational commitments permitting.

43/98 **Planning.** There were no objections to the application for renewal of residential development, (in outline with all matters reserved), including demolition of existing building at 208 and 210 Station Road, Morton for Mr J.D. Swindell.

44/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** Mrs Bacon reported that the footpath leading onto the Rainge site behind Morton Grange Nursing Home comes to a stop on the site although at this point it is actually outside our Parish Boundary. However, this problem and the general problems with footpaths within Morton, raised with Lance Turvey at the District Council in the past, will be taken up with him by Mrs Smith and if possible a site meeting arranged.

45/98 **Finance.**

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a). Neil Shacklock - repair to boiler	138 . 70
b). NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	37 . 62
c). DALC - working for your Parish folder	16 . 50
d). NEDDC - remove and dispose of bench	71 . 82
e). Clerk's wages and expenses - August	226 . 16 ✓
f). Clerk's wages and expenses - September	229 . 63 ✓
g). Fireworks Galore! Ltd. - annual firework display	340 . 00 ✓

46/98 **Memorial Railings.** It was decided that for the moment Parish Councillors will attempt to apply a coat of paint to the railings before Remembrance Sunday and prices for a full professional job will be obtained in time for the work to be carried out next summer.

47/98 **Parish Council Land.** Nothing further to report at the moment.

48/98 **Pit Wheel.** The Clerk reported on the work to date and the problems with the adjacent landowners to the scheme; also, a letter from Mr R. Pates, Managing Director of Bridge Thermoplastics Limited, expressing his concern at the problems with the water supply caused by the excavation work and the fact that he held the Parish Council responsible. This has been rectified by the builder, Mr G. Brownhill, after consultation with Severn Trent Water and therefore this matter has been resolved in a proper manner. It was decided not to send a reply to this letter just yet but it would be useful to hold a site meeting with the builder as soon as possible particularly as the costs of the scheme have risen because of some of the problems which have been encountered.

- 50/98 Millenium Celebrations.** A draft letter was presented by Mrs Bacon to be sent to Mrs Hallam and Mr Clayton to ask if they would be willing to discuss using their late father's notes regarding the preparation of a history of Morton; the Clerk will now send this to Mrs Hallam and Mr Clayton. Other suggestions included some distinctive signs for the Village and it may also be possible to erect a plaque denoting the 'Centre of England Tree' in Morton.
- 51/98 Village Hall.** It was agreed that the fireworks would be ordered on the Village Hall Management Committees' behalf at the price of £340 but a cheque for the net amount due of £289.36 must be received prior to our payment being sent out.
- 52/98 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Mrs Smith reported on the recent meeting she had attended regarding the Tree Warden Scheme and stressed the need for some willing local volunteers who have a genuine interest in trees but they do not have to have an expert knowledge at all. The Clerk read out the letter received from the District Auditor concerning this years audit and both the notice and the accounts will be displayed in a conspicuous place within the Village namely the post office. The points raised directly with the Clerk and Mr Checklin have already been reported to the Parish Council and bearing in mind the introduction of the new regulations it is pleasing that the audit has gone so well. Mrs Smith, as Chair of the Parish Council, signed the confirmation note required by the District Auditor and this will be returned to him by the Clerk immediately. Mr Vardy asked the Clerk to speak to Key Services to try and ensure that the second cut of the churchyard areas marked A, C, And F is carried out as soon as possible.
- 53/98 Matters concerning the District Council.** The street sign for New Street still needs repairing even though this matter has already been raised with the District Council on several occasions.
- 54/98 Matters concerning the County Council.** The Clerk was asked to report a problem with an overhanging hedge on Main Road near to the Pit Wheel site as this is now causing a major problem for pedestrians. A letter has been received from Mr Beastall confirming that Mrs Treweek had sought the County Council's permission for the football pitch at the end of New Street to be cut by Mr Whitmore. A decision will have to be made at a future meeting regarding the level at which three tenders should be obtained for work which the Council wishes to have carried out. Unfortunately we will not now be able to fund the new street light on Evershill Lane during this financial year as our bid to East Midlands Electricity, although shortlisted, was not successful. However, the Clerk will stress that the Parish Council is keen to progress with the work as soon as possible in the new financial year.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:50pm.



Chairman

15th October 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

55/98 Members Present. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs P. White, Mr S.M. Checklin and Mrs E. Rowarth.

56/98 Apologies. Mr E.A. Treweek.

57/98 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Mrs P. White being removed from the list of apologies for the meeting.

58/98 Footpaths. Mr Turvey was welcomed to the meeting and a letter which had been sent to the Clerk by Mr Turvey reporting upon various paths within Morton was distributed to the members present. Mrs Bacon raised the problem with the path which stops part of the way through the Rainge site within the parish of Stretton; Mr Turvey offered to take this matter up with the County Council but advised that it would be helpful if the Clerk also wrote to the County Council quoting the footpath number 32. Mr Turvey reported on the repairs to the foot bridge on the route to Pilsley, which have been done by Railtrack and Mr Turvey has carried out the other remedial work himself. Mr Turvey explained the procedure for claiming footpaths and the pink forms, which need to be completed by at least 12 people stating that they have walked the paths uninterrupted for at least 20 years, are available from Linda Phillips at the County Council's Legal Department. Mr Turvey was thanked for the information provided and left the meeting.

59/98 Police. PC Bishton attended the meeting for this item only. Mrs Smith stated that the Parish Council welcomed the change in policy which has allowed the police to attend Parish Council meetings as a matter of routine again operational requirements permitting. A discussion took place about problems with people riding trial bikes within the Village and also vehicles parking on footpaths which is perhaps a more complicated subject than is immediately apparent. P.C. Bishton was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

60/98 Planning. There were no objections to the application for a brick built detached garage and erection of a conservatory at 24 Evershill Lane, Morton for Mr P Cupit. The revised application received from Clay Colliery Company was taken by Mrs Bacon and the Clerk was asked to write again to the County Council raising the same concerns as those sent in December 1996.

61/98 Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm. Nothing further to report other than those points which have already been mentioned

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62/98 Finance.

- a). Gary S. Brownhill - pit wheels
- b). Clerk's wages and expenses - October

4,000 . 00 ✓
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- 63/98 Parish Council Land. Nothing further to report at the moment.
- 64/98 Pit Wheel. The Clerk read out a letter from the builder, Mr Brownhill, stating the action taken to rectify the problems encountered on site and the total cost of this extra work is £1,490 net making the total net cost of the scheme £11,300. In addition, the builder has recommended some cheap fencing to avoid any falls over the wall before the planting has been carried out which together with 4 tons of top soil would cost £220 net. Also to apply 1 coat of red lead, 1 coat of grey oxide and 1 coat of semi black paint with aluminium on the spokes would cost £276 net; both of these prices were accepted unanimously but first of all the Clerk will contact the owner of the land at the rear of this site, Mr Walters, to ensure that he has no objections to the builder crossing his land in order to deliver the top soil.
- 65/98 Tree Warden Scheme. Mr Gough has volunteered to be the Tree Warden for Morton and if, after reading what is involved with this task he is still interested, he will be nominated to the NEDDC on a 6 months trial basis.
- 66/98 Doe Hill Site. There were some concerns about possible proposals for this site but no definite information has yet been received. Mrs Smith and Mrs Bacon undertook to visit the site in order to try and ascertain exactly what, if anything, is being proposed.
- 67/98 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. There were no matters, apart from those previously raised under other agenda items, which required any response from the Parish Council. Mrs Smith took the bulk of general correspondence for reading away from the meeting.
- 68/98 Matters concerning the District Council. Mr Vardy raised a complaint about the standard of grass cutting within the Village and particular mention was made of Stretton Road, Morton and Evershill Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Mellor, Director of Technical Services at The District Council, in respect of this matter.
- 69/98 Matters concerning the County Council. None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:20pm.



Chairman

19th November 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

- 70/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy and Mrs P. White.
- 71/98 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 72/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Pilsley replacing Stretton under minute no. 58/98.
- 73/98 **Police.** PC Myers and WPC Moore attended for this item only. There had been one break-in and theft from a property in October 1997 although the police did not have any details to hand concerning the crime. There have been some general problems with gangs of youngsters wandering around the Village at night and generally causing a nuisance for local people; there is some doubt whether or not the new children's play area has been damaged by fire and the police will be notified if this is the case. A discussion also took place regarding the moving of large lorries through the Village at times which were not convenient to the local residents e.g. bonfire night. On a sombre note the meeting was informed of the untimely death of Inspector John Monk and the Council's condolences to his family and colleagues were passed on to the officer's present. In addition the Clerk will write to the Clay Cross Police Station to formally express our sympathies to both his family and work colleagues on their extremely sad loss.
- 74/98 **Planning.** There were 3 planning applications which had been granted and these were noted by those present at the meeting. There were no other applications which we had been asked to comment upon during the last month.
- 75/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** An acknowledgement has been received from the County Council regarding our letter of objection to the Clay Colliery Company planning application.
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- 76/98 **Finance.**
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| a). NEDDC - supply of school milk | 15 . 29 | |
| b). Gary S. Brownhill - pit wheels | 5,277 . 50 | ✓ |
| c). Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting | 113 . 98 | ✓ |
| d). Clerk's wages and expenses - November | 230 . 46 | ✓ |
| e). The Royal British Legion - poppy wreath | 12 . 75 | |

The Clerk reported that he had attended the D.A.L.C half day training session along with other Clerk's and Councillors with the District Auditor on the new Audit and Account regulations. An Internal Audit of the Council's accounts is now required to be carried out by at least 2 councillors in order to comply with these regulations. It was decided that this would be done before the December 1997 meeting with Mrs Smith and Mrs Bacon carrying out this function.

77/98 Parish Council Land. Nothing further to report at the moment.

78/98 Pit Wheel. There is just the painting work and the erection of the safety fence to be completed. Councillor Smith declared her satisfaction with the work which has been carried out and also the helpful nature of the builder, Mr G. Brownhill.

79/98 Doe Hill Site. After some thought by Councillors Mrs V. Smith and Mrs G. Bacon it was decided that a visit to the site would not be necessary at present. Mrs Treweek stated that it had been reported at the Liaison Committee meeting that the contractor H. Banks would be contributing £1,000 to a public fund from which local organisations can make applications for financial assistance. They had also agreed to supply a tree to all neighbouring parishes if this was felt to be appropriate by the local community.

80/98 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk read out a letter from North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the grass cutting which stated that they apologised for the poor standard of the last cut of the year. The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Management Committee requesting sight of their accounts for the last 2 years.

The Clerk was asked to invite Mike Tye from Shopmobility to the January meeting.

The Clerk has received a letter from Morton Colliery Cricket Club explaining how all waste material has been disposed of and that all asbestos waste has been removed from the site in the proper controlled manner and disposed of at a location in Leicester which is specific for this purpose. After a detailed discussion Mr Vardy proposed that the Cricket Club's explanation, and the enclosed specification from the construction company, should be accepted as sufficient evidence that all the work has been carried out to a proper standard; this proposal was seconded and agreed by those present except for Mrs P. White who asked that her objection to this decision be noted in the minutes.

81/98 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

82/98 Matters concerning the County Council. None

The meeting was declared closed at 9:20pm.



Chairman

17th December 1997

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT 1998/99.

1). <u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.</u>	£
Clerk's Salary (NALC - recommended rate w.e.f. 1-7-97)	2,520
Office and Telephone Allowance	420
Postage, Stationery and Telephone	150
Insurances	540
Audit Fee	136
	<hr/> 3,766
2). <u>VILLAGE HALL.</u>	
Maintenance Contingency	3,300
Grant towards running costs	500
Hire of hall for meetings	150
	<hr/> 3,950
3). <u>GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY BODIES.</u>	
General	1,500
Holy Cross Church Graveyard Maintenance	400
	<hr/> 1,900
4). <u>SPECIAL AND CONTINGENCY FUNDS.</u>	
Maintenance of land	1,500
Policy Initiatives	1,500
	<hr/> 3,000
<u>PRECEPT</u>	<u>12,616</u>

MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th December 1997.

85/98 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr S.M. Checklin. Mr B. Darby and Mr K. Vardy.

86/98 Apologies. Mrs V. Smith, Mr E.A. Treweek and Mrs M. Treweek.

87/98 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

88/98 Police. Mrs Bacon reported on the meeting held at Beetwell Street which discussed the ideas for the 1998/99 policing plan for Derbyshire. Apparently there was constructive criticism of the police and they were left with a clear picture of the dissatisfaction at the lack of attendance at Parish Council meetings in some areas.

P.C. Harper and P.C. Myers then arrived at the meeting and were asked if there was any news regarding the 3 crimes which had been recorded during the past month; this will be looked into by the police and as there were no new items raised the police were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

89/98 Planning. There is no further news on the Clay Colliery Company planning application although there has been some tree planting carried out by the County Council on one of the fields where di oxia waste is buried.

90/98 Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm. Nothing further to report this month.

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91/98 Finance.

a). Clerk's wages and expenses - December

225.79 ✓

Prior to this meeting Mrs Bacon and Mr Vardy (in the absence of Mrs Smith) had met with the Clerk and looked in detail at all the income and expenditure during this financial year. They were happy with the records kept and the amount currently held as balances; the account book was initialled by both councillors in order to verify that this had taken place.

92/98 Precept. The Clerk presented a draft precept based upon last years figure of £11,616 and this was distributed to those present. After an interesting discussion it was proposed that the precept should be increased by £1,000 in 1998/99 mainly in view of the fact that the new millenium is approaching and funds will be needed for whatever scheme we decide upon; a vote was taken and 3 were in favour of the increase, 1 was against and there was 1 abstention. The proposal was therefore carried and the precept for 1998/99 will be £12,616.

- 93/98 **Clerk's Wages.** The Clerk's wages were agreed to be revised to £2,520, which is the NALC agreed rate w.e.f. 1st April 1997, and an office/telephone allowance of £420, both as detailed in the above proposal, to be brought into effect as in previous years on the 1st January 1998.
- 94/98 **Parish Council Land.** The land still appears to be draining well and there is nothing further to report at the moment.
- 95/98 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Of particular note was a written report from Mr S. Gough on the first tree warden scheme meeting which was held in Morton and appeared to be both well attended and successful. Mrs Bacon will pass on the Council's thanks to Mr Gough for his interest and enthusiasm so far on this scheme. The Village Hall accounts for the past 2 years have now been received. The Clerk read out a letter from the Vicar asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to give financial assistance towards the provision of a proper footpath down to the new part of the churchyard. There was unanimous agreement that we should support this project although the actual amount cannot be decided upon until some firm details of the total costs involved are known; the Clerk was asked to write to the Vicar explaining our views on this matter. Finally, the clerk read out a letter from Jakes & Co. Solicitors asking that we enter into a licence agreement with the owners of the land at the rear of the pit wheels for an amount of £50 per annum over 5 years with the Parish Council also meeting the cost of the legal fees to draw up the agreement. The Clerk has spoken to the County Council (Mr G. Fairs) and in the first instance he has suggested that we write, without prejudice, asking that they confirm exactly which part of our structure they feel has encroached on their land. The County Council have indicated that this can only definitely be proven by them carrying out a full site survey. The Clerk was asked to write the letter to the solicitors and we will await their response before deciding upon what, if any, further action we need to take.
- 96/98 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby again raised the fact that the missing nameplate for New Street has not yet been replaced; also, he felt that the streetcleaner had not been along New Street recently. The Clerk will follow up both of these matters with the District Council.
- 97/98 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The streetlight near to Randle's garage is not working and the Clerk asked that he be notified of the lamp number in order that he can report this to the County Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:50pm.

Chairman

21st January 1998

