

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 21st January 1998.

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

**99/98** Apologies. Mr E.A. Treweek.

**100/98** Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th December 1997 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to dioxin replacing toxic under minute no. 89/98 .

**101/98** Shopmobility. Mr M. Tye attended for the meeting to explain the scheme and the fact that a limited operation of the scheme will begin in Clay Cross during April 1998. There was broad agreement with what Shopmobility is trying to achieve and after some discussion Mrs Bacon proposed a grant of £50 be made in the financial year 1998/99 to Chesterfield Shopmobility; this proposal was duly seconded and unanimously agreed. Mr Tye was in attendance for this item only and left the meeting prior to the discussion regarding the grant taking place.

A local resident addressed the meeting to express his concern at the current visual appearance of the pit wheels and it was explained that the work has not yet been completed and if there are any suggestions about how the project could be 'finished off' these would be most welcome.

**102/98** Police. The police were not in attendance at the meeting but the Clerk distributed the crime statistics which had been provided. Mrs Smith attended the liaison committee meeting at The Sitwell Arms on the 19th January 1998 and reported that the new Inspector at Clay Cross will be Phil Hartley who should commence his duties in the next few months.

**103/98** Planning. None, except that the retention of the front canopy at 27 Main Road, Morton for Paul Millington has been granted.

**104/98** Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm. There is no further definite news regarding the Clay Colliery Company application but due to local concern and general lack of information Mrs Treweek was asked to raise this matter again with Mr Essex at the County Council.

**105/98** Finance. The following payments were approved and the cheques duly signed :-


	£	p
a). NEDDC - supply and deliver 2 Christmas trees	73	20 ✓
b). NEDDC - supply of school milk Nov. 1997	20	38
c). Clerk's wages and expenses - January	255	29 ✓
d). NEDDC - empty dog waste bins to 28-12-97	50	19

- 106/98 **Parish Council Land.** NEDDC have confirmed a price of £51 gross for carrying out monthly inspections of the New Street play area which will mean a net cost of £17 to the Parish Council. This will increase our annual contribution to the grounds maintenance programme to £184 and this was unanimously agreed. The Clerk read out the latest correspondence with Jakes & Co. Solicitors regarding the pit wheels and after some discussion it was decided to wait for their next response at which point it may be necessary to include the County Council more closely with this matter.
- 107/98 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk read out a thank you letter from Mr Harrop, Headteacher at Morton Primary School regarding the supply of two Christmas again last year.
- 108/98 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby reported that the footpath number 6 is in a poor state underfoot and Mrs Smith confirmed that she would take this matter up with Lance Turvey, footpaths officer, at the NEDDC.
- 109/98 **Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr Darby reported the need for further new streetlighting columns within the village and it was decided that this would be discussed at the April 1998 meeting

The meeting was declared closed at 9:45pm.

**Chairman**

18th February 1998



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 18th February 1998.

- 110/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr K. Vardy and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 111/98 **Apologies.** Mrs P. White, Mr E.A. Treweek and Mrs M. Treweek.
- 112/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 1998 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 113/98 **Police.** P.C. McGill reported that there had only been one crime in Morton since the last meeting which was the theft of a motor vehicle which was subsequently used in a ram-raid on a public house in Tibshelf. There being no other police matters to raise P.C. McGill was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.
- 114/98 **Planning.** There were no objections to the proposed change of use of part of domestic curtilage for storage of 2 mini-buses and 1 midi-bus at 66 Stretton Road, Morton for Mr P. Holmes. However, the Clerk was asked to write and comment that these vehicles have been parked in the position indicated on the plan at this property for some months now.
- 115/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** The Clerk was asked to try and obtain a copy of the Environment Agency report in respect of the Clay Colliery Company planning application. There is no up to date information available in respect of the Rainge site.
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| 116/98 | <b><u>Finance.</u></b>                    |            |
|        | a). NEDDC - empty dog waste bins          | 12 . 54    |
|        | b). Clerk's wages and expenses - February | 257 . 99 ✓ |
|        | c). Morton VPMC - hire of rooms 1997      | 88 . 00 ✓  |
- 117/98 **Millenium.** The Clerk has not received a reply from Mrs Hallam and Mr Clayton regarding the Millenium book idea and it was therefore decided to concentrate on the theme of quality Village signs either in wrought iron or stone; the Clerk will try and obtain some brochures in this respect or alternatively arrange a site meeting in order that Councillors' ideas can be discussed with contractors. Also, Mrs Bacon will speak to the Headteacher at Morton Primary School about the possibility of children designing a logo for a mug to be purchased for all pupils at the school by the Parish Council to commemorate the Millenium. A small prize in the form of a book token could be awarded to the best designs.

- 118/98 Play Equipment Repairs.** Mr Mitchell from the District Council has now confirmed that the New Street play area has been formally adopted under their maintenance scheme and monthly inspections will commence on the 1st March 1998. The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr Mitchell and arrange a site visit in order that the feasibility of reusing some of the old play equipment and resiting it on New Street or Bacchus Way can be ascertained.
- 119/98 Parish Council Land.** Mr J. Milner attended the meeting to discuss the access to the 2 parking spaces next to the Village Hall and also the side and rear of the Hall for maintenance, access and emergency services now that his Son, Chris, has started to carry out more work to the old Morton Miners Welfare building. Mr Milner put his Son's point of view forward and the Clerk stressed the need for the Parish Council to maintain a right of access to its own land and property. The Clerk gave a copy of the Conveyance document dated 1974 to Mr Milner in order that he can consult with his solicitor and report back to a future meeting. In the meantime if access is needed Mr C. Milner will be contacted in order that this can be arranged. Mr J. Milner also mentioned the fence at the back of the former Miner's Welfare and asked if this belonged to the Parish Council; it was decided that this would be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting. Mr Milner was thanked for attending the meeting and left at this point.
- 120/98 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The District/Parish Liaison Group meeting is to be held on the 1st April 1998 at 7:30pm in the NEDDC Council Chamber; Mrs Smith and Mrs Bacon volunteered to attend together with Mr Darby who asked that the subject of street nameplates be placed on the agenda for this meeting.  
Key Services have written to confirm that the price for cutting areas A, C and F of the churchyard will remain the same as last year namely £97 per cut; as we had precepted an amount of £400 for this purpose in 1998/99 it was unanimously agreed to increase the frequency of cuts to 4 per annum starting in April 1998 through to October at a total price of £388 net.
- 121/98 Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby was pleased to report that the New Street nameplate is now back in place.
- 122/98 Matters concerning the County Council.** None, other than the Clerk will try and arrange for the County Council to carry out a proper survey of the Pit Wheels site in order to ascertain if we have stayed totally within the highway; we need this information before deciding what, if any, further action we need to take.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:20pm.



**Chairman**

18th March 1998

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 18th March 1998.

- 123/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, ~~Mr S.M. Chacklin~~ and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 124/98 **Apologies.** Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs P. White and Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 125/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 1998 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 126/98 **Police.** PC Crook and PC McGill attended the meeting and reported that there had been one burglary, one incident of damage and one theft of a motor vehicle which was later used in a ram-raid in Chesterfield. Also, two people were apprehended outside the Post Office following an attempted break-in at a nearby residential property. PC Crook and PC McGill were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.
- 127/98 **Planning.** The application for the proposed change of use of part of domestic curtilage for storage of 2 mini-buses and 1 midi-bus at 66 Stretton Road, Morton for Mr P. Holmes has been refused by the District Council on highway safety grounds and the effect on neighbouring properties.
- 128/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** The travellers have started to move from the Rainge Site and RJB Mining are now taking the appropriate action to remove them from the site. It is expected that there will be a further application for an extension to the opencast operation at the Doe Hill site.
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| 129/98 | <b>Finance.</b>                        | £   | p    |
|        | a). NEDDC - empty dog waste bins       | 8   | 36   |
|        | b). Clerk's wages and expenses - March | 262 | 09 ✓ |
- 130/98 **Parish Council Land.** The Council accepted a quote of £230 from Gordon McIntosh for decorating the memorial railings and if possible this should be carried out during July after the railings have hopefully been sandblasted. The Clerk was asked to write to Dr Sowerby and ask that his daughters stop taking their horses onto the football field.
- 131/98 **Millenium.** Mr Darby brought some draft sketches to the meeting as potential ideas for village signs and it was agreed that Mrs Smith will contact Right Stone Services of Danesmoor for an initial site meeting to look at what might be possible.

- 132/98 Fence at the rear of the former Miner's Welfare. Mrs Smith reported that following a discussion with an officer from North East Derbyshire District Council it has been confirmed that we cannot be held responsible for having this field fenced in. This matter was therefore deferred indefinitely unless the issue is raised again by Mr Milner.
- 133/98 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. Mrs Smith reported that following a meeting with North East Derbyshire District Council at the play area at the rear of the former Miner's Welfare it has been agreed to remove the necessary equipment in order to use the parts to repair the swings at New Street. The County Council have written to confirm that it appears that the retaining wall at the rear of the pit wheels has slightly encroached onto land beyond the highway. After much discussion it was decided to obtain a price from Gary Brownhill to bring the wall forward to within the highway and in the meantime invite the landowners to our next meeting at 7.00pm in order to try and resolve the matter informally. There was a general view that the Parish Council should not enter into a licence agreement with the landowners.
- 134/98 Matters concerning the District Council. None.
- 135/98 Matters concerning the County Council. Mr Darby mentioned the appalling state of the hedge below the pit wheels since it had been cut back. Mrs Treweek confirmed that this had not been done by the County Council and it must be assumed therefore that the work was carried out upon the instructions of the landowners.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:50pm.

Chairman

15th April 1998



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 15th April 1998.

- 136/98 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs P. White, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr S.M. Checklin and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 137/98 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek.
- 138/98 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th March 1998 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Mr S.M. Checklin being listed under "Apologies", rather than "Members Present", as he was not in attendance at the meeting.
- 139/98 **Police.** P.C.'s Hall and Burrows attended from Ashover for this item only. Mrs Smith reported that there have been ongoing difficulties with motorbikes riding off the road in the Village and horses riding across the Parish Council football field. These matters were noted by the police for further action and at this point, after being thanked for their attendance, they left the meeting.
- 140/98 **Pit Wheels.** Mr Walters and Mr Nicholas were welcomed to the meeting along with Mr G. Brownhill - builder and Mr G. Fairs - County Council. Mrs Smith started the discussion by saying that the Parish Council would really like to finally resolve this matter and this now appeared to be everyone's wish. However, Mr Nicholson confirmed their position which is that they must protect their future interests which basically means that they are insisting upon a licence agreement, the details of which need to be worked out but this would be on a peppercorn rent, for the small amount of land which the wall at the rear of the pit wheels has encroached upon. The only alternative open to the Parish Council is to ensure that the structure is removed from the land beyond the highway which may involve some considerable costs. After much discussion it was decided that the Parish Council need to consider this matter privately before reaching a decision. All the other parties were thanked for their attendance at the meeting and at this point left. It was decided that the Clerk should write to the County Council and request a full site survey, to which all parties would be invited, in order to finally ascertain the extent to which we have encroached beyond the highway. Once this is known, together with the associated costs of the work, a firm decision will be a lot clearer to make.
- 141/98 **Planning.** None, other than the 2 mini-buses and 1 midi-bus are still parking at 66 Stretton Road, Morton even though the District Council have refused planning permission in this respect.
- 142/98 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** Mrs Treweek confirmed that the mess created by the gypsies on the Rainge site will be cleared up by RJB Mining Ltd. who are still the legal occupiers of the site. There is still no further news with regard to the Clay Colliery Company planning application.



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**143/98 Finance.**

a). DALC - Annual Membership	145 . 76
b). NEDDC - School milk for February	15 . 29
c). Chesterfield Shopmobility - Grant	50 . 00
d). NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	8 . 36
e). Clerk's wages and expenses - April	261 . 99
f). Neil Shacklock - service boiler	30 . 02

The Clerk circulated the annual accounts to all those present at the meeting and these were then signed by both the Chair of the Council Mrs V. Smith and the Clerk.

**144/98 Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby will endeavour to take a look at the football field to see how well it is standing up to the recent wet weather. Dr Sowerby has replied to the Clerk's letter regarding horses riding on the Council's land and he has given his assurance that if it is his horses which have been taken onto the land he will ensure that there is no such repetition.

**145/98 Millenium.** Mrs Smith has met with Wright Stone Services and Mr Darby has found some details about the signs which have been erected by Tibshelf Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that the wrought iron signs are most suitable for our purposes and Mr Darby was tasked with exploring this idea further with the contact names he has been given by the Clerk at Tibshelf Parish Council. Mrs Bacon offered to find out if there is to be a commemorative coin minted as the Council may wish to purchase one of these for each child at Morton Primary School as at January 2000.

**146/98 Streetlights.** Two suggestions were mentioned for extra streetlights namely somewhere near to the car park on New Street and outside the shop on Main Road, Morton. These ideas will be raised again at a later date, together with any other suggestions at the time, when hopefully we will have a clearer picture about the amount of money available for the project.

**147/98 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. A questionnaire asking for local opinions on the District Council's running of the authority was distributed to everyone present as these need to be completed on an individual basis.

**148/98 Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

**149/98 Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm.

  
**Chairman**

20th May 1998



# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 20th May 1998.

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

**Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the 1997 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

**Chairman's Report.** The Chairman Mrs V. Smith stated that she had enjoyed her year in office and that she had attended most of the District/Parish Liaison group meetings. There had been some difficulties with the new play area as this apparently did not meet the expectations of a number of the parents who had originally canvassed for the project to go ahead. There has also been the difficulties connected with the pit wheels to contend with and to date this matter has still not been satisfactorily resolved. On a more positive note the Cricket Club have secured a grant of £50,000 from the Lottery Fund towards the cost of a new pavilion and much credit goes to them for all their hard work in ensuring that the project was successful.

**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 7:40pm.

  
**Chairman**

19th May 1999

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 20th May 1998.

1/99 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr S.M. Checklin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr K.Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth and Mrs P. White.

2/99 **Apologies.** Mr E.A. Treweek .

3/99 **Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 1998/99.** Mrs V. Smith was proposed and seconded for the office of Chairman. There were no other nominations for the office of Chairman.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Mrs V. Smith be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 1998/99.

4/99 **Election of Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1998/99.** Mrs G.H. Bacon was proposed and seconded for the office of Vice - Chairman. There were no other nominations for the office of Vice - Chairman.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Mrs G.H. Bacon be elected Vice - Chairman for the Civic Year 1998/99.

5/99 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 1998 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

6/99 **Police.** The police were not in attendance at the meeting. Mrs Smith will check if the local resident who had been complaining about off the road motor cyclists has been contacted by the police yet, as had been promised at the last police liaison meeting; if not, the Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to the Chief Constable, Mr J. Newing.

7/99 **Pit Wheels.** Following the recent site meeting with the County Council and the builder it was agreed that the Clerk should now contact the solicitors acting on behalf of the landowners in order to try and obtain a reasonable agreement for a licence to cover the land we have encroached upon, for as long a period as possible, on a peppercorn rent.

8/99 **Planning.** The District Council have supplied details of the cycle of Planning meetings for the forthcoming year and these were distributed to everyone present. There has been an appeal against the District Council's refusal of the proposed change of use of part of domestic curtilage for storage of 2 mini-buses and 1 midi-bus at 66 Stretton Road, Morton for Mr P. Holmes; this was noted but the Parish Council will not be making any representation on this matter.

9/99 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** There are still problems with gypsies tipping rubbish on the Rainge Site despite numerous complaints made to RJB Mining Ltd. by Mrs Treweek. The Clerk was asked to contact Stretton Parish Council to ask if they are also making representations to RJB Mining Ltd. as the land in question is actually within their Parish boundary.

10/99 **Finance.**

	£
a). Audit Commision - 1996/97 Audit fee	269 . 08
b). NEDDC - Remove and relocate swing seats	55 . 27
c). Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	113 . 98
d). Cornhill Insurance PLC - Annual premium	625 . 93
e). Clerk's wages and expenses - May	258 . 05

11/99 **Millenium.** Mr Darby has managed to obtain one quote of £700 for 2 Village signs with wording yet to be agreed which seems to be a very reasonable price. The other firm he has contacted have not been interested enough to put in a quote to date; it was agreed that we should try and obtain a further quote from the County Council, who actually put up the Tibshelf Parish Council signs, before any decision is taken in this respect.

12/99 **Parish Council Land.** There has been a request from a local football team to use the football pitch for the forthcoming season and after some discussion it was decided that this will be agreed on the basis that they will be responsible for all the cutting and marking out of the pitch. Because of this and also the current state of the field it was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed that the rent for the 1998/99 season should be £75; no sub-letting of the pitch will be allowed without the express consent of the Parish Council.

13/99 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. In respect of the requests for financial assistance from both the Church and the Cricket Club in both cases they will be asked to present a formal letter to the Parish Council for consideration at our next meeting on the 17th June 1998.

14/99 **Matters concerning the District Council.** The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council regarding the dangerous state of the overhanging hedge from Church Farm which is causing pedestrians to walk on the road in order to avoid it. Also, at the same time representation will be made about the poor condition of a number of street nameplates in Morton which includes the fact that they are being partly covered from view by overgrown foliage.

15/99 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

  
**Chairman**

17th June 1998

# MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 17th June 1998.

- 16/99 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby and Mr K. Vardy,
- 17/99 **Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 18/99 **Minutes.** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th May 1998 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 19/99 **Police.** The police were not in attendance at the meeting although Sergeant Gascoigne did ring later in the evening to give his apologies for not being able to attend. No new problems were raised although the problems with the off the road motor cyclists still continue.
- 20/99 **Planning.** None, although Mrs Smith was asked to take up the matter of the proposed change of use of part of domestic curtilage for storage of 2 mini-buses and 1 midi-bus at 66 Stretton Road, Morton for Mr P. Holmes with the District Council; this application is now due to go to an appeal by the applicant against the District Council.
- 21/99 **Opencast Sites - Rainge/Mickley Farm.** The Clerk has not yet received a reply from Stretton Parish Council regarding what, if any, comments they are making to RJB Mining about the current state of the Rainge Opencast Site.
- 22/99 **Finance.**
- |  | £        |
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| a). Key Services - grass cutting         | 113 . 98 |
| b). Clerk's wages and expenses - June    | 257 . 20 |
| c). Morton Colliery Cricket Club - grant | 250 . 00 |
| d). Mr J. Ready - cleaning war memorial  | 10 . 00  |

Mrs R. Taylor attended the meeting to discuss the request from the Church for a grant towards the cost of the footpath denoted as "A" on the sketches provided. After some discussion, and after Mrs Taylor had left the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that a grant of £500 should be made to the Church for this specific purpose. Also, if the Church are prepared to pay for 2 extra grass cuts per year the Parish Council will agree to extend the areas cut to include all the sections detailed on the original quote with the exception of area G where the Church are trying to protect existing, and encourage new, wildlife. This will mean that each cut will cost £122 with the Parish Council initially paying for all 6 cuts, (there were previously 4 cuts per year agreed), and then being reimbursed by the Church for 2 of the cuts each year at a total figure of £244; the new total net cost to the Parish Council each year will therefore now be £488. The Clerk will notify Key Services as soon as a definite decision has been taken by the Church. However, the Church will be asked to make a written request to the Derby Diocese for some financial assistance with this scheme otherwise the whole of the burden of the cost will be placed on the local community in one form or another.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Morton Colliery Cricket Club requesting a grant from the Parish Council towards their latest fundraising efforts. The Council unanimously agreed a grant to the Cricket Club of £250 and the Clerk will write to the Chairman, Mr K. Fearn, in order to confirm this decision.

It was unanimously agreed that in order to ensure that there are sufficient people to sign cheques at each meeting the cheque signatories will be changed as soon as possible to any three from :- Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy and Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk.

- 23/99 Millenium.** Mr Darby has still only received one quote for the Village signs but this is from a reputable firm whose name was given to us by Tibshelf Parish Council; if no further quotes have been returned by the time our July meeting takes place discussions will begin with the firm who have so far provided the only written quotation. This should ensure that the project is completed before the end of 1999.
- 24/99 Parish Council Land.** The football pitch is now more than ready for cutting but this will be carried out by the football team who will be using the pitch during the 1998/99 season.
- 25/99 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the Councillors present. The Clerk read out a letter which he had sent to Jakes & Co. Solicitors regarding the pit wheels but no reply has yet been received.; it was decided that Mr G. Brownhill should be asked to carry out the painting of the wheels as previously agreed provided that all the work can be carried out without entering onto the land at the rear of the pit wheels.  
Letters of thanks will be sent to Mr C. Hinksman, Mr J. Vardy and Mr J. Ready for the work they carried out on a voluntary basis to clean up the war memorial in preparation for it being painted during the summer. Also, it was unanimously agreed that Mr J. Ready should be paid out a nominal amount of £10 in respect of the use of water and equipment from his premises.  
It was agreed that for this year Mr Vardy should contact Mr J. Brooks to ask if someone previously in the services would be willing to lay the wreath at the war memorial in Morton.  
Mrs Smith took a survey to complete in respect of local services/facilities which the County Council had sent as part of their strategy to improve rural bus services using the provisional extra amount allocated for this purpose by central government of £700,000.  
The latest report from our tree warden, Mr S. Gough, was presented to the meeting and taken by Mr Darby for further reading in full; Mr Gough will be thanked for his thorough and enthusiastic work on this subject area which he obviously has a keen interest in.
- 26/99 Matters concerning the District Council.** There has been some fly-tipping on Higham Lane and this will now be reported to the District Council by the Clerk. Because of the lack of any positive response from the District Council regarding the poor state of the street nameplates in Morton it was unanimously agreed that when the painter carries out the work to the war memorial he should also paint the street nameplates, which will be indicated by Mr Darby, up to a maximum value of work of £60.

27/99 Matters concerning the County Council. There are some potholes on the "s" bend at the bottom of Higham Lane and these will now be reported by the Clerk together with the problem of water flooding off the pavement and into the garage at no. 61 Stretton Road, Morton on a fairly frequent basis.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. D. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

15th July 1998