

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 20th January 1999.

94/99 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs P. White and 6 members of the public.

95/99 **Apologies.** Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr S.M. Checklin.

96/99 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 1998 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

97/99 **Police Report.** P.C.Glynn reported that some fencing has been stolen from the Rainge Site to an approximate value of £700. The crime statistics for December were distributed (3 in total) and it was noted that P.C Glynn is now our designated officer and will attempt to attend all of our meetings. There being no other items raised, P.C Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

98/99 **Items from members of the public.** The proposed traffic calming measures were raised again and the Clerk reported that no further correspondence has yet been received. This will now be followed up again with the County Council. The flooding problems on Pilsley Road were discussed and Mrs Smith read out a letter from Mr J Slater, Area Engineer, explaining what action has been taken. Also, Mrs Smith has spoken to Brian Martin at the County Council, who has offered to come to Morton in order to explain what work has been done in the past and what the current situation is; it was decided to try and arrange this as soon as possible. Suggestions for possible Millenium events were discussed and the Parish Council was asked if there would be any problem with setting up an independent organising committee within the Village; it was unanimously agreed that this would be a good idea particularly if liaison with other community groups takes place. Other items raised were problems with the road surface and flooding at Sitwell Villas and flooding at Stonebroom in the dip below Stonebroom Church, both of which will be reported to the County Council.

99/99 **Planning.** There were no objections to the the erection of 3 bungalows at land adjacent to 86 Main Road, Morton for R.Cannon. Mr Darby^{has}asked that the erection of a tall 3 pronged light in the pit yard be raised with the District Council to see if planning permission has been obtained. This will be done when further information is available.

100/99 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** No further information has been received about the Mickley Farm application but it is not felt that this is going to Committee in the near future.

Morton Parish Council

101/99 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000453	24 . 27
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000454	30 . 03
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk's wages	000455	276 . 90

102/99 Parish Council Land. Apart from one patch in the East goalmouth the ground is holding up very well and the football team are still able to play on it at the moment. The money previously spent on drainage was obviously well spent.

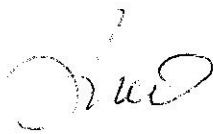
103/99 Millenium. Mr Darby, Mrs Smith and Mrs Bacon will arrange to meet in the near future in order to discuss the wording for the Village signs and also the colour.

104/99 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were circulated among the members present. Someone mentioned that the bus shelter roof still needs repairing/replacing.

105/99 Matters concerning the District Council. The Holland Close sign needs re fixing and making clearer. The Clerk will report this as soon as possible.

106/99 Matters concerning the County Council. The Clerk was asked to follow up as a matter of urgency the lack of any progress with regard to the legal agreement concerning the pit wheels.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:00pm.



Chairman

17th February 1999

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 17th February 1999.

107/99 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth and 2 members of the public.

108/99 **Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek and Mrs P. White.

109/99 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to "has" being inserted after Mr Darby under minute no. 99/99 and "someone" replacing Mr Vardy under minute no.104/99.

110/99 **Police Report.** P.C. Glynn attended the meeting and it was reported that there had been a problem with the burning of substances unknown in Morton which had caused thick black smoke to spread in the area; this will be monitored and reported to the police immediately if there are any further problems. Positive comment was made about the recent speed trap which had taken place in Morton. P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

111/99 **Items from members of the public.** Mr Brian Martin of the Derbyshire County Council no longer appears to be willing to arrange a site meeting regarding the flooding on Pilsley Road, Morton and it was decided that the Clerk should write to Councillor Burrows, Chair of Environmental Services, regarding this matter and also send a copy of the correspondence received at this meeting from Mr G.J. Freeman which relates to the same subject.

The problems with blocked drains and culverts were raised again and in particular the dip below Stonebroom Church and on Higham Lane. The Clerk will ask the County Council when these were last cleared and at the same time ask who is responsible for repairing the wall below the old colliery entrance just below the new Canon Development but on the opposite side of the road.

The Clerk will also follow up as a matter of urgency the traffic calming scheme proposals which were promised by Gary Bridges some time ago now following the site meeting last year.

112/99 **Planning.** None, other than the Canon Development on land adjacent to no. 86 Main Road, Morton has now been approved.

113/99 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Apparently Clay Colliery Company have now been taken over by a bigger firm who are in turn part of a very large company which also owns SARP UK. The Planning Committee at the County Council will not consider the application before 31st March but it could be anytime within 6 weeks of that date. The local action committee have agreed to convene a public meeting

in order to let everyone know what is happening and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost of hiring the Village Hall for this meeting. It is vital that as many local people as possible attend the Planning Committee at Matlock in order that the strength of local feeling on this subject is made clear. It is hoped that Ken Coates, MEP, will be able to attend the meeting in the Village Hall.

114/99 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - Christmas trees	000456	76 . 87
NEDDC - School milk	000457	18 . 20
NEDDC - Dog fouling sign	000458	11 . 75
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000459	274 . 70
VHMC - playgroup grant	000460	200 . 00

115/99 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby had been asked to raise the fact that the football team currently using the pitch have been putting sand in one of the goalmouths as there is a problem with drainage there. This was not perceived as a problem by anyone and the state of the pitch will be reviewed again at the end of the season.

116/99 Pit Wheels. The Clerk has now received a letter from the County Council stating that this matter is now in hand and hopefully there will be some definite news well in time for the next Parish Council Meeting.

117/99 Millenium. The wording and logo for the signs have now been agreed and it was also felt that a plaque for the "Centre of England Tree" should also be provided if at all possible. It is also worth remembering that a plaque has yet to be put on the Pit Wheels site. There will be a further meeting between Barry, Val and Gaynor before the firm involved is approached again for an accurate costing of all the proposed work.

Mrs Bacon will again speak to the Head at the Primary School, Mr Harropp, to see if there is any possibility of a joint venture with the school over some commemorative item for children in the Village.

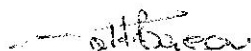
118/99 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. A further quote will be sought for the cutting of the churchyard grass before a response is given to Key Services regarding next years' contract.

The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council in order to ascertain exactly what the Parish Council are paying for in respect of the Grounds Maintenance scheme.

119/99 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby confirmed that the District Council will be looking to improve the quality of the surface of Pit Lane in the next financial year but the Clerk was asked to write and confirm with the County Council our concern at the state of the bridge and particularly the fact that the absence of any hand rails makes the area potentially quite dangerous.

120/99 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:40pm



Chairman

17th March 1999

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 17th March 1999.

121/99 **Members Present.** Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr S.M. Checklin and 2 members of the Public.

122/99 **Apologies.** Mrs V. Smith.

123/99 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

124/99 **Police Report.** The crime statistics were distributed and fortunately there was only 1 crime reported in Morton during the past month. P.C. Glynn had telephoned the Clerk to say that he would be on duty on the evening of the 17th but that he would make every effort to attend. In fact P.C. Glynn did attend later in the evening accompanied by another officer.

125/99 **Items from members of the public.** The lack of appropriately sited litter bins in the village was raised and the Clerk will obtain a price for the siting and fixing of the bins from NEDDC together with more information from the firm Glasdon.

126/99 **Planning.** None other than the proposed double garage (amended plans) at 112 Main Road for D. Hampson has now been granted.

127/99 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** The Clerk has now received a letter from the County Council confirming that the Parish Council will be notified when the Mickley Farm application is considered by the Environmental Services Planning Development Sub-Committee.

128/99 **Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DALC - Annual Subscription	000461	141 . 72
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000462	277 . 40

129/99 **Parish Council Land.** Nothing further to report on the football field at the moment. The Clerk has ascertained from the District Council that the Grounds Maintenance Parish Contributions actually relates to the "grassed area off the old Miners Welfare, hedge cutting, playground maintenance, incorporating Bacchus Way and New Street inspections."

130/99 **Pit Wheels.** The Clerk will follow this up again with the solicitor at the County Council, namely Mr Peat.

131/99 **Millenium.** A further meeting has now taken place and the wording for the road signs "Welcome to Morton, The Centre of England, Please Drive Carefully" has been agreed. This will now be progressed with the contractor and at the same time the plaque for the "Centre of England Tree" will be discussed again on the 12 April 1999. There is no other news regarding Millenium events in the Village at the moment.

132/99 **Correspondence.** The Clerk read out a letter from the County Council regarding possible traffic calming measures together with a plan of the proposed scheme.

A letter has been received from Walter Burrows, Chair of Environmental Services Committee, stating that the flooding on Pilsley Road, Morton is now undergoing further investigation by the officer concerned.

It was agreed that representative(s) of Morton Playgroup should attend the next Parish Council meeting in order to discuss their application for further financial assistance.

133/99 **Matters concerning the District Council.** It was reported that the Refuse lorry is churning up the grass on the corner of Maltby Avenue. Also the Holland Close street sign has still not been repaired/replaced. Mrs Bacon kindly offered to take up both of these longstanding problems on the Council's behalf with Mr Mellors who is the Director of Environmental Services at NEDDC.

134/99 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The B6014 is in a very poor state, in fact dangerous in parts, right through from the A61 to Doe Hill; the Clerk will now take this matter up with the Area Surveyor as a matter of urgency.

The proposed reclamation scheme for the Morton Railway Line and surrounding areas was raised again; the last correspondence on this matter was dated April 1994 and the Clerk will now take this matter up again with the County Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.



Chairman

21st April 1999

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 21st April 1999.

135/99 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K.Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth and 7 members of the public.

136/99 Apologies. Mrs V. Smith and Mrs M. Treweek.

137/99 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th March 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

138/99 Police Report. P.C Glynn had telephoned the Clerk to say that he would not be able to attend the meeting due to work commitments but that he would be on duty the following day if there were any new reports to be made. There is an ongoing problem with young people misbehaving around the seat on Evershill Close.

139/99 Items from members of the public. Morton Playgroup asked if a grant of £40 could be made to assist the group until the end of May 1999. This was unanimously agreed and the grant will be paid directly to The Village Hall Management Committee as part payment towards the rent of the Village Hall. The proposed traffic calming scheme was raised again and after a short discussion it was decided that a separate meeting should be called later in May, after the Annual General Meeting of the Council, for interested local people to discuss this matter in more detail before trying to involve the County Council any further.

140/99 Planning. None, other than Mrs Bacon gave an up to date report on the Mickley Farm planning application which has still to be considered by the County Council.

141/99 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton. Nothing further to report at the moment.

142/99 Finance. The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Neil Shacklock - Service boiler and cooker	000463	52 . 00
NEDDC - school milk (January 1999)	000464	24 . 27
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000465	35 . 03
NEDDC - school milk (February 1999)	000466	18 . 20
VHMC - Playgroup Grant	000467	40 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000468	276 . 10

143/99 Parish Council Land. There doesn't appear to be any problem with drainage on the football field at the moment.

144/99 Pit Wheels. Derbyshire County Council have now given advice on the wording within the proposed licence agreement between the Parish Council and the owners of the land to the rear of the Pit Wheels. It was agreed that the Clerk should now write to Jakes & Co, Solicitors acting for the licensors, stating the recommendations suggested by the County Council's Legal Department. Also the County Council have noted that clause 5 (c) of the proposed licence requires you to "indemnify the licensor against," (amongst other things) "injury, damage or death resulting from the use of the said land." The current situation is that the blue land is part of the highway, and the County Council is therefore responsible for it. In the unfortunate incident of an accident on the highway, the County Council could have a claim made against it. I therefore would request that in the circumstances you agree to indemnify the County Council on a similar basis to the indemnification of the licensor in clause 5 (c). This recommendation was also agreed.


145/99 Millennium. The samples brought by Mr Darby were considered and the preferred option was unanimously selected; following a suggestion by a member of the public it was decided that if at all possible the words "Thank You For Driving Carefully." should be inserted on the rear of the signs. Once the signs are ready a site meeting needs to be arranged with the County Council to ensure that they are put in a mutually acceptable position. The County Council have confirmed in writing that planning permission will not be required.

146/99 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from the District Council concerning 3 areas that contain play equipment in Morton. The New Street play area, all units are satisfactory. Because of the expense involved and the fact that the area is now little used, it was unanimously agreed that the remaining equipment should now all be removed from the Manor Club play area; the Clerk will also enquire if the dog waste bin sited at this area can be moved to a more suitable location. In respect of the Bacchus Way play area it was agreed that the vandalised cradle seat should be replaced at the cost of £110 and that further advice be sought from the District Council regarding what action should be taken in respect of the embankment slide.

The County Council have now sent a comprehensive reply concerning the flooding problems at Pilsley Road, Morton and basically any further work which may be deemed necessary is either the responsibility of NEDDC as the Land Drainage Authority or RJB Mining UK Limited. The Clerk will now refer this matter back to NEDDC.

147/99 Matters concerning the District Council. Mr Darby reported that the drain outside number 54 New Street is silted up and the Clerk will report this to the District Council together with the broken street sign on Holland Close. Also, the cover of the water meter outside number 4 New Street is missing and could be dangerous for young children; the Clerk will raise this matter with the District Council and/or Severn Trent Water.

148/99 Matters concerning the County Council. None.



Chairman

19th May 1999

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 19th May 1999.

Present. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth and 4 members of the public.

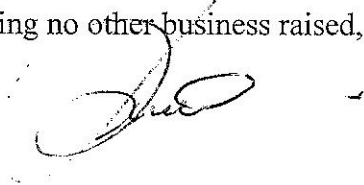
Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek.

Minutes. The minutes of the 1998 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, 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. Mrs Smith expressed her disappointment at the lack of cooperation and assistance from both the District Council and the County Council, particularly the County Council. This was never more evident than in the case of the problems we encountered regarding the siting of the pit wheels.

Matters Raised by members of the public. No matters had been raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting.

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



Chairman

17th May 2000

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th May 1999.

1/00 Members Present. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth and 4 members of the public.

2/00 Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek.

3/00 Election of Chair for the year 1999/2000. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs V. Smith was nominated as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 1999/2000. There being no further nominations received Mrs V. Smith was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

4/00 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 1999/2000. Mrs Smith asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs G.H. Bacon was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 1999/2000. There being no further nominations received Mrs G.H. Bacon was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

At this point Mr A.G. Jollands and Mr G. Freeman were asked if they were interested in becoming Parish Councillors and they both accepted and signed the declaration of acceptance of office forms together with the other 5 councillors present. Arrangements will be made for Mrs Treweek to sign this form at an alternative convenient time.

5/00 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st April 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

6/00 Police Report. P.C. Glynn attended for this item only and reported that there had been a recent increase in vehicle crime in the area, a car had been found burned out on Pilsley Road and there had been 5 burglaries. The problem with youngsters causing a nuisance around the seat on Evershill Close is still persisting and local residents should be given every encouragement to report this at the time it is happening; they would not have to be followed up with a visit from the police if they did not wish. P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

7/00 Items from members of the public. The deteriorating wall and drainage problem washing silt onto the pavement on Station Road was raised again. It is felt that the wall is the responsibility of RJB Mining but this has not yet been determined. The Clerk will now write to Derbyshire County Council again to confirm the current position and to state that should there be any accidents as a result of this problem, they, as the Highway Authority, would accept responsibility.

Mr Gough gave an interesting report on his role as Tree Warden for Morton and in particular some information about the "centre oak" including a newspaper article from 1910 which talks about this tree and also the church which is referred to as the "Centre of

England Church". Mr Gough has been chosen for a case study of the role of Tree Wardens and many congratulations are due to him. He is currently looking into the possibility of creating an Avenue of trees in Morton. Mr Gough left the meeting after giving his report.

8/00 Planning. There were no objections to Application No. NED 599/0304 in respect of a Kitchen and internal alterations to provide additional sales area at Morton Post Office, 92 Main Road, Morton for Mr A. Jollands.

9/00 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton. Mrs Bacon reported that a further development with the Mickley Farm site is the fact that Ogston Holdings believe that they hold the mineral rights to much of the site and they have written to D.C.C. to this effect.

10/00 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cornhill Insurance PLC - annual premium	000469	642 . 31
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000470	24 . 27
NEDDC - maintenance of land	000471	224 . 43
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000472	285 . 75
Jakes & Co. Solicitors	000473	308 . 75

11/00 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby reported that everything appears to be in order at the moment.

12/00 Pit Wheels. The Clerk read out a letter from Jakes and Co, Solicitors, regarding the Licence Agreement which is now ready for signature by the Clerk when authorised to do so by the Parish Council. It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk is now authorised to sign this document which is recommended should commence on the 1/8/99 with the fee being payable in May of each year. The Clerk was also authorised to pay the legal fees of £293.75 and also 3 years licence fee, for ease of administration, amounting to £15.

13/00 Millennium. It was decided by a majority of 3 to 2 that the signs should not bear the words "Thank you for driving carefully" on the reverse and it was unanimously agreed that the reflective green should be used on the sign as indicated.

14/00 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The letter from the football team will be considered at the next meeting as time was running out. The Clerk distributed copies of the County Council's proposed traffic calming scheme and it was decided that a meeting would be held at Mrs Bacon's house on the 9th June 1999 in order to look at this in more detail; at that meeting the County Council's Best Value questionnaire in respect of Highway services will be completed.

The County Council have confirmed that the repair to the hand rail on the bridge on public footpath no. 4 will now be carried out by the County Council's consulting engineers some time in the next 19 months. This was felt to be too long and the Clerk will now take all appropriate steps to get this work done as a higher priority together with the road repairs on the B6014 between Morton and the A61.

The Clerk handed the copy of his correspondence concerning the flooding problems at Pilsley Road, Morton to Mr Freeman for reading and copying and this will be returned to the Clerk at the next meeting.

15/00 Matters concerning the District Council. None other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

16/00 Matters concerning the County Council. None other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 10:10pm



Chairman

16th June 1999

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 16th June 1999.

17/00 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman, Mr A. Jollands and 6 members of the public.

18/00 Apologies. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek and Mrs E. Rowarth.

19/00 Minutes. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19th May 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to a note being recorded that the millennium sign is not all comprised of reflective material.

20/00 Police Report. P.C Glynn attended the meeting for this item only and reported that there have been complaints of motorbikes riding on the pit tip and the football field. Anyone witnessing these incidents should notify the police immediately giving as much information as possible. There being no other police related matters raised P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

21/00 Items from members of the public. Three members of the line dancing group attended the meeting and made a request to use the village hall every Wednesday of the month. There is another room available locally but this is only small but it was decided that this matter should be discussed further when the members of the public have left the meeting. That discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council need to maintain the Village Hall as its base for all meetings not least because new visitors can easily locate it, we need a large room on occasions and we currently pay the going rate for the hire of the room.

Representatives of the football team who used the pitch last season were also in attendance at the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that they should continue to use the pitch on the same terms which operated last season; the other club who have also applied to use the pitch will now be contacted by the Clerk to tell them that it is not available as the unanimous view of the Council was that the pitch would not currently sustain regular usage by two teams.

22/00 Planning. None, other than the following 3 planning applications have now been granted :-

NED 599/0304 Kitchen and internal alterations to provide additional sales area at the Post Office, 92 Main Road, Morton for Mr A.Jollands.

NED 499/0264 External skin of brickwork and new roof covering to existing properties at 208 & 210 Main Road, Morton for R. Cannon.

NED 499/0261 Single storey rear extension to form porch at Haver Hill Farm, Evershill Lane, Morton for C. Hawkins.

23/00 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton. There has been a recent publicity leaflet distributed by ONYX land technologies regarding the Mickley Farm Scheme. However, Councillor Bacon confirmed that this planning application will not be heard by the County Council for at least another 2 months and that we will be notified in advance of both the planning meeting and the site meeting which are as close together as it is possible to arrange.

24/00 Finance. The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Audit Commission - Audit fee 1997/98	000474	251 . 69
NEDDC - school milk (April 1999)	000475	18 . 20
Key Services - grass cutting	000476	286 . 70
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000477	278 . 66
Morton Colliery Cricket Club - grant	000478	250 . 00

25/00 Parish Council Land. There were two main areas of discussion namely the ongoing problem with streetcleaning/gully clearing in the village and the need to keep the areas of land tidy which we have a responsibility for if not the actual ownership. In the case of the former it was decided to invite Sam Wall from NEDDC to a site meeting in order to try and clarify what the District Council's schedules are and to point out the particular problem spots in order to try and influence some general improvement.

With regard to the pit wheels, war memorial, Village Hall, centre chestnut and the wall from the pit yard to the Corner Pin public house it was agreed that some urgent work is needed in order to try and improve the general appearance of these areas. The Clerk will contact two firms who are known to carry out this type of work and arrange a site meeting with both when Councillor Bacon returns from holiday; hopefully we would then have received two estimates before the July meeting.

The hedge on the boundary of the playing field which we own is apparently causing some concern again for a few of the local residents and the Clerk was asked to try and ascertain whose responsibility this boundary is. Any decision on this matter will be deferred until such time as the situation is clarified.

26/00 Pit Wheels. A reply has not yet been received from the solicitors for the landowners and we therefore cannot access the land at the rear of the pit wheels for such things as planting shrubs etc. until this is finally resolved.

27/00 **Millennium.** Mr Darby was sorry to report that the contractor making the signs appears to be less enthusiastic about the project. It was felt that a letter from the Clerk confirming the position and our full requirements is needed and Mr Darby will telephone the Clerk as soon as possible with all of the relevant information. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor is expected to fix the signs but before this is done a meeting with the County Council is needed in order to ensure that they are happy with the exact location of the signs.

28/00 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. Of particular interest was the information regarding the CAB/Social Services facility in North East Derbyshire. Also, the offer from DRCC to attend a future meeting in order to explain in more detail the community information packs in respect of services for older people will be taken up and it was agreed to invite them to the September meeting.

A letter has been received from Morton Colliery Cricket Club requesting payment of the second instalment of the £500 grant which was agreed last year; this was unanimously agreed and a cheque for £250 will now be sent.

Three quotes have now been received in respect of the internal decoration of the Village Hall and these were as follows (all figures quoted are net costs) :-

	£
R. Birkin -	1,150
K.M. Smith -	1,350
Chesterfield Co-op -	980

Bearing in mind that the Co-op is a well known reputable company and the prices quoted it was unanimously agreed that this quote should be accepted. The Clerk will liaise with the Co-Op and Mr Gough in order to try and agree the best time for the work to be carried during the summer holiday.

29/00 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Vardy reported that the Holland Close street sign has now been replaced which is excellent news but this does not alter the fact that it was already long overdue.

30/00 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None, other than those issues which were discussed earlier in the meeting.



Chairman

21st July 1999