

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 21st July 1999.

**31/00 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr A. Jollands and Mr G. Freeman.

**32/00 Apologies.** Mrs G.H. Bacon and Mrs M. Treweek.

**33/00 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th June 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to cheque no 000478 being amended to read £250 and **not** £275.

**34/00 Police Report.** P.C. Glynn attended the meeting for this item and reported that things had been quiet recently. Mr Darby raised the problem of young people firing air rifles from houses in the Village and there appears to be several instances of this happening. P.C. Glynn confirmed that the police would follow up on any such reports as it is illegal to fire beyond the boundary of the person's own property and anyone under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times. There being no further matters raised P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

**35/00 Items from members of the public.** Representatives of the Live and Let Live football team attended the meeting to ask if they could use the pitch on the alternate Sundays when it is not used by Shirland Miner's Welfare. There appeared to be some confusion concerning who had attended the last meeting on behalf of Shirland Miner's Welfare but after some discussion it was decided that if the two clubs can agree between themselves that playing alternate weeks is acceptable the Parish Council will consider this proposal. Each club would be charged separately for the use of the pitch.

The boundary hedge between our land at the rear of the old Morton Miner's Welfare and the properties at 21 and 23 The Rookeries is overgrown and Mr Darby has been approached to see if the Parish Council would be prepared to cut it back. The Clerk is still waiting to hear from CISWO regarding the original deeds which would show exactly where the boundary is. However, in order to try and expedite the matter it was decided that the Clerk should now write to the District Council to see if they would be prepared to include it on their schedule of work in future.

A letter from a local resident, namely Mr P. Cotterill, was read out and the content of the letter referred to some of the current problems in the Village; these were the silting up of the pavement on Station Road, overgrown hedges and the shoddy state of the area around the pit wheels. The Clerk will reply to this letter and will also send copies of relevant correspondence to Mr Cotterill; these matters will be followed up with the County Council and the District Council again.

36/00 **Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

**NED 799/0470** - Change of use of former hospital ward to daycare centre, re-roofing building, alteration to dormers and windows, erection of 2 pitched roofs, erection of conservatory and external alterations at Morton Grange Nursing Home, Stretton Road, Morton for M.M. Rye.

**NED 799/0464 - Proposed** change of use from shop to residential at 33/35 Main Road, Morton for Mr C. Dill. However, concern was expressed at the loss of yet another valuable facility within the Village.

**The following planning application has now been granted :-**

**NED 599/0359** - Proposed extension at Longcroft, Peewithall Lane, Morton for R.B. Daniel.

37/00 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** A public meeting will be held after the school holidays regarding the proposed Mickley Farm scheme and it was agreed that this will be held in the Village Hall and as this is an open public meeting, and not a Parish Council meeting, there will be no charge payable for the use of the room.

Mrs Smith expressed some concern regarding current developments on the Doe Hill Site and in particular the possibility that Gloves Lane is not going to be fully reinstated by the contractor H.J. Banks & Co. Ltd. The Clerk will write to the County Council to demand that Gloves Lane is reinstated whilst it is acknowledged that this is just outside of our Parish.

38/00 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<b><u>Payee.</u></b>	<b><u>Cheque No.</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
NEDDC - school milk (January 1999)	000479	24 . 27
Key Services - grass cutting	000480	162 . 15
NEDDC - dog waste bin service	000481	32 . 71
NEDDC - supply and install cradle seat	000482	128 . 98
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000483	280 . 73

**39/00 Parish Council Land.** The football field appears to be in excellent condition at the moment. With regard to the earlier representation made by the 2 players from the Live and Let Live football team it was agreed that if the 2 teams are happy to share the pitch on alternate weeks then that will be acceptable. However, under no circumstances can the pitch be used twice on the same day without the express consent of the Parish Council and this should rarely happen if at all.

The County Council have written to confirm that they are now in a position to proceed with the lease for the land which forms the Children's Play Area off New Street and they need to know if we are seeking independent legal advice; it was unanimously decided that this will not be necessary in this situation. The lease will be for a term of 25 years at an annual rent of £50 to be reviewed every 5 years and we will also have to contribute the sum of £250 towards the County Council's Legal and Surveyor's fees. The County Council are able to stamp and register the Lease on our behalf when the matter is complete and it was agreed that they should be asked to do this.

**40/00 Pit Wheels.** The lease for the small strip of land upon which the pit wheels construction has encroached has now been received from Jakes & Co. Solicitors and the Clerk was duly authorised to sign the document on the Parish Council's behalf which he did and this was witnessed by Mrs V. Smith. We also now have written permission to plant small shrubs, up to 3 feet high, at the back of the wall as long as we maintain them in the future.

**41/00 Millennium.** The Clerk has now received outline drawings of the proposed signs from the County Council which were presented to the meeting. The County Council have become involved as they changed the advice previously given and stated that they were not happy with the scheme we had drawn up and that planning permission would be needed unless they erected the signs themselves. Under the circumstances, and bearing in mind the problems encountered with the pit wheels, it was felt that we should now let the County Council carry out the scheme. Mr Darby took the drawings for further perusal before the Clerk formally writes back to the County Council with our opinion about their proposals. There was some initial concern at the tree on the sign which it was felt did not do the sign justice.

**42/00 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Verovkins of the District Council Environmental Health Department regarding the poor state of the land at the rear of the Corner Pin and the question being asked was who actually owns the land? Mrs Smith offered to take the letter back personally to try and ensure that the District Council make every effort to find out this information. In terms of the action taken enforcement notices have been issued and there appears little further that can be done unless the owners can be persuaded to carry out some improvements on a voluntary basis.

A letter of thanks was read out from the Cricket Club in respect of the recent grant of £250 which we made to them.

43/00 Matters concerning the District Council. None, other than those matters which have been raised earlier in the meeting.

44/00 Matters concerning the County Council. Mr Darby raised a problem on behalf of the occupant of Haverhill Farm who is concerned about the poor state of the road surface on the north side of Evershill Lane; the Clerk will report this matter to the County Council immediately.



Chairman

15th September 1999

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held on the 15th September 1999.

**45/00 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman and 4 members of the public.

**46/00 Apologies.** Mrs E. Rowarth and Mr A. Jollands.

**47/00 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**48/00 Police Report.** P.C Glynn reported that there had been 3 crimes in July and 4 crimes in August in Morton. There were no new items raised and P.C. Glynn was therefore thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

**49/00 Items from members of the public.** The lack of any summer playscheme facility in Morton, and the fact that other local schemes are fully subscribed, was raised and a lengthy discussion ensued. The Parish Council support in principle the idea of a summer playscheme in Morton and it may also be possible to obtain grants from the County Council and the District Council. The Clerk will try and obtain some relevant information/application forms and liaise with Mrs D. Quinn (member of the public present) with regard to this matter.

A further discussion took place regarding possible traffic calming measures in Morton and there is a great deal of scepticism concerning the County Council's proposals which would cost approximately £20,000 in total and no-one is convinced that the proposals put forward would improve the situation at all. This matter will not be pursued until there is a clear indication from the majority of the local population that they would be prepared to pay an increased Parish Council precept in order to fund any such scheme as a one-off. This matter will now be left in abeyance for the time being.

**50/00 Planning.** The following planning applications have now been granted :-

**NED 799/0470** - Change of use of former hospital ward to daycare centre, re-roofing building, alteration to dormers and windows, erection of 2 pitched roofs, erection of conservatory and external alterations at Morton Grange Nursing Home, Stretton Road, Morton for M.M. Rye.

**NED 799/0464** - Proposed change of use from shop to residential at 33/35 Main Road, Morton for Mr C. Dill.

**99/10457/FL (NED 799/0547)** - Proposed ground floor shower room extension to east elevation at 49 Stretton Road, Morton for G.A. Carlin.

**The following planning application will be looked at further before a decision is taken on whether or not there are any objections :-**

**99/00051/FL** - Proposed construction of single storey dwelling with detached garage at land to the north of Pine Lodge, Back lane, Morton DE55 6GT for Mr & Mrs J. Deane.

**51/00 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** There is a meeting shortly regarding the Mickley Farm planning application and local publicity will take place in order to try and obtain as much local involvement as possible.

The Clerk was asked to write to RJB Mining UK Ltd. to ask them to ensure that the unsightly debris around the entrance to the site from the B6014 near to Morton is cleared up as soon as possible.

**52/00 Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - supply of school milk (June)	000484	21 . 23
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000485	275 . 28
Chesterfield Co-Op - Decorating	000486	1,367 . 12
NEDDC - supply of school milk (July)	000487	18 . 20
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000488	276 . 61
Key Services - grass cutting	000489	162 . 15
Neil Shacklock - repair to boiler	000490	235 . 90
Morton Village Hall - hire of rooms 98/99	000491	176 . 00

**53/00 Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby raised several issues regarding trees/vegetation growing over onto the highway; where this is originating from privately owned property the Clerk will write to the individuals concerned to raise the problem once he has been informed of their names and addresses.

The District Council have provided a quote of £250 for cutting back the hedge on the Parish Council land where it borders onto "The Rookeries". It was decided that this work should now be carried out and the hedge maintained by ourselves in the future but a site meeting will be arranged with Key Services to obtain a second price and also to find out the cost of all the other general maintenance which needs carrying out in order to make the village look more presentable.

Both football teams have paid their rental of the pitch for 1999/2000 which is £75 each and the Clerk has spelled out the fact that they must not play on the pitch on the same day, or sub-let it to anyone, without the express permission in advance of the Parish Council.

**54/00 Pit Wheels.** The tidying up and planting of this area will be dealt with when the site meeting with Key Services is held.

**55/00 Millennium.** The latest drawings of the signs prepared by the County Council and brought to the meeting by Mr Darby were reluctantly accepted as the only option if we wish to proceed and have the signs in place before Christmas. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with Gary Bridges from the County Council and Mrs V. Smith and Mr B. Darby from the Parish Council in order that the final details of positioning, cost and the make up of the signs can be agreed before a final order is placed.

**56/00 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from the County Council stating that at the moment there are no applications to permanently "stop-up" any roads on the Doe Hill opencast site. We have stated our strong objections to any such proposals and particularly in the case of Gloves Lane; we have been assured that if any proposals are put forward by H.J. Banks then there will be full consultation with local people.

The Clerk read out a letter from the District Council regarding the new procedure in respect of requesting dog waste bins and litter bins but currently we do not require any more of these.

The date of the next District/Parish liaison group meeting has been changed to the 17th November 1999. As this clashes with our planned Parish Council meeting it was decided to bring this forward to 5:00pm in order that people can attend both meetings if they so wish.

**57/00 Matters concerning the District Council.** Mrs Bacon reported that the tree at the junction with Holland Close/Stretton Road is overhanging onto the highway and is causing some problems; this will be reported to the District Council by Mrs Treweek tomorrow when she visits the District Council offices.

**58/00 Matters concerning the County Council.** None.



**Chairman**

20th October 1999



# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 20th October 1999.

59/00 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr G. Freeman and 6 members of the public.

60/00 **Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek and Mr A. Jollands.

61/00 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th September 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

62/00 **Police Report.** P.C Glynn reported that there had been 5 crimes in Morton during the past month all of which were vehicle related. A discussion took place regarding the dumping of stolen cars and subsequent fires which result from this; there is no easy solution and in most cases the responsibility for the removal of the vehicles rests with the County Council and these vehicles will be clearly marked as such by the police.

There have been further reports of fires taking place in the village. If the District Council Environmental Officer is not available it is in order to ring the police on 01246 220100 who will respond if at all possible.

P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

63/00 **Items from members of the public.** There was an update on the progress made with regard to the proposed summer playscheme and a meeting has already taken place with Sue Lamb from Social Services which was most helpful. Up to 40 children could be accommodated on the playscheme and grants now need to be applied for in order to try and ascertain what size of scheme might be possible in the summer of 2000. The Parish Council were asked whether or not they would be prepared to offer financial support towards the playscheme and although this has been agreed in principle no amount has yet been decided upon. This will be discussed further in private by the Council.

64/00 **Planning.** None

65/00 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** A long discussion took place regarding the general lack of interest in the village about the proposed Mickley Farm opencast coal operation; everyone was encouraged to pass the word around that the next meeting of the local action group is to be held in the Rectory Rooms on the evening of Thursday 22nd October 1999.

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66/00 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>* Amount</u>
Key Services	000492	162 . 15
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000493	279 . 62

67/00 **Parish Council Land.** The quote from Key Services regarding the work to tidy up the pit wheels, plant out the area and cut the hedge on the Parish Council field was discussed at length. It was agreed that all the work to the pit wheels should be carried out at a total cost of £350 plus £25 for spraying which will take place twice a year.

With regard to the hedge it was decided that the full length of protruding hedge amounting to 37 yards will be cut back at a price of £130. The price of £40 plus £0.75 per linear yard for each annual cut was also accepted with 5 votes in favour and one abstention. However, Key Services will be asked not to carry out this work until specifically instructed to do so.

68/00 **Pit Wheels.** Nothing further to report other than the information given under the previous agenda item.

69/00 **Millennium.** The Clerk has now received a price of £775 from Derbyshire County Council for the provision and installation of the 2 new "Morton" signs and it was agreed that this should be accepted; upon written receipt of the quote the Clerk will write to request that the work is carried out as soon as possible.

Now it is known that there is to be a £5 millennium coin produced it was decided that Mrs Bacon should approach the Headteacher of Morton Primary School to see if they would be interested in a joint project to present all the children of Morton Parish with such a coin.

70/00 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from RJB Mining which stated that they were also concerned about the state of the entrance to the Rainge site and that they will discuss with the County Council ways of finding a solution to the problem.

A letter has been received from the VHMC thanking the parish Council for the recent decoration of the Village Hall and requesting that we arrange for the necessary repairs to the step, guttering and floorboards of the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to obtain some quotes for this work to be carried out.

It was agreed that 2 x 5-6 foot Christmas trees should be purchased from NEDDC at a total net price of £65.42 for supply and delivery to Morton Primary School; the Clerk will request that these are delivered to the school as early as possible in December.

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71/00 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

72/00 Matters concerning the County Council. The appalling state of the B6014 into Morton from the A61 will once again be reported to the County Council together with a request that the repairs be carried out rather than a continuation of the areas being marked out in yellow and then no action taken .

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Lee', is positioned above the printed name 'Chairman'.

Chairman

17th November 1999

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th November 1999.

**73/00 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr A. Jollands and 4 members of the public.

**74/00 Apologies.** Mr G. Freeman.

**75/00 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**76/00 Police Report.** P.C Glynn attended the meeting and reported that there had been no recorded crime in Morton in the month of October. The street signs on Stretton Road and Church Lane have been vandalised and this matter has been reported to NEDDC in order that they both can be repaired. There has been a report that young people have been congregating around the Post Office in Morton late at night and this was noted by the police. P.C Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

**77/00 Items from members of the public.** The representatives of the proposed Morton Playscheme attended the meeting and presented 2 sets of figures; one set of figures based upon the scheme running for 4 weeks (5 days per week) and the other for 4 weeks (3 days per week). For wages and rent alone the former would cost £4,340 and the latter £2,604. Applications have been made to DCC (Social Services) and NEDDC for grants but a decision need to be made as to whether or not the Parish Council are prepared to make a grant. After some discussion a proposal to make a grant of £500 was made and this was duly seconded and approved.

**78/00 Planning.** The following planning application has now been granted :-

**99/00051/FL** - Proposed construction of single storey dwelling with detached garage at land to the north of Pine Lodge, Back Lane, Morton DE55 6GT for Mr & Mrs J. Deane.

**79/00 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** The flame and bore holes are being inspected on a weekly basis. There is a meeting at County Hall, Matlock on the 24th November between the County Council, Opencast developers and groups opposing Opencast mining and Morton residents will be well represented at this meeting. Mrs Bacon reported that there appears to be a contradiction in the verbal assurance that was given by Mr D. Cotterill, Chair of Shirland and Higham Parish Council, at a meeting of that Parish Council some three years ago and what was actually recorded in the minutes and subsequently sent to the County Council in the form of a letter. Mr Cotterill stated that Shirland and Higham Parish Council were against the proposed Opencast site at Mickley Farm, Morton when the exact opposite opinion was submitted to John Essex at the County Council and in fact we now have a copy of this letter.



The Clerk was asked to write to members of Shirland and Higham Parish Council in order to ensure that they are fully aware of our views on this matter and in fact Mrs Bacon and Mrs Rowarth kindly offered to draft a letter which will subsequently be sent to the Clerk for word processing.

**80/00 Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - school milk September 1999	000494	29 . 92
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000495	162 . 15
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000496	277 . 81
The Royal British Legion - poppy appeal	000497	20 . 00
Clay Cross CPCG - grant	000498	20 . 00

The Chair and the Clerk reported that the Annual Audit had gone very well and the main points to report were that the Chair of the meeting should sign each page of the minutes when they are approved in order to reduce the risk of the minutes being changed after the event and that a simple set of standing orders/financial regulations need to be devised.

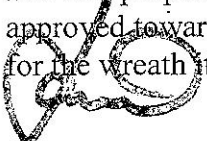
**81/00 Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby was pleased to report that the 37 yards of hedge on the boundary of the Parish Council field has now been cut back by Key Services although he is unsure how they gained access to the land.

Mrs Treweek reported that the land around the pond does not belong to either the County Council nor the District Council and Mr Darby was therefore asked to take the matter up with the Parochial Church Council to see if they own the land which is still in need of clearing up.

**82/00 Pit Wheels.** The work to tidy up this area is still yet to be carried out by Key Services.

**83/00 Millennium.** Nothing further to report at the moment.

**84/00 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from the District Council regarding the role of Tree Wardens acting in a voluntary capacity on behalf of Parish Councils. A letter from the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group asking for financial assistance towards the general administration of the group has been received; a grant of £20 was proposed, seconded and duly approved. A grant of £20 was also unanimously approved towards the 1999 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which includes payment for the wreath itself.



**85/00 Matters concerning the District Council.** The Clerk was asked to report to NEDDC the ongoing problem of the eyesore created by the scrap vehicles on the land at the rear of the Corner Pin; this is particularly important as a similar problem at the rear of Morton Nurseries, which has been around for some considerable time, is now being attended to by the District Council.

Also to be reported is the fact that Mr G. Whitmore has dug a drainage trench which is approximately 9 inches deep across Red Lane and this crosses the access route to our land. This could be a hazard to people using Red Lane particularly in the dark and the Clerk will ask for the District Council's opinion on this matter to be put in writing.

**86/00 Matters concerning the County Council.** A discussion took place about the possibility of the Parish Council offering financial support on a 50/50 basis towards a traffic calming scheme in Morton. Councillors were advised to give this matter due consideration prior to the next Parish Council meeting at which the precept for the financial year 2000/2001 is to be determined.

Mrs Treweek reported that an eviction order has been served on the gypsies who are occupying the land at the entrance to the village on the road from Tibshelf.

Chairman

 15th December 1999

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 15th December 1999.

87/00 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr A. Jollands, Mr G. Freeman and 4 members of the public.

88/00 **Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek.

89/00 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 1999 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

90/00 **Police Report.** P.C. Glynn had telephoned the Clerk to say that he would not be able to attend the meeting as he currently had a prisoner placed with him. He would however phone the Clerk again on Friday 17th December to see if any new problems had been raised. The crime figures showed that there had been 4 crimes in Morton during the past month. A police questionnaire focusing on what local people feel should be priority areas for policing was presented to the meeting and will be completed by one of the Councillors present.

P.C. Glynn did then manage to attend the meeting with a colleague at approximately 8:30pm and Mr Jollands mentioned to them a group of apparently foreign people who had been into his shop recently; the police were not aware of any such group in the locality but noted the report for future reference. The police were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

91/00 **Items from members of the public.** None, other than a request for an update on the Parish Council's views about traffic calming which it was decided would be discussed later in the meeting when next years' precept is being considered.

92/00 **Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

99/00382/OL - Proposed outline application for residential development on land at Corner Pin, Station Road, Morton DE55 6HN for Mr H. Randle.

**The following planning application has now been granted :-**

99/00294/FL - Proposed hip roof over existing flat roof extension and erection of a double garage at 66 Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6GW for Peter Holmes.

93/00 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** PG 14-1-2000  
Mrs Bacon ~~and Mrs Rowarth~~ had attended the meeting at County Hall regarding the Mickley Farm application but they did not feel that this had been particularly helpful. This planning application is now likely to be considered by the County Council in January 2000.

94/00 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

a). **Cheques.**

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - supply of school milk (October)	000499	22 . 44
Key Services - hedge cutting	000500	152 . 75
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000501	279 . 68

b). **Financial Regulations.** The current controls which are in place are that 2 signatures from councillors are needed on each cheque and all expenditure has to be approved in Council meetings. Also, the Chair and Vice-Chair periodically check the accounts and the account book is initialled at that time. Wherever possible a minimum of 3 quotes are obtained for any work which is to be carried out on the Parish Council's behalf. The Council unanimously agreed that these measures are currently adequate for this purpose.

c). **Precept.** This item was in fact dealt with right at the end of the meeting after all the other business had been finished. The Clerk distributed a draft Precept based upon last years' figures and after an interesting discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed by the 5 councillors remaining, that the Precept should be increased by £2,000 for 2000/2001 making the new figure £15,000. The Clerk will amend the draft figures accordingly and distribute these at the next meeting.

As part of these discussions the figures detailed for the Clerk's wages and expenses were agreed also and these will be brought into effect on the 1st January 2000 as in previous years.

95/00 **Parish Council Land.** The planting out at the back of the pit wheels and the general tidying up of the area needs carrying out as soon as possible; the Clerk will contact Key Services and ask them to give him up to a weeks notice of when the work is to be carried out in order that the landowners can be alerted to this fact via their solicitors in Mansfield; we do however have written permission to go on the land with a vehicle for the sole purpose of carrying out this work.

Apparently one of the football teams using our pitch, (Shirland 2000), recently attempted to play a second match on the same day contrary to what they have been instructed. The Clerk will now write to Mr S. Rodgers, who is the Secretary of the club, stating that if there is any repetition of this by either team the Parish Council will have no hesitation in withdrawing the right to use the pitch from the offending team; a copy of this letter will be sent to Mr S. Kirk who is the Secretary of the Shirland Miner's Welfare team.



A discussion took place about the land which needs tidying up as the view of the Church is that they do not own this land contrary to what we had thought. After much debate it was agreed that the Clerk will try and obtain a good enough map from the District Council of the Parish of Morton in order that all the parcels of land where there is doubt about the ownership can be clearly marked; hopefully we could then find out from the Land Registry who the various owners are.

**96/00 Millennium.** The 2 signs, one at either entrance to the village, are now in place which is good news even though there appears to be mixed opinion locally about the quality of these.

A sum of approximately £150 to provide medals marking the millennium for all children attending Morton Primary was unanimously agreed; this is also being partly funded by the school of course.

**97/00 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. There were a variety of papers resulting from the District/Parish liaison committee meeting including the minutes of the meeting.

Responsibility for Area 14 of Derbyshire in terms of the Highways Agency has moved from Manchester to Birmingham and they have offered to attend "grouped" meetings of Parish Council's in order to explain their work and also to listen to the views of local people.

A request for financial assistance from RELATE in North Derbyshire has been received but it was decided not to give them a grant due to the pressure on the budget from more local groups.

The Clerk read out a letter of thanks from the Headteacher of Morton Primary School in respect of the 2 Christmas trees which we have again purchased this year.

**98/00 Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

**99/00 Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr Darby asked about possible traffic calming on New Street as he understood from a meeting some time ago that this would not be possible under any circumstances. To the best knowledge of the Clerk there is no practical reason why this could not be done but as a no through road it would never be a priority for this type of scheme.

There are flooding problems again on Pilsley Road north bound near to the site of the old railway bridge; also, there are flooding problems on the B6014 in the dip coming to Morton from the A61 and also near to Randle's Garage.

It was reported that the white zig zag lines at the school crossing have not yet been replaced following the recent roadworks and this now needs doing as a matter of urgency. All of these matters will be reported in writing to the County Council.

*all passed*

Chairman

19th January 2000

## **PRECEPT 2000 / 2001**

Guidance notes for Councillors to assist with the setting of the Precept for Morton Parish Council for the financial year 2000/2001.

### **Estimated Balances at 31-3-2000 and anticipated income :-**

	£ p
Current Account	223.00
Deposit Account	12,500.00
Estimated bank interest	200.00
Football Teams	150.00
Precept for 2000/20001 say	<u>15,000.00</u>
	28,073.00

### **Anticipated Expenditure during 2000/2001 :-**

#### **1). General Administration.**

Clerk's Salary (NALC recommended rate w.e.f. 1-7-99)	2,900.00
Office and Telephone Allowance	540.00
Postage, Stationery and Telephone	170.00
Insurance	650.00
Audit Fee	<u>230.00</u>
	4,490.00

#### **2). Village Hall.**

Maintenance Contingency	2,000.00
Hire of hall for meetings	<u>150.00</u>
	2,150.00

#### **3). Grants to Voluntary Bodies.**

General	2,000.00
Holy Cross Church Graveyard Maintenance	<u>900.00</u>
	2,900.00

#### **4). Special and Contingency Funds.**

Maintenance of land	1,500.00
Policy Initiatives (say traffic calming)	<u>5,000.00</u>
	6,500.00

**ESTIMATED BALANCE AT 31-3-2001**

**12,033.00**

**P.GOODWIN - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**