

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 19th April 2000.

141/00 Members Present. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr G. Freeman and 1 member of the public.

142/00 Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek and Mr A. Jollands,

143/00 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

144/00 Police Report. P.C Glynn attended the meeting and reported on the one crime, which was the theft and subsequent burning out of a motor vehicle, during the past month.

Mrs Bacon has written to reported a problem with a broken down vehicle which was left outside number 85 Stretton Road for over a week causing an obstruction.

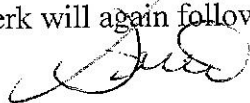
The police have visited the person who has previously reported problems with off the road motor cyclists and some of the known culprits have now been warned about their future conduct. P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

145/00 Items from members of the public. None.

146/00 Planning. None.

147/00 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton. There is no further news on the Mickley Farm application which was recently refused. Also, the Clerk was asked to write and ask the County Council to determine that this site should be declared unfit for any future development due to the amount of dioxin buried below this area and the extremely high risk to local people if this was ever to be disturbed. This would not only affect the current residents of the area but future generations to come.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask for clarification regarding the Toxic Waste site in terms of why so many trees are being planted, who is paying for these and why no top soil was put on the site as we had requested. Further clarification of the County Council's initial response to our request has still not been received and the Clerk will again follow this up in writing.



148/00 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Neil Shacklock - boiler service/repair	000515	123 . 73
Derbyshire County Council - legal fees	000516	250 . 00
H.M. Land Registry - registration fees	000517	40 . 00
Inland Revenue - stamp duty	000518	10 . 00
NEDDC - removal of old play equipment	000519	412 . 28
NEDDC - dog waste bin service	000520	16 . 36
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000521	89 . 76
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000522	307 . 93

There was also good news in so far as the County Council have apparently agreed a grant of £2,500 towards the planned Morton Summer Playscheme this year.

149/00 **Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings.** It was agreed that the railings will need to be painted next year as it will then be 3 years since they were done; in the meantime attempts will be made to get some of the people on community service to clean these up to a reasonable standard as well as carrying out some general tidying duties within the Village.

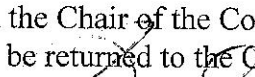
The area around the pit wheels also requires some attention in order to make it more pleasing to the eye. A plaque of some sort or lettering on the actual wheels to show that they are commemorating the old colliery needs to be thought about and this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Similarly, a sign with a brief description of the centre of England tree needs to be given further consideration and Mr Darby offered to think about some suitable wording and report back to the next meeting.

150/00 **Village Hall Lease.** This matter will be considered further now that copies of the previous lease are available to councillors and a special meeting called in due course in order that this important issue can be given full and proper consideration.

151/00 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from the Inland Revenue, and one from Dennis Skinner, which were in response to our letter regarding the application of the miner's pension scheme surpluses.

The lease from the County Council in respect of the children's play area was signed by both the Chair of the Council Mrs V. Smith and the Clerk Mr P. Goodwin and this will now be returned to the County Council in order that this matter can be finalised.

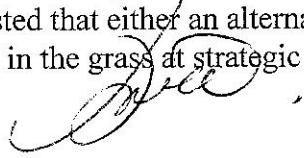


A letter has been received from Joy Lomas, who is the Project Officer for the North East Derbyshire Rural Transport Partnership, offering to come to a Parish Council meeting in order to explain in more detail about the project. The Clerk will try and arrange this as soon as possible.

152/00 Matters concerning the District Council. Mr Darby reported that the street sign on Station Road is missing and although the Clerk has already reported this to the District Council he will follow it up as a matter of urgency.

153/00 Matters concerning the County Council. There is some serious flooding on the right hand lane of the B6014 entering Morton from the A61; the Clerk will report this to the County Council immediately.

The problem with Stagecoach buses driving over the grass on the triangle near to the Village Hall when they are turning round is still happening despite the Clerk reporting this to Stagecoach following last month's meeting; the Clerk will now write a letter of complaint to the County Council and send a copy to Stagecoach and at the same time it will be suggested that either an alternative point for turning be sought or some short posts be fixed in the grass at strategic points in order that they can no longer do this.



Chairman

17th May 2000

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 17th May 2000.

Present. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth and Mr G. Freeman.

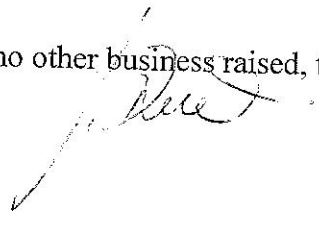
Apologies. Mr A. Jollands.

Minutes. The minutes of the 1999 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Mrs V. Smith, stated that in her opinion steady progress was being made given the fact that the Parish Council has limited resources and that everything was "ticking along nicely". Hopefully further positive work can be carried out during the forthcoming year.

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 7:40pm.



Chairman

16th May 2001

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th May 2000.

- 1/01 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy and Mrs E. Rowarth.
- 2/01 **Apologies.** Mr A Jollands.
- 3/01 **Election of Chair for the year 2000/2001.** 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 2000/2001. There being no further nominations received Mrs V. Smith was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.
- 4/01 **Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2000/2001.** Mrs Smith asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs E. Rowarth was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2000/2001. There being no further nominations received Mrs E. Rowarth was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.
- 5/01 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 6/01 **Police Report.** P.C. Glynn attended the meeting and reported that there had been 5 crimes in the Village during the past month and one arrest has been made which it is hoped will solve 3 of these crimes.
- P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.
- 7/01 **Items from members of the public.** None.
- 8/01 **N.E. Derbyshire Rural Transport Partnership - Joy Lomas.** The Project Officer, Joy Lomas, made a brief presentation to the meeting regarding the N.E. Derbyshire Rural Transport Partnership. Councillors then raised several points regarding the limited bus service through Morton and some of the specific problems in accessing towns and even fairly local facilities; these were noted by Joy who will take the matter up with the County Council in order to try and achieve some improvements although at the earliest these will not be for some months. Joy was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.
- 9/01 **Planning.** There were no objections to the application in respect of a proposed single storey front and rear extensions and new roof at Springwell Cottage, Pilsley Road, Morton for Mr & Mrs Hadfield.



10/01 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Mrs Treweek reported that the potential developers of the Mickley Farm site have been in contact with the County Council but to date an appeal has not been lodged. The Clerk is still awaiting a reply to the letter he has sent which asks the County Council if they are able to guarantee that this site will never be developed in any way.

11/01 **Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - maintenance of land	000523	540 . 50
Cornhill Insurance PLC - annual premium	000524	660 . 98
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000525	162 . 15
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000526	302 . 92

The Clerk circulated the provisional accounts for the year 1999/2000 and these were signed by the Chair of the Council and the Clerk. These accounts are of course subject to confirmation by the District Auditor.

12/01 **Parish Council Land.** Nothing further to report at the moment.

13/01 **Pit Wheels and the Centre of England Tree.** Part of the pit wheels structure is now in a potentially dangerous condition and the Clerk was asked to write to the builder, Mr G. Brownhill, as a matter of urgency in order that this can be quickly rectified.

With regard to the Centre of England Tree, further thought needs to be given by everyone, not just Mr Darby, about the wording which could be put on the sign which we intend to erect; this also applies to the proposed sign for the pit wheels.

14/01 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Clerk read out a letter from Stagecoach which was in response to the complaint we had made about the churning up of the grass on the triangle adjacent to the Village Hall; an instruction has been issued to all drivers to ensure that more care is taken when buses are turning at this point.

The County Council have put a temporary closure on Morton Public Bridleway No.8 whilst emergency bridge repairs are being carried out.

The lease with the County Council for the children's play area has now almost been completed.

15/01 **Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

16/01 **Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr Darby raised the possibility of providing a further bus shelter in the Village. Although there was general support for this idea there was a lengthy discussion concerning the likely reaction of those local people who lived closest to any proposed site; it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Bill Leah who is the County Council officer responsible for advising about the positioning of bus stops and shelters. A site visit will then be arranged to look into this suggestion in more detail.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:15pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Rowall'.

Chairman

21st June 2000

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 21st June 2000.

17/01 Members Present. Mrs E. Rowarth (Chair for the meeting), Mrs V. Smith (part of the meeting - unwell), Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs M. Treweek and 1 member of the public.

18/01 Apologies. Mrs G.H. Bacon, Mr G. Freeman and Mr A. Jollands.

19/01 Minutes. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th May 2000 were approved subject to Mr Jollands name being removed from minute number 9/01 and being replaced with Mr & Mrs Hadfield.


20/01 Police Report. A question was asked about the powers of school crossing patrol officers in cases where vehicles are parked in dangerous positions; P.C Glynn stated that such incidents should be reported to the police. Mr Darby was pleased to report that some off the road bikers had been apprehended on the old Morton tip and things had been much quieter since then. P.C Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

21/01 Items from members of the public. The ongoing problems regarding the school crossing area were raised again and it was decided to contact the Headteacher and see if it would be possible for the police to offer occasional assistance in order to try and deter inappropriate parking and driving in this vicinity.

22/01 Planning. The following planning application has now been granted :-

00/00385/FL - proposed single storey front and rear extensions and new roof at Springwell Cottage, Pilsley Road, Morton DE55 6HP for Mr & Mrs Hadfield.

23/01 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton. The Clerk read out a letter from the County Council which stated that although they cannot give us the guarantees asked for in respect of the land contaminated by dioxins they still hold on file the Tribunal recommendation which states "that the contaminated waste should never be disturbed and that, without prejudice to the County Council's statutory responsibilities under the Town and Country Planning legislation, applications for development on the site should not be approved if the development proposed is likely in any way to disturb the deposits". This was the reason that the County Council later acquired the land to prevent any inappropriate development of it; it is worth noting that the County Council is still the owner of the land. Whilst this letter does not contain any information which was not already known locally it was decided that the Clerk should distribute a copy of it to all councillors when the agenda for the next meeting is sent out.



24/01 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - Christmas trees	000527	76 . 87
DCC - supply and erect village nameplates	000528	775 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000529	306 . 31

This year's Audit will take place at The District Council Offices, Saltergate at 3:30pm on Thursday 7th September 2000; the accounts will be deposited with the Auditor on the morning of Monday 7th August 2000.

25/01 **Parish Council Land.** Mr Darby reported that he felt that the football field now needs cutting; Mrs Smith did not agree but offered to contact Mr S. Rodgers of Shirland Miners Welfare 2000 to see if any action is imminent.

The Clerk was asked to send a strong letter of complaint to Key Services with regard to the grass cutting in the churchyard as on the last occasion the standard was very poor.

The hedge on the boundary of Church Farm and Stretton Road was reported as being very overgrown. The Clerk will write asking for this to be cut back within the next 21 days otherwise the matter will be referred to NEDDC for action.

26/01 **Village Hall lease.** The Clerk distributed a notice of the meeting to be held at 6.30 pm on the 19 July 2000 immediately before the next Parish Council meeting in order to discuss what the new arrangements should be in this respect. These will also be distributed to groups who use the Village Hall as well as being posted in prominent positions throughout the Parish.

27/01 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from the Village Hall Management Committee which asked for assistance from the Parish Council in order that the exterior brickwork on the Village Hall could be pointed; this was as a result of problems of mortar falling on to the neighbouring property. The VHMC are offering to pay for the work to be done to the front of the building and requesting that the Parish Council pays for the side of the building which borders with the property referred to. It was agreed that this was a reasonable request and that both the VHMC and ourselves will endeavour to obtain a quote for the work to be carried out.

Inspector Gary Knighton has written to introduce himself as the new Section Inspector at Clay Cross and this was noted.

A grant of £25 was agreed in respect of the NEDDC Chair's Appeal for 2000/01 which is in support of the Marie Curie Nurses' fund.

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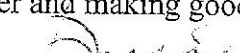
The County Council have replied to our letter expressing concern about the damage to the grass and tree roots which is caused when buses turn around at the triangle near to the Village Hall. They still wish the buses to turn at this point but have asked the highways engineer to consider redesigning the kerbline around the tree such that there would be enough room for large vehicles to turn without damaging the grass. This suggestion is not acceptable and Mrs Treweek took the letter in order to inform the officer concerned that the Parish Council would like the damaged grass repairing and some large stones putting in strategic places in order to avoid any future re-occurrence of this problem.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of congratulation to the Headteacher of Morton Primary School in recognition of their recent successes when competing in a countywide cricket competition.

English Heritage, in association with Friends of War Memorials have introduced a new grant scheme that is aimed specifically at the repair of grade 11 listed war memorials within Conservation Areas; the Clerk will write to see if any grant would be available in respect of the war memorial in Morton which is in a Conservation Area but it is not known if the memorial is grade 11 listed.

28/01 Matters concerning the District Council. A gate has been put across the entrance to Morton Filling Station to prevent vehicles being taken away; however this has caused an obstruction to people taking pushchairs or wheelchair users trying to use the public footpath. Mrs Smith and Mrs Treweek will investigate the matter further and report the problem to the District Council for their action in order to resolve the situation.

29/01 Matters concerning the County Council. Mr Darby reported on a site meeting with Bill Leah from the County Council regarding bus shelters but in particular the one on Station Road which it transpires is now in a possibly dangerous condition. After much discussion it was decided that an application will be made to the County Council for a 50% grant towards the cost of replacing this shelter with the Abacus 3 Bay enclosed shelter with the entrance/exit openings both being at the front of the shelter. If the grant is approved the cost to the Parish Council will be approximately £2,600 plus the cost of removing the old shelter and making good; the County Council will be asked for a price to carry out this work.



Chairman

19th July 2000