

# Morton Parish Council

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

**30/01 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Dyer (previously Bacon), Mr B. Darby, Mrs E. Rowarth and 2 members of the public.

**31/01 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy, Mr A. Jollands and Mr G. Freeman .

**32/01 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st June 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**33/01 Police Report.** P.C Glynn reported that there had been 4 crimes in Morton during the past month which comprised 2 thefts of vehicles, one theft of a caravan and one theft from a garage. It was reported that there is still a problem with off the road motor cyclists in the Village but the position is much improved since the last police intervention. Before he left the meeting P.C. Glynn stated that Inspector Knighton is hoping to attend one of each of the Parish Council meetings in the near future.

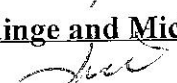
**34/01 Items from members of the public.** There is an overhanging hedge on Main Road, Morton just at the top of the pit wheels on the same side of the road and the Clerk will report this to the County Council as it is felt that it is their responsibility to maintain this boundary.

There is a problem again with the blocked gullies where Station Road joins Main Road and the wet conditions are causing silting on the road. The Clerk will report this matter again to the County Council.

The hedge on the boundary of Church Farm and Stretton Road has been cut back satisfactorily but unfortunately there is still an overhanging elderberry bush which needs pruning; Mrs Smith will ask the community service volunteers to carry out this small job.

**35/01 Planning.** There were no objections to application number 00/00523/FL in respect of a proposed lowering of kerb to provide vehicular access at 124 and 122 Main Road, Morton DE55 6HL for C.M. Selby.

**36/01 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Nothing further to report at the moment.



37/01 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - Chair's Appeal	000530	25 . 00
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000531	324 . 30
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000532	300 . 36
Audit Commission - Audit fee for 1998/99	000533	190 . 94

The Clerk will attend the annual audit with Mrs E. Rowarth as Mrs V. Smith will be on holiday at the time and this will take place at 3:30pm on Thursday 7th September 2000.

38/01 **Parish Council Land.** One of the football teams who used the pitch last season has asked for approval to continue using the ground next year, namely Shirland Miners Welfare F.C. 2000, and this has been granted. The other team have not yet contacted the Clerk. Apparently arrangements are in hand for the cutting of the grass in the near future.

39/01 **Village Hall lease.** Following the meeting which had preceded this Parish Council meeting it was decided that a letter will be drafted outlining the current position and at the same time requesting more volunteers to act as Trustees to the Charity; this will then be distributed as soon as possible to every household in the Village.

40/01 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The District Council require confirmation of the Churches in our Parish for a guide they are producing and the one listed namely Holy Cross Church was confirmed as correct. The vicar however is no longer the Reverend Ian N. Pallett but Reverend Christine Dyer and her address is not as listed but is The Vicarage, Main Road, Shirland, Derbyshire.

The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Chesterfield and District Victim Support Scheme is to be held on Monday 24th July 2000 at 7:00pm at the Trading Post, Loundsley Green Road, Newbold. They have also asked for a donation but it was decided that on this occasion a grant will not be made.

A letter has been received from the Friends Of War Memorials in response to the Clerk's request for information concerning what, if any, grants are available to assist with the maintenance and repairs of war memorials; there is also an application form for the English Heritage for the Repair and Conservation of War Memorials but more detailed information is needed before this matter can be progressed. It was decided that initially the Clerk should write to Mr Dennis Daykin at 81 Stretton Road, Morton to see if he would be interested in assisting the Parish Council in putting forward a bid for funding to help with improving the war memorial in Morton. Mrs Dyer will hold the relevant information and application form pending a reply from Mr Daykin.

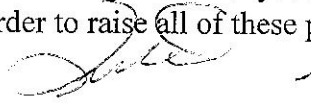
The County Council are running another roadside road safety poster campaign again this year and we have been asked to nominate two positions in the Parish where we would like the posters placing; it was agreed that these should be in the following positions in that order of priority :-

On the B6014 approaching Morton from Tibshelf

On the B6014 approaching Morton from the A61

**41/01 Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby reported that the street nameplates at the Sitwell Villas and at the point where Station Road joins Main Road are in urgent need of cleaning and general tidying up. The Clerk will report these problems in writing to the District Council.

**42/01 Matters concerning the County Council.** There have been numerous complaints about the general standard of work when the B6014 was resurfaced recently. These were mainly concerning the amount of loose chippings which now need sweeping again, the metal composition of the cats eyes, the fact that the gullies now need cleaning out again and some of the junction markings have not yet been reinstated. The Clerk will write to the County Council in order to raise all of these points.



**Chairman**

20th September 2000

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 20th September 2000.

- 43/01 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Freeman and 1 member of the public.
- 44/01 **Apologies.** Mr A. Jollands.
- 45/01 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 46/01 **Police Report.** P.C Glynn had telephoned the Clerk to say that he would not be able to attend the meeting due to staffing shortages; however, he would ring the Clerk the following day in order to collect any reports which may be made at the meeting.
- There was a complaint that "Fernwood Aggregate" lorries are travelling much too fast when they drive through Morton. A wooden seat at the Church which was put there in memory of the Late Frank Smith has been stolen and Mr Darby will try to ensure that the Church report this offence to the police themselves as the victim of the crime but the Clerk will mention it also. Finally, the problem of bikers riding off the road in Morton is getting worse again and any assistance which the police can offer would be much appreciated.
- 47/01 **Items from members of the public.** It was mentioned that the silt and green slime is building up again on the pavement on Station Road, Morton where the water drains away from the wall and the Clerk will report this problem to the County Council again.
- 48/01 **Planning.** Application No. 00/00523/FL in respect of the proposed lowering of kerb to provide vehicular access at 122 and 124 Main Road, Morton DE55 6HL for C.M. Selby has been **Granted**.
- 49/01 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Nothing further to report at the moment other than the fact that the period up to when the applicant could appeal against the Mickley Farm decision has now expired.
- 50/01 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000534	294 . 05
DCC - 4 years lease of play area	000535	200 . 00
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000536	162 . 15

Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000537	301 . 12
NEDDC - school milk (April to July)	000538	91 . 63
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000539	162 . 15
Derbys. Probation Service - tidying/cleaning	000540	225 . 00
Tibshelf Community School - grant	000541	10 . 00

The Clerk reported that he had attended the annual audit with Councillor Rowarth and this had gone very well. The points raised were as follows :-

The need for a proper set of standing orders and financial regulations and in this respect the NALC model standing orders were accepted although some very minor handwritten amendments were made to these and they will be kept on file for future reference; it was agreed that tenders for work which is likely to cost less than £1,000 will be accepted from 2 sources only if it is difficult to obtain 3 quotes; in exceptional circumstances, and where the work is of an urgent nature, the Parish Council may authorise expenditure when only one quote has been received. It is also important that the account book is checked periodically by someone other than the Clerk and it was agreed that a record will be made in the minutes of any such inspection; at tonight's meeting the account book was examined by Councillors Mrs V. Smith and Mrs E. Rowarth.

Receipts need to be issued for any income which is received unless it has been paid directly into the bank account e.g. Precept and bank interest and the Clerk confirmed that he has now purchased a receipt book for this purpose.

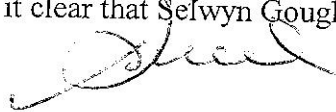
In future invoices should be signed by a councillor to confirm that the goods have been received or the services provided.

The Clerk was asked to take a copy of his tax code notification to the auditor and he has now done this.

The auditor recommended that the fidelity insurance cover should be increased to £18,500 and that the cover be extended to include councillors as well. A decision will be made on this suggestion before the policy is due for renewal next year.

A notice stating that the Annual Audit has been completed was today posted on the Village Hall notice board.

**51/01 Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings.** There has been no further progress to date with the war memorial railings. Mr Darby reported that the football pitch is looking in excellent condition; with regard to this Mrs Smith has received a letter from Mr S. Kirk, who represents the football team who have been playing on the ground for a few years now, asking for permission to use the ground for the forthcoming season. This was agreed on the same conditions as last year and the rent will remain at £75; however, the Clerk was asked to stress that any correspondence should in future be sent directly to him and also to make it clear that Selwyn Gough is not responsible in any way for the football ground.



52/01 **Village Hall lease.** After some discussion it was decided that a meeting should be arranged with the Village Hall Management Committee on the evening of either Wednesday 4th October or Wednesday 11th October in order to try and bring this matter closer to a conclusion. Following that we would then need to employ the services of a Solicitor both to advise us and also to draw up a new lease document.

53/01 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. The Clerk read out a letter from the District Council regarding their review of the Byelaws for Parks and Open Spaces and the Parish Council has been asked if they wish any other areas to be added to the list in addition to the Morton Miner's Welfare Recreation Ground to be included in the Byelaws. It was decided that the inclusion of this area only is satisfactory.

A letter has been received from Tibshelf Community School giving information regarding their Annual Prize Presentation Award Evening which is due to take place in November of this year. apparently the annual expenditure for this event amounts to approximately £600 and the Prize Presentation Committee are asking for any financial support which we may be able to offer. It was unanimously decided that a grant of £10 should be made.

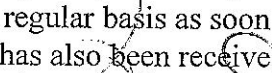
The District Council have written to confirm that the street nameplates for Sitwell Villas, Morton will be ordered and erected in due course as we requested.

Information from The Lord Chancellor's Advisory Sub-committee on Justices of the Peace for North East Derbyshire on current advertisements for Justices of the Peace was distributed to the Councillors present.

A reply has been received from the County Council regarding the complaints we made concerning the surface dressing works carried out recently on the B6014 Morton. The reply states that :-

1. The surface dressing contractor will sweep the recently carried out works again and as necessary in the future. Should this problem continue please contact me again.
2. The recently installed cats eyes may be different to those previously installed but they will function in the same manner.
3. Any blocked gullies brought to the attention of the contractor will be emptied. If you have any particular locations in mind please advise me.
4. Any junction markings obliterated by the surface dressing will be re-lined as soon as possible.

A letter has been received from Mr S. Rodgers on behalf of Shirland Miner's Welfare 2000 F.C. stating that they will try and avoid playing on the same day as the other team which uses the pitch particularly in the winter months; also, a list of fixtures will be supplied on a regular basis as soon as these are available. A cheque for the annual rental figure of £75 has also been received from this team and banked.





A copy of the County Council's Environmental Services Department Annual Environment Report 1999/2000 has been received and is available for anyone to read. The Local Government Commission for England has made its final recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Derbyshire County Council and Morton will be part of the Stonebroom & Pilsley Division which comprises Shirland ward and Pilsley & Morton ward.

The Derbyshire Local Transport Plan - 2001/2 to 2005/6 was presented to the meeting and will be made available to all councillors who may want to read the document in more detail.

The Parish Council have received two invitations to the NEDDC Chair's Civic Service which is to be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Clay Cross at 2:30 pm on Sunday 29th October 2000.

The Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee has sent some information and publicity material regarding the Derby and Derbyshire Waste Local Plan Issues Report which is entitled "A Way with Derbyshire's Waste". The full report is available to Parish Council's if they want one and after reading it is desirable if the relevant questionnaire is completed. This was noted.

The Chair of the County Council, Councillor George Bratt, has invited 2 representatives from this Council to join him at the Council's Civic Service at St. Mary and St. Laurence Parish Church, Bolsover on Sunday 19th November 2000 at 3:00pm; after the Service, refreshments will be served in the Assembly Hall, Bolsover.

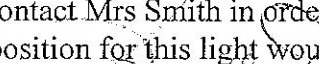
The County Council are running a Young Achievers Award again this year and nomination forms are available if needed.

The District Council have confirmed that the next District/Parish Liaison Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th November 2000 at 7:30pm in the Council Chamber, Council House, Saltergate; agenda items have to be notified to the District Council by no later than Wednesday 11th October 2000.

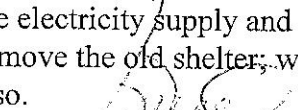
The District Council have written to provide details of the recently launched Football Foundation which aims to deliver a multi-million pound programme for grass roots provision in schools and parks; the application process is not likely to be in place before the Autumn.

**54/01 Matters concerning the District Council.** None, other than the missing street nameplates which the Clerk has already notified the District Council about.

**55/01 Matters concerning the County Council.** Mrs Smith stated that now we have sufficient funds available we really ought to provide an additional streetlight near to the post office which is a particularly dark spot. The Clerk will write to the County Council to ask them to contact Mrs Smith in order to arrange a site meeting to determine exactly where the best position for this light would be.



The Clerk has contacted the County Council to check on the progress with regard to the new bus shelter which we are hoping to provide subject to them making a grant of 50% towards the full cost. The County Council are still waiting for a figure from Powergen for the cost of providing the electricity supply and also from the bus shelter company for a quote to dismantle and remove the old shelter; we should however have some firm news in the next month or so.



Chairman

18th October 2000