

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 18th October 2000.

**56/01 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman and 1 member of the public.

**57/01 Apologies.** Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr A. Jollands.

**58/01 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**59/01 Police Report.** P.C Glynn was not in attendance at the meeting but the statistics show that there were 4 crimes in Morton during September; there were however 2 other vehicle related crimes in the car park next to the Village Hall which have not been reported to the police and the Clerk will ensure that this information is passed on to P.C. Glynn who normally rings the Clerk within a day or two when he has been unable to attend the Parish Council meeting.

**60/01 Items from members of the public.** There have apparently been some problems with free newspapers/magazines being dumped in parts of Morton by people who have been paid to deliver them. The DerbyshireTimes has been notified of this problem and hopefully there will not be a recurrence of this.

The subject of traffic calming was raised again and the Clerk will now write to the County Council with a view to checking if it would be possible to carry out some measures which would complement those which are apparently soon to be introduced in Tibshelf Parish Council's area.

The silt and slime on the road and pavement near to the bridge on Station Road, Morton have still not been cleared up and the Clerk will write once again to the County Council to ask for this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

There is still a problem with a public right of way being blocked by the owners of "Morton Autos" on Station Road, Morton and Mrs V. Smith will take this matter up with the District Council again on the 20th October 2000.

**61/01 Planning.** Application No. 00/00783/FL in respect of the proposed construction of a conservatory at 63 Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6GW for Mr & Mrs Dyer has been **Granted.**

**62/01 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Nothing further to report at the moment.



63/01 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

a). **Cheques.**

<b><u>Payee.</u></b>	<b><u>Cheque No.</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000542	19 . 08
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000543	302 . 30
NEDDC - supply and erect dog signs	000544	60 . 00
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000545	324 . 30

64/01 **Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings.** Mrs Smith reported that the war memorial will be tidied up by the people on Community Service Orders supervised by the Probation Service prior to Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November 2000. We are still waiting to hear if anyone would be interested in assisting the Parish Council in putting a bid forward for grant aid to try and fully refurbish the memorial and railings; this assistance would be in the form of photographs and writing a short piece about the history of the memorial.

There was nothing further to report with regard to Parish Council land at the moment.

65/01 **Village Hall lease.** A meeting has taken place between representatives of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee and as a result the Clerk was authorised to contact a Solicitor in order that work can commence on a new lease being drawn up; the Clerk has forwarded all the documentation in his possession to Stephen Gordon (Solicitor) at Glossops Solicitors, 40 Clarence Road, Chesterfield S40 1LQ. The Clerk has also arranged for the deeds to the Village Hall, which are currently held by the National Westminster Bank, to be forwarded to Glossops as they will hold them in their safe free of charge. Mr S. Gordon has suggested that as the new lease is to be for a long period it would be advisable to include a Heads of Term agreement in the lease and this would require a survey of the Village Hall to be carried out at an approximate cost of £300; this was unanimously agreed and once this has been done a meeting of the relevant parties, with Mr S. Gordon, will be arranged.

66/01 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present.

The District Council have sent a copy of a poster which they would like us to display in a prominent position entitled 'Have Your Say'. This is in respect of the biggest ever survey about public services in Derbyshire and is being organised by the County Council, Derby City Council, Derbyshire Police and Fire Services and District Councils throughout Derbyshire.

A letter of thanks has been received from Tibshelf School Prize Presentation Committee in respect of the grant of £10 which we recently made to them.

*E. Rowland*

The District Council have written regarding Recycling/Waste Reduction and are asking for our assistance in trying to stimulate the public's interest in this subject. They are asking each Parish Council to try and provide them with as much of the following information as possible :-

**Recycling Sites.**

- (i) Suggested location(s)
- (ii) Name of landowner
- (iii) Contact name and number
- (iv) Size of plot

**Local Recycling Opportunities.**

- (i) Name of Organisation or Group
- (ii) Contact name and number
- (iii) Type of material(s) required
- (iv) Local collection point(s)

There are currently no recycling facilities and after some discussion it was decided that the best possible site we could suggest to the District Council, which may not be objected to by local people, is somewhere at the entrance to the old pit yard. The owner of the land is a firm known as Maun Motors (not the bus company) of Sutton-in-Ashfield and it was agreed that there should be sufficient space at this location. The Clerk will write to the District Council and provide them with this information.

NEDDC are carrying out a review of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan and the initial stage of this process will involve the publication of an Issues Paper which will set out the broad strategy and direction of the Plan. Each Parish Council has been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the content of the Issues Paper and this is to be held on Wednesday 8th November at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices on Saltergate; this will be followed at 7:30pm by the main District/Parish Liaison Meeting. There are a number of alternative dates for people who are unable to attend this meeting; it was decided that Mrs Dyer and Mrs Rowarth are likely to attend and the Clerk will confirm this with the District Council. Also, as part of this review the Council are seeking to identify and protect open space within settlement Development Limits whose character makes them important for the general amenity of the area in which they are situated. NEDDC want to know details of any sites within our Parish which we consider suitable for future assessment by the Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to notify them of the following areas :- Parish Council football field at the rear of Morton Miner's Welfare, the football field off New Street and the cricket field all of which we would want preserving.

The Chesterfield Law Centre have sent an invitation to their Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Wednesday 1st November 2000 at 7pm at the Winding Wheel, Holywell Street, Chesterfield.

The County Council have written to confirm that they will give a 50% grant towards the cost of providing a new bus shelter on Station Road, Morton including the cost of removing the old shelter and making good; the shelter will cost approximately £5,912 and the cost of the other work will be £1,664.07 making a total amount of £7,576.07. It should be noted however, that there could be some variation in the figure of £5,912 depending upon the costs of supplying the electricity. The net cost to the Parish Council will therefore be £3,788.04; it was agreed that the County Council should now be authorised to go ahead with this work.

*E. Rowarth*

The minutes of the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group meeting held on the 24th July 2000 have been received together with an agenda for the next meeting which is to be held at Tupton Village Hall, Green Lane, Tupton on Monday 23rd October 2000 at 7:30pm.

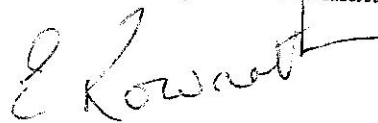
**67/01 Matters concerning the District Council.** There was nothing to report in addition to those matters which have been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**68/01 Matters concerning the County Council.** There are 2 streetlights not working in the Village and if the Clerk is provided with the lamp numbers he will report these to the County Council.

The Clerk has had no reply to the request for a site meeting to look at the positioning of a new streetlight near to the post office on Main Road, Morton; the Clerk will now take this matter up with the County Council in the strongest possible terms.

There is a tree which requires pruning outside the Corner Pin public house and the Clerk will write to the County Council to ask that this should now be done.

There is a problem with visibility when cars are pulling out of their drives on Stretton Road due to the overgrown hedge between 83 Stretton Road, Morton and Sitwell Villas; this has been raised twice with RJB Mining whose responsibility it is to carry out the work but it still hasn't been completed. The Clerk will now write to the County Council to ask that they take this matter up with RJB Mining on our behalf.



**Chairman**

15th November 2000

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 15th November 2000.

69/01 **Members Present.** Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby and Mr K. Vardy.

70/01 **Apologies.** Mrs V. Smith and Mr A. Jollands.

71/01 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

72/01 **Police Report.** The police were not in attendance at the meeting but they did ring the Clerk later in the evening to say that they had been called out to an incident and therefore were not able to attend the meeting. The Clerk reported that there had been some vandal damage caused on the allotments and that hopefully this would be reported to the police by the allotment holders in the near future.

73/01 **Items from members of the public.** None, as there were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

74/01 **Planning.** None,

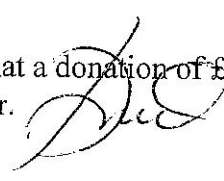
75/01 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** There is nothing further to report at the moment.

76/01 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

a). **Cheques.**

<b><u>Payee.</u></b>	<b><u>Cheque No.</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000546	305 . 78
The Royal British Legion - grant	000547	25 . 00

It was agreed that a donation of £25 should be made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.



**77/01 Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings.** The football field appears to be holding up well during the recent heavy rains.

There has been no news recently in respect of the war memorial but this will be kept on the agenda until some progress has been made.

**78/01 Village Hall lease.** Following an inspection of the Village Hall by the Surveyor, Mr M.V. Renshaw and a subsequent meeting with him, a draft Heads of Terms has been received in respect of the proposed new lease for the Village Hall for our amendment or agreement; it may even be possible to make the document a tenancy agreement rather than a lease but further advice would have to be sought from the Solicitor in this respect. It was agreed that the terms as laid out in the draft are acceptable and these will be returned to Mr Renshaw confirming this and in turn they will be sent to the Village Hall Management Committee for perusal and for any comments or observations which they may wish to make.

**79/01 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present.

The District Council have written to confirm the prices of the Christmas Trees this year and in fact they have stayed at the same level as last year. Orders needed to be placed by the 10th November 2000 and the Clerk has therefore ordered the same as last year which is two 5-6 foot trees to be supplied and delivered directly to Morton Primary School; the approximate cost will be £65.42 net of vat for the two trees.

North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau have written to confirm that with effect from the 30th October 2000 their outreach sessions at Arkwright, Holmewood and Renishaw will be by appointment only; they have set up a dedicated telephone line to take these appointments which is 01246 865189. This will hopefully maximise the efficiency of the service by more carefully matching resources with need.

Two quotes have been received in respect of the pointing of the Village Hall on the side of the building and the rebuilding of the dislodged brick pier to the Pit Wheels monument site using existing materials. One was from A.T.C. Construction in the sum of £435 and the alternative is from G.A. Developments for an amount of £1,275. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from A.T.C. Construction who will now be given authority to carry out the work.

A card has been received thanking the Parish Council for the grant which enabled the first Morton Summer Playscheme this summer to be such a success.

**80/01 Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

81/01 Matters concerning the County Council. The ongoing problems of blocked gullies and the subsequent flooding which comes as a result of this was raised again. The Clerk will write to the County Council to ask that the gullies should be cleaned more frequently in order to try and ensure that there is a significant improvement in the general situation. Also, the leaves on the corner of Stretton Road outside Church Farm are extremely hazardous and the Clerk will also raise this matter with the County Council.

Chairman

20th December 2000



# Morton Parish Council

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

- 82/01 Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek and 2 members of the public.
- 83/01 Apologies.** Mr A. Jollands and Mr G. Freeman.
- 84/01 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 85/01 Police Report.** P.C 2011 Simon Holden introduced himself as this was the first time he had attended the meeting since P.C Bernie Glynn had moved to another area. It was reported that there was still the ongoing problem of off the road motorcyclists in and around Morton. P.C Holden was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.
- 86/01 Items from members of the public.** Mrs Cardall and Miss M Tamborski's partner attended the meeting in connection with the recent written complaints they had sent to the Clerk with regard to the telephone conversations that had taken place with Mrs V. Smith. Both parties expressed their different points of view regarding the conversations which had taken place and the Clerk then read out in full the two letters in question. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to both these letters as a matter of urgency and at this point Mrs Cardall and her son left the meeting.
- 87/01 Planning.** Application No. 00/00952/FL in respect of the proposed erection of a garage at 15 Church Lane, Morton DE55 6GU for Mr & Mrs B. Freeman has been **Granted.**
- Application No. 00/00993/FL in respect of the proposed two storey front extension and extension to car port at 63 Stretton Road, Morton, DE55 6GW for Mr & Mrs Dyer has been **Granted.**
- 88/01 Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Nothing further to report at the moment.
- 89/01 Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

**a). Cheques.**

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000548	16 . 36
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000549	301 . 93



**b). Precept.** The Clerk presented a draft Precept based upon last years' figures and after a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed by the 6 councillors present, that the Precept should be kept at £15,000 for the year 2001/2002. The Clerk will finalise the draft figures accordingly and distribute these at the next meeting.

**90/01 Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings.** Some more thought needs to be given by everyone over the next few months with regard to what course of action is to be taken to try and ensure that the war memorial is in the best condition possible for the Remembrance Sunday Service.

**91/01 Village Hall lease.** Robbins Renshaw have now written to the Village Hall Management Committee with our suggestions for a heads of terms agreement and the VHMC have asked to attend the next Parish Council meeting on the 17th January 2001 in order to discuss these in more detail; it was agreed that we should meet with them on that date in order to try and finalise the details of the agreement.

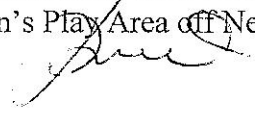
**92/01 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. Steve Alcock from the County Council has written to confirm that someone can attend our next meeting on the 17th January 2001 in order to discuss possible traffic calming measures in Morton in some detail.

The District Council have written to confirm that following a recent playground inspection there has been some vandal damage caused to the New Street play area; on the swing units the 2 cradle frames and seats require replacing (they have been removed for safety reasons) at an estimated cost of £220. It was agreed that whilst this was most regrettable, the District Council should now be instructed to carry out the work but not until the early Spring as the equipment won't be used much over the next few months and would be prone to further vandalism during the long winter nights.

The District Council have sent information regarding the East Derbyshire Woodland Project Free Tree Scheme 2000/01 and it was decided that this should be sent to our local tree warden, Mr Selwyn Gough, for his attention.

The Clerk has obtained a proposal form from Cornhill Insurance in respect of the Fidelity Guarantee component as the District Auditor recommended that the level of cover should be increased and that it should also be extended in order to cover all Parish Councillors as well as the Clerk; to increase the level of cover to £30,000 and include all councillors would cost in the region of £60 and it was therefore decided that this amendment should now be made. The Chair then completed and signed the proposal form and the Clerk will now return this to Cornhill Insurance in order that the amendments can be made.

The County Council have now sent the original Lease and the Land Certificate in respect of the Children's Play Area off New Street for our retention.



The County Council have written to inform us that unfortunately there is no funding left in the bus shelter grant budget for the year 2000/01; however, if we still wish to continue with the project approval for this shelter can be obtained from Committee in the financial year 2001/02. It was unanimously agreed that we should proceed with this bus shelter in the next financial year.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Headteacher of Morton Primary School, Mr J.B. Harrop, in respect of our donation of two Christmas trees to the school; these have been placed in the entrance hall and in class 2. It was agreed that we should offer £100 to the school in order that they can purchase 2 artificial trees which will save a considerable amount of money in the long term; Mrs Dyer offered to put this suggestion to the Headteacher.

Letters have been received from Miss M. Tamborski, who lives next door to the Village Hall, and Mrs B. Cardall who is Miss Tamborski's prospective mother-in-law. They are both complaining about the manner in which they were dealt with on the telephone by Mrs V. Smith regarding a complaint Miss Tamborski was making due to the fact that the builders needed to be on her land to carry out the pointing on the Village Hall and she was not notified in advance about when the work was due to commence. The builder had tried to contact Miss Tamborski prior to the work commencing but he had not managed to do so. The Clerk has now spoken to both Miss Tamborski and the builder and the work has been completed. Following the attendance at the early part of this meeting of Mrs Cardall and her Son it was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to both Mrs Cardall and Miss Tamborski reflecting the views of the Parish Council as described under the earlier agenda item.

- 93/01 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby reported that there have been some further fires in the old pit yard on Sunday evenings and Mrs Treweek agreed to report this to the District Council. However, the best course of action would be to report the matter to the police at the time it is happening as obviously the previous visit to the site by P.C. Glynn has not managed to solve the problem.

- 94/01 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.

Chairman

17th January 2001

## PRECEPT 2001 / 2002

Guidance notes for Councillors to assist with the setting of the Precept for Morton Parish Council for the financial year 2001/02.

### Estimated Balances at 31-3-2001 and anticipated income :-

	£	p
Current Account	850.00	
Deposit Account	14,000.00	
Estimated bank interest	350.00	
Football Teams	150.00	
Precept for 2001/02 say	<u>15,000.00</u>	
	30,350.00	

### Anticipated Expenditure during 2001/02 :-

#### General Administration.

Clerk's Salary (NALC recommended rate w.e.f. 1-7-00)	3,100.00
Office and Telephone Allowance	540.00
Postage, Stationery and Telephone	170.00
Insurance	750.00
Audit Fee	<u>200.00</u>
	4,760.00

#### Village Hall.

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

#### Grants to Voluntary Bodies.

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

#### Special and Contingency Funds.

Maintenance of land	1,500.00
Policy Initiatives (say traffic calming)	<u>12,000.00</u>
	13,500.00

<b><u>ESTIMATED BALANCE AT 31-3-2002</u></b>	<b>7,040.00</b>
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**P.GOODWIN - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**