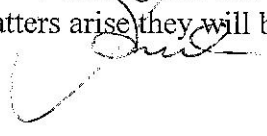


Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 17th January 2001.

- 95/01 **Members Present.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Freeman and 4 members of the public.
- 96/01 **Apologies.** Mr A. Jollands.
- 97/01 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th December 2000 were approved and confirmed as a true record.
- 98/01 **Police Report.** P.C. Simon Holden attended the meeting in his own time which was very much appreciated by the Parish Council. There have been no recent crimes in Morton although there has been a further report of motorbikes riding off the road on the old pit tip and this was noted by PC Holden. There being no further items raised P.C. Holden was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.
- 99/01 **Items from members of the public.** None.
- 100/01 **Traffic Calming Measures.** Mr Ian Wickham and Mr Paul Robinson attended the meeting on behalf of the County Council and a helpful and interesting discussion took place regarding the various types of traffic calming measures which can be used and also a range of other highways related issues including road surfaces and drainage. The Parish Council felt strongly that they did not wish to have as scheme similar to the one in Tibshelf where much use has been made of speed humps. The preferred option would be a "gateway" effect on the B6014 at either end of the Village with rumble strips and some more stringent measures around the area of school. All the points were noted by the officers present and they will report back to the Parish Council sometime during the next 6 months. Mr Wickham indicated that with this sort of scheme, and the current central government money available, it is likely that the work could be funded wholly by the County Council although that decision obviously still has to be taken. Mr Wickham and Mr Robinson were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.
- 101/01 **Planning.** None,
- 102/01 **Opencast Site - Rainge and Mickley Farm, Morton.** Nothing further to report at the moment. It was agreed that this item will be removed from the standard agenda and if any matters arise they will be raised under "Planning".
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103/01 Village Hall lease. Four representatives of the VHMC including Rosemary Taylor and Stuart Towndrow attended for this item in order to discuss the proposed new lease/agreement between the Parish Council as the landlord and the Village Hall Management Committee as the tenant. After some discussion it was agreed that the only 2 changes required were the address which should read "2A Main Road" not just Main Road and under item 8 this should now read "The Landlords reserve the right to use the premises one day per month and the timing of this will be subject to negotiation with the Village Hall Management Committee. Currently the usage required is every third Wednesday evening of the month and this is likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future. Rosemary Taylor will now reply to Robbins Renshaw on behalf of the VHMC and the Clerk to the Parish Council will reply to the ensuing correspondence from Mr Renshaw in accordance with the decision taken tonight. The members of the Village Hall Management Committee were thanked for their attendance and at this point they left the meeting.

104/01 Finance. The following payments were approved :-

a). Cheques.

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cornhill Insurance PLC	000550	63 . 78
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000551	315 . 43
NEDDC - school milk	000552	94 . 05

105/01 Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings. A number of football games have been postponed so it appears that a sensible approach is being taken with regard to the maintenance and long term well being of the playing surface; Mr Darby has not inspected the area recently but there is no reason to believe that the pitch is in anything other than a good condition.

In order to ensure that the improvements to the War Memorial are carried out this summer it was agreed that the work should be financed by the Parish Council; a short summary of the history of the memorial has been written by a local resident and it was thought appropriate that this should be displayed on some sort of plaque at the site. Mrs Rowarth agreed to contact the British Legion to ask if there are any specialist firms who undertake this sort of work and at the same time Mrs Smith will contact a stonemason with regard to the repairs to the wall at the rear of the memorial.

If the pointing on the side of the Village Hall is not to be completed by ATC Construction a second builder will have to be employed to finish the work; obviously, if this happens only a percentage (to be agreed if and when this arises) of the original estimate will be paid to ATC Construction.

106/01 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present.

The County Council have written to ask what our preferred option would be for the future organisation of the leadership of the Council and they have presented 3 possible alternatives although others can be put forward to the Secretary of State; these are as follows :-

- An elected mayor with a cabinet of 2-10 councillors.
- An elected mayor with a council manager.
- A Council Leader with a Cabinet of 2-10 councillors.

After an interesting discussion it was decided that the option of a Council Leader with a Cabinet of 2-10 councillors would be our preferred choice and the Clerk will notify the County Council of this decision accordingly.

Mrs B. Cardall, who had attended the last Parish Council meeting, has written to thank the Council for the letter which the Clerk had written dated the 21st December 2000 although she expresses her disappointment that she has not received a personal apology from the Chair of the Council Mrs V. Smith; however, Mrs Cardall has stated that she will not be pursuing this matter any further.

The Citizens Advice Bureau have written with an update of their work together with some information leaflets about the sessions which they hold in the Community Centre in Stonebroom which are now arranged by appointment only; these were distributed at the meeting.

The District Council have written with an update regarding the Football Foundation and possible grant applications; at the moment there are no obvious schemes which would fit the necessary criteria.

The County Council have written to inform us about the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan : First Alteration - Coal Policies which was necessary in order to reflect the Government's revised Mineral Planning Guidance on coal. The County and City Councils are now in a position to publish an 'Initial Deposit' version of the proposed Alteration to the Minerals Local Plan and we are entitled to one free copy of this document if we would like one; further copies can be purchased at a price of £10 (plus postage and packaging) and it was decided that it would not be necessary to purchase our own copy.

107/01 Matters concerning the District Council. None.

108/01 Matters concerning the County Council. Some time ago it was agreed that a sign should be erected at the site of the 'Centre of England Tree' and also one at the pit wheel construction. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Darby will draft some proposed wording for these signs and present this at the next Parish Council meeting when a final decision on the wording will be made. The Clerk will then write to the County Council to seek their approval and also to ask if they would be prepared to design and install these signs if the Parish Council provided the funding.

Also, in terms of hanging baskets for the village this summer and also some flower tubs near to the pit wheels, it was agreed that attempts will be made to obtain 2 quotes for the work by March at the latest in order that this matter can hopefully be resolved well before the time is due for the flowers to be displayed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. Darby', followed by a horizontal line.

Chairman

21st February 2001

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 21st February 2001.

109/01 Members Present. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr G. Freeman and 1 member of the public.

110/01 Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek, Mr K. Vardy and Mr A. Jollands.

111/01 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

112/01 Police Report. P.C. Simon Holden attended the meeting and it was reported that there are still some problems with people riding motorbikes off the road in Morton. There has been a break in at a property on Main Road and some damage caused to fencing at a property on Maltby Avenue.

On a separate note it was reported that the Parish Council feel that the Police Consultative Committee no longer serves a useful purpose and the future objectives of the Committee needs to be reviewed.

113/01 Items from members of the public. The appalling state of the land at the rear of the Corner Pin on Station Road was raised again and the Clerk was asked to follow this up again with the District Council.

114/01 First Call - Housing Consultants. Peter Huxford from First Call introduced himself to the meeting and explained the work he has been doing in the North East Derbyshire area. The funding for the work is provided by central government and the main aim is to involve local council tenants in joining the discussion and being pro-active about the future housing needs in their locality. a discussion then took place about the merits, or not, of the Private Finance Initiative which Mr Huxford stressed he was not in the business of advocating for or against this initiative but currently this is the only way of accessing resources in order to improve and upgrade the Council Housing stock. As there are few council properties in Morton it was agreed that there would be no need to set up a local pressure group in this respect but Mr Huxford is trying to encourage 2 local people to act as information links in this process. If this is not possible it was agreed that any relevant information will be distributed through the Parish Council. Mr Huxford was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

115/01 Planning. There were no objections to the planning application listed below :-

01/00030/FL - Proposed erection of 6m high cricket ball stop netting and metal posts at Cricket Ground, Back Lane, Morton for Morton Colliery Cricket Club.

Objections were raised to the planning application listed below on the grounds stated :-

01/00037/OL - Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling (all matters reserved for future approval) at land adjacent to 32 Stretton Road, Morton for Mr R. Wibberley.

The Council felt that the vehicular access and egress from the proposed site would be dangerous given the position of the plot in relation to the very busy B6014 road and this was the view of many local residents also.

116/01 Finance. The following payments were approved :-

a). Cheques.

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - Christmas trees	000553	76 . 86
Robbins Renshaw - Heads of Terms	000554	150 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000555	317 . 66

117/01 Parish Council Land - War Memorial railings. An estimate from Wright Stone Services for £765 net of vat to repair and renovate the war memorial has been received; in view of the previous difficulties in getting any of this work done it was unanimously agreed that this quote should be accepted.

An invoice for £280 has been received from ATC Construction in respect of the part completed work to point the side wall of the Village Hall; it was agreed that this invoice should not be paid for the time being and in the meantime an estimate for the cost of completing the work will be obtained from Wright Stone Services.

Mr Darby reported that the football field is quite wet at the moment but it is holding up well and the pitch is still playable at the moment.

118/01 Village Hall lease. The relevant documentation has now been passed from Robbins Renshaw to Mr S. Gordon at Glossops Solicitors and we now await his further reply on this matter.

119/01 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present.

The District Council have sent a copy of the Executive Summary of the Stage 3 Review and Assessment which has been carried out under the guidelines laid down by The Environment Act 1995 and The Air Quality Regulations 2000. This was noted and it has been confirmed that it is unlikely that air pollution levels in any area within North East Derbyshire District Council will exceed the National Air Quality Objectives.

The County Council have written to confirm the main points of the discussion we had with them at our January 2001 Parish Council meeting regarding traffic calming and other highways related issues in Morton. It was agreed that the letter covered the main points raised and it does confirm in writing that "it is anticipated that any agreed traffic calming in Morton would be funded by the County Council." This is obviously very welcome news.

The minutes of the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group Meeting which was held at Tupton Village Hall, Green Lane on Monday 23rd October 2000 have now been received and are available to anyone to read.

Robbins Renshaw have sent a copy of the amended copy of the draft Heads of Terms agreement following the 2 minor points raised by the Village Hall Management Committee at the last Parish Council meeting; the Clerk has confirmed that this is in order and Robbins Renshaw will now write to Mr Stephen Gordon at Glossops Solicitors in order that he can now proceed with the new lease documentation.

The District Council have sent a copy of their Draft Economic Development Programme 2001/02 and any comments we have need to be sent to the District Council by Friday 23rd February 2001.

A letter has been received from the Director of Libraries and Heritage of Derbyshire County Council asking permission from the Parish Council to display Mobile Library timetables on Parish Council noticeboards; the Mobile Library Service will ensure that the timetables are kept up to date and in good condition. It was agreed that this was in order and the Clerk will reply to this effect.

The County Council have sent a copy of the factsheet detailing Road Accidents in Derbyshire 1999 as well as a full Casualty Report for the North East Derbyshire District Council area.

The County Council have sent a copy of their Personal Mobility Strategy and Public Transport Strategy for our information and these are available to anyone who may wish to read them.

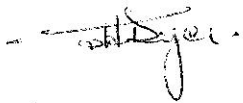
The Council for the Protection of Rural England, Sheffield, Peak District & South Yorkshire Branch, are running an information meeting for Parish Councils on a new 'Quiet Lanes' initiative; Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads which are managed to encourage non-motorised users and to give them priority over the car. Councillor Freeman has offered to try and attend this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council provided that it is held at a convenient time and location.

The Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee have written to confirm that the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Structure Plan has now been adopted by the County and City Councils; it was agreed that we should request to stay on the structure plan database in order that we are informed of any future developments timeously and the Clerk will inform the County Council of this decision.

The County Council are hosting a major Post Office conference on the 27th February 2001 at County Hall, Matlock starting at 2:00pm, with coffee/tea being available from 1:30pm onwards; we have been invited to nominate delegates for this event but there was no-one available to attend unfortunately.

120/01 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby reported that the drain outside number 54 New Street is silted up and the Clerk will report this to the District Council together with the broken street sign on Holland Close.

121/01 **Matters concerning the County Council.** None.



Chairman

21st March 2001

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 21st March 2001.

123/01 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Freeman and 4 younger members of the public and one other local resident.

124/01 Apologies. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs E. Rowarth and Mr A. Jollands.

125/01 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

126/01 Police Report. The Clerk distributed the crime figures for February and there was nothing else reported as the police were not in attendance at the meeting.

127/01 Items from members of the public. Four local young people attended the meeting and stated their view that they would like to see some sort of hard standing play area where they could play football etc. when it is too wet to play on the field. It was explained that if this was to happen it would not be a quick process but Mrs Treweek kindly offered to speak to the relevant officer at the District Council to try and ascertain if there would be any possibility of using one of the old tennis courts; also, the District Council may be able to offer some advice/assistance in terms of making grant applications particularly if some of the parents were willing to get involved also. Apparently, it is now felt by the youngsters that this would be preferable to a skateboarding area and the Parish Council agreed to support this initiative in principle and would give further consideration to the financial considerations if and when the scheme progresses. The young people were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

128/01 Planning. The following planning application has been refused :-

01/00030/FL - Proposed erection of 6m high cricket ball stop netting and metal posts at Cricket Ground, Back Lane, Morton for Morton Colliery Cricket Club.

129/01 Finance. The following payments were approved :-

a). Cheques.

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000556	317 . 44
DALC - Annual Subscription	000557	146 . 86
Wright Stone Services - war memorial	000558	898 . 88
ATC Construction - pointing	000559	280 . 00
Bardon Gas Services -	000560	25 . 00

130/01 Parish Council Land and War Memorial. Wright Stone Services have now completed the work to the war memorial and everyone seems pleased with the way it looks.

Mr Darby reported that the football field still seems to be draining fairly well and there are 3 matches coming up in early April which will be allowed to take place as long as no-one crosses any land which cattle have been on; this precaution is because of the current epidemic of foot and mouth disease which is prevalent throughout the country.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Wright Stone Services and arrange for them to meet with Mr B. Darby, and any other councillors who wish to join him, to look at the possibility of putting a piece stone in the brickwork at the back of the pit wheels simply saying, "Morton Colliery 1865 to 1965" and to ascertain what the cost of doing this would be.

The Clerk will also contact Mr B. Hill again to try and arrange a site meeting to look at the provision of hanging baskets in the village this year together with some floral displays around the pit wheels in order to try and brighten up this area.

131/01 Village Hall lease. The Clerk is still waiting to hear from Glossops Solicitors with regard to the new lease document which they are drawing up.

Wright Stone Services have submitted a quote in respect of finishing off the pointing on the side wall of the Village Hall and this amounts to £525 plus vat; as one of the original quotes for doing all of the work was for over £1,000 it was agreed to accept this quotation and with this in mind it was agreed that the bill for £280 from ATC Construction for pointing part of the side wall of the Village Hall should now be paid in full. It will be left to the discretion of Wright Stone Services how many, if any, of the stone chippings underneath where the work is being undertaken need replacing.

132/01 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present.

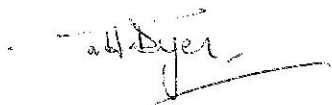
The DETR have sent a copy of The Local Government Act 2000 - Draft model of conduct consultation paper, final proposals on general principles of conduct; if we wish to make any comments regarding this document they must be submitted by the 27th April 2001 at the latest.

A quote has been received from Wright Stone Services in respect of the completion of the pointing work on the side wall of the Village Hall and the figure is £525.00 plus vat. It was agreed that ATC Construction should now be paid the sum of £280 in respect of the work which they carried out and Wright Stone Services should be asked to complete the job for the amount quoted.

The District Council have sent details of the East Midlands Objective 2 Programme for the period 2000 - 2006 and Catherine Beech, Lottery and Funding Assistant, has offered to visit Parish Councils and provide information on funding opportunities within North East Derbyshire if required.

133/01 **Matters concerning the District Council.** Mr Darby reported that the two Station Road street signs have not been repaired but Miss V. Watson at the District Council is apparently now trying to resolve this longstanding problem..

134/01 **Matters concerning the County Council.** It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the County Council with a view to arranging a site meeting to look at the best positioning for the sign depicting the Centre of England Tree which will say just that with the estimate of the date it was planted saying "circa 18??



Chairman

18th April 2001