

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on the 18th April - 2001.

135/01 **Members Present.** Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy and Mr G. Freeman.

136/01 **Apologies.** Mrs V. Smith, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr A. Jollands.

137/01 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

138/01 **Police Report.** P.C. Simon Holden attended the meeting and reported that there had been one crime during the past month which was confirmed in the crime statistics which P.C. Hird had sent to the Clerk. Also, more recently an off the road motorcyclist has been apprehended and charged as he was using a stolen bike; the situation is a little quieter in this respect at the moment and this arrest is welcome news. A discussion then took place regarding a consultation document which the Police Authority have issued regarding 'stop and search' procedures which are being reviewed following the MacPherson Report concerning the inquiry into the death of Stephen Lawrence. P.C. Holden was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

Later in the meeting it was unanimously agreed that Option 2 would be this Council's preferred option out of the 5 options which were listed.

139/01 **Items from members of the public.** None, as there were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

140/01 **Planning.** None,

141/01 **Finance.** The following payments were approved :-

a). **Cheques.**

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000561	316 . 83

144/01 **Village Hall lease.** Nothing further to report at the moment but the Clerk will follow this up with the Solicitors as soon as possible.

143/01 **Parish Council Land.** Nothing further to report at the moment other than those issues which were dealt with under separate agenda items.

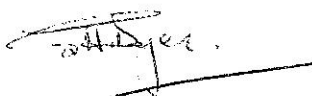
145/01 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the members present. Mr S. Gough has written to the Parish Council to bring our attention to the poor, and potentially dangerous condition, of the retaining wall on the opposite side of the road to his property; apparently Mrs Treweek has arranged for an engineer from the County Council to inspect this wall in order to see if any remedial works are needed and if so, who is responsible for carrying out the work. The letter also comments upon the broken street sign for Main Road/Station Road which needs repairing as soon as possible and the poor state of the bus shelter in this location. The Clerk will now follow these problems up as a matter of urgency together with our grant application for a 50% contribution towards the cost of a new bus shelter on Station Road.

Glapwell Nurseries have submitted a quote for supplying, fixing and maintaining hanging baskets in the village during this summer (2001) and this works out at £50 per basket plus vat. They are recommending that two baskets are put on each lamp post for greatest visual impact. After some discussion it was agreed on a vote of 3 in favour and one abstention, that 20 baskets should be ordered and this will be sited on ten lamp posts within the village; the exact positioning will be confirmed when a site meeting has been arranged in the next week or so. It was also agreed that two 'plant troughs' should be purchased from the same supplier up to a cost of £200 and these are to be fixed to the retaining wall at the rear of the pit wheels; eventually, two floor standing tubs may also be purchased for this area depending upon the success of these other projects.

Wright Stone Services have provided estimates for the positioning of a commemorative stone being set in the wall at the rear of the pit wheels (£270 net of vat) and also for providing a block of stone with the carving into the face of it (£300 net of vat) with this being sited somewhere in front of the wheels; after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that we will opt for the latter proposal at a cost of £300. Mr Vardy also mentioned the possibility of having some wording, or perhaps just different colouring, on the wheels themselves and when this other work has been completed this proposal will be considered again. The Clerk will also ask Wright Stone Services to make good the pointing on the walls at the side of the steps to the front of the Village Hall at the same time as the other pointing work is completed.

146/01 Matters concerning the District Council. Mr Darby reported that the Main Road/Station Road street signs still need repairing and the Clerk will speak to Miss Watson at the District Council again regarding this problem.

147/01 Matters concerning the County Council. None.



Chairman

16th May 2001

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 16th May 2001.

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

Apologies. Mr A. Jollands.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2000 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Mrs V. Smith, stated that she felt that steady progress had been made during the past 12 months but there was much still to do not least the traffic calming scheme and the replacement bus shelter. However, Mrs Smith felt confident that Mrs Treweek, in her capacity as our County Councillor, would continue to pursue these matters on our behalf.

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 7:45pm.



Chairman

15th May 2002

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 16th May 2001.

1/02 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 1 member of the public.

2/02 Apologies. Mr A. Jollands.

3/02 Election of Chair for the year 2001/2002. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs V. Smith and Mrs G.H. Dyer were both nominated as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2001/2002 although only Mrs Dyer was seconded. This being the case Mrs G.H. Dyer was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

4/02 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2001/2002. Mrs Dyer 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 2001/2002. There being no further nominations received Mrs Rowarth was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

5/02 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

6/02 Police Report. The police were not present at the meeting although the Clerk had received the most recent crime statistics and the good news is that on this occasion there have been no reported crimes in Morton. There are still some problems with off the road motorcyclists in the village and there have been some nuisance problems in the Maltby Avenue area near to the old people's bungalows which the Clerk was asked to mention to the police.

7/02 Items from members of the public. The slime on the pavement and the poor state of the retaining wall on Station Road were brought up again and the Clerk will again bring these longstanding problems to the attention of the County Council.

8/02 Planning. ~~None.~~

9/02 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - maintenance of land	000562	555 . 78
Cornhill Insurance PLC - annual premium	000563	930 . 90
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000564	80 . 85
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000565	162 . 15
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000566	315 . 18
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000567	29 . 99
Audit Commission - audit fee for 1999/00	000568	439 . 57

The Clerk also presented the provisional accounts for 2000/01 which are of course subject to audit. These were signed by the Chair of the Council, Mrs G.H. Dyer, and the account book was also signed by Mrs Dyer and the Clerk.

10/02 Village Hall Lease. The Clerk will continue to pursue this matter with the solicitor, Mr S. Gordon, at Glossops Solicitors, Chesterfield.

11/02 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby reported that the war memorial now looks very well. The football field is a little wet at the moment following the recent rain but it is still in a very reasonable condition. Mr Darby then gave a comprehensive and detailed report regarding the positioning of the hanging baskets which will be supplied and maintained on behalf of the Parish Council by Mr B. Hill of Glapwell Nurseries; also, two flower troughs are to sited on the wall at the back of the pit wheels. After some discussion it was decided that if the first stone has not yet been started we should ask for two stones depicting the following :-

Morton Colliery - Sunk 1865

Morton Colliery - Closed 1965

If the first stone has been started or completed already it was unanimously agreed that a second stone with the identical wording as originally agreed should be ordered.

12/02 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The County Council have written to confirm that an order will be placed for our bus shelter in the next few weeks and this will have solar panels; the total cost will be £6,960.07 with the County Council providing a grant of 50% towards the cost. When this has been installed the position will be re-considered and a decision taken as to whether or not further bus shelters should be provided in the village.

Chesterfield Law Centre are hoping to recruit and train new volunteers to join their growing team of workers at the Law Centre and they have provided some recruitment posters which they would like us to display on our public notice boards; it was agreed that we should support this and if any further information regarding the work of the Law Centre is needed they have stated that they would be only too glad to discuss this in more detail.

13/02 Matters concerning the District Council. It is not absolutely clear whether or not all of the Main Road/Station Road street signs have been replaced and so it was agreed that this would be checked out as soon as possible and the Clerk notified if this is still a problem.

14/02 Matters concerning the County Council. The Clerk was asked to follow up the proposed railway reclamation scheme with Gary Goodrich at the District Council.

Mrs Treweek will check out the current position regarding the pumping station and what the proposals are for the long term future in respect of this area of land.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm



Chairman

20th June 2001

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th June 2001.

15/02 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Freeman, Mr A. Jollands and 2 members of the public.

16/02 Apologies. Mrs E. Rowarth and Mrs V. Smith.

17/02 Minutes. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 16th May 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

18/02 Police Report. P.C. Holden attended the meeting but as he had only just returned from leave he hadn't had the opportunity to obtain the latest crime figures; the Clerk stated that there had been 2 reported crimes during May and these were noted. The only new item reported was the laying of wooden blocks by some people on Main Road; these are used for the purpose of assisting cars leaving the road and P.C. Holden promised to look into this the following day.

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

19/02 Items from members of the public. Concern was raised that some more gypsy families are preparing to move into Morton and Mrs Treweek confirmed that she had raised this with the County Council to ensure that they are alert to this possibility.

The deteriorating wall and drainage problem washing silt onto the pavement on Station Road was raised again; although the gully has apparently been cleaned out it is felt that this needs doing on a much more regular basis in order to avoid the problem occurring again. The Clerk will follow this matter up again with the County Council.

There is a pothole outside number 26 Sitwell Villas which needs filling in and the Clerk will report this to the County Council.

20/02 Planning. None that the District Council have asked us to comment upon.

21/02 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000569	8 . 18
DCC - lease of children's play area	000570	50 . 00
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000571	162 . 15
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000572	320 . 91

22/02 Village Hall Lease. The Clerk has checked with Glossops Solicitors and they have confirmed that the lease should be drawn up in time for our meeting in July which will be held on the 17th. Mr Jollands agreed to continue to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

23/02 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby reported that the war memorial now looks very good and that the hanging baskets should be put in place during week commencing the 25th June.

One of the football teams has enquired about whether they could put some sort of building on the land as a changing facility; the Clerk has advised them to come to a future meeting of the Parish Council in order to put their proposals forward and also to speak to the District Council regarding both planning permission and also whether or not any grants may be available from the Football Foundation to carry out the work.

24/02 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The County Council have sent a copy of the draft 'Freight Quality Partnership Strategy' which has been developed over the past twelve months by the Derby and Derbyshire Freight Quality Partnership. We have until the 29th June 2001 to submit any comments regarding the strategy in writing to Rebecca Pennyfather, Assistant Transport Strategy Officer at the County Council.

NEDDC have sent a copy of their Draft Contaminated Land Strategy for consultation before it is finally published.

The Environmental Services Department of the County Council have sent some details of the key points arising from their Highway Services Best Value Review together with a copy of the Highway Services in Derbyshire Leaflet which was distributed amongst the Councillors present.

The Chief Constable has written a detailed letter outlining the plans for local policing in Derbyshire over the next few years; there will be a special meeting arranged later this year specifically for Parish Councils to be held at the police headquarters and this will provide the opportunity to put any questions to the senior police officers present.

Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area have written to request a grant towards an annual trip for the families they are working with who are experiencing stress and difficulties. After some discussion it was agreed that in the absence of any information regarding local beneficiaries of this service a grant will not be made.


Chesterfield and District Victim Support Scheme have written to ask for assistance in the form of a donation, equipment or names of people wishing to train as volunteers; also, their Annual General Meeting is to be held at The Trading Post, Loundsley Green Road, Chesterfield on Monday 16th July at 7:00pm. It was agreed that this be noted and the information be passed to Mrs Rowarth who may have an interest in attending.

An interesting discussion took place regarding the possibility of setting up a 'Morton' web-site and the Clerk read out some information from DALC concerning a company who may carry out the work. It was agreed that Mr Freeman will look into this matter further and report back to a future meeting; in principle it was felt to be a good idea to pursue.

25/02 Matters concerning the District Council. There has been some fly-tipping on Back Lane near to the bridge and also on Red Lane. This will be reported to the District Council for action.

26/02 Matters concerning the County Council. Concern was expressed at the general state of the old pit area, the condition of Main Road, Morton particularly outside the Village Hall and the condition of the wall/gulley on Station Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite a representative of the County Council to the next meeting in order that these matters can be discussed with them 'first hand'

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm



Chairman

18th July 2001