

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th July 2001.

27/02 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr S.J. Yates and 3 members of the public.

28/02 Apologies. Mr G. Freeman and Mr A. Jollands.

29/02 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Higham Lane replacing Back Lane under minute number 25/02.

30/02 Police Report. P.C. Myers attended for this item only and reported that there had been 4 recorded crimes in Morton during the past month. P.C. Myers is now the Rural Police officer for the Clay Cross Section and hopefully we will see him around the village although it must be borne in mind that he has a large area to cover. The main concern raised was regarding off the road bikers and one name who was known to be a regular offender was given to P.C. Myers for further action. P.C. Myers offered to attend some Parish Council meetings half an hour early in order to discuss with local people their concerns; as the Village Hall is used by the brownies before our meeting it was agreed that if there appears to be sufficient support for this locally, the sessions could perhaps be held in the Sitwell Arms public house as this would not be a parish Council meeting. P.C. Myers was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

31/02 Items from members of the public. The one remaining vacancy for Parish Councillor has been advertised again and the closing date has gone with no expressions of interest being made and no request for an election. That being the case, Mr S.J. Yates was proposed, seconded and duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor for this Parish; Mr Yates signed the declaration of acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk and those present.

A representative from the Morton Summer Playscheme was present at the meeting and as previously agreed a grant of £500 was made to Playscheme and the cheque handed over at the meeting and this was gratefully received.

32/02 Planning. The following planning application has been Granted :-

01/00415/FL - Proposed construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear at 23 Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6GW for Mr D. Keeton.

There were objections to the following planning application on the following grounds:-

01/00037/FL - Full application for the erection of a single dwelling and attached garage (Amended Plan) (Amended Title) at land adjacent to 32 Stretton Road, Morton, Derbyshire for Mr R. Wibberley

The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the access to the property, and the egress from it, will be very difficult due to the close proximity to the junction with Stretton Road. It should also be noted that on the plans, the street named as Evershill Close should be Evershill Lane.

33/02 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - repairs to children's play area	000573	233 . 79
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000574	162 . 15
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000575	321 . 12

34/02 Village Hall Lease. This has not yet been finalised but the Clerk will try and ensure that this is fully resolved prior to the September meeting.

35/02 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby reported that the hanging baskets are now in place and look really good although there are 11 and not 10 which is what we ordered. The tubs and baskets around the pit wheels are also looking very good and all of this is a positive improvement for the village. The work to the new bus shelter has also commenced.

The hedge on the boundary of our land and Church Lane needs cutting back again but this time it is only that part of the boundary with number 21 Church Lane which needs cutting. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should contact Key Services and arrange for this work to be carried out.

36/02 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Following the letter which we received last month from Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area they have written again in order to confirm that they are currently supporting 3 families in the Morton area. After some discussion it was agreed that a grant of £20 should be made to this organisation.

Mr S. Rodgers has written on behalf of Shirland Miner's Welfare 2000 F.C. and Mr S Kirk has written on behalf of Shirland F.C. to thank the Parish Council for the use of the football field during the past season. Both teams had successful seasons and they would like to use the pitch again during the forthcoming season; it was unanimously agreed that they both be allowed to continue using the pitch on the same conditions as before apart from the fact that the annual rental figure for each team will be increased to £80 per season. They will continue to maintain the pitch, mark it out and try to avoid playing on the same Sunday wherever possible.

The District Council have written to confirm that the next District/Parish Liaison Group Meeting is to be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 5th September 2001 in the Council Chamber, Council House, Saltergate; any items which need raising at the meeting need to be notified to the District Council by Friday 17th August 2001 at the latest.

NEDDC have written to confirm that the charges for the emptying of dog fouling bins will increase wef 1st August 2001; the new rate will be £2.49 per emptying of the bin but this is the first increase in charges for over two years and it is hoped to hold this price for a similar period as a minimum.

The County Council are running another Roadside Road Safety Poster Campaign and they have written to ask for our 2 preferred locations for the "Would it kill you to be late, Speed Kills" posters to be located should they be able to provide us with some. As the deadline for notifying the County Council was the 20th July the Clerk had already submitted the return to ensure that it was there in time; the two locations nominated were on the B6014 at the entry to the village from Tibshelf and on the B6014 when you enter the village from the A61.

The County Council have issued a notice for public display regarding Foot and Mouth and the New Code for Rights of Way and Access Land and this will be placed on public view.

The District Auditor has written to confirm that the audit of the accounts for the year 2000/01 will be carried out later this year or in the early part of 2002; the reason for the delay is the work they have had to do in respect of the Governments' National Health Service Plan. A signed copy of the provisional accounts need to be posted to the District Auditor by the end of October 2001. The other comments made by the District Auditor of a general nature were noted by the councillors present.

37/02 Matters concerning the District Council. None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

38/02 Matters concerning the County Council. Following the site meeting with Steve Page and Simon Kimmins from the County Council they have confirmed that the following work will now take place :-

The two areas of failed surface dressing on ~~main Road~~ will be passed to the surface dressing contractor for remedial works. The area of surface dressing omitted due to parked cars will also be passed to the same contractor.

The potholes on Sitwell Villas will be repaired by the County Council's Highway Care Team.

The area of footway damaged by vehicles at the junction of Sitwell Villas and Maltby Avenue will be repaired and the kerbs re-aligned to alleviate this problem. The County Council would appreciate any assistance that we can offer to enable the offending vehicle(s) to be identified.

The footway channels on Station Road will be cleared using high pressure water jetting. Instructions have been issued for the works to the gully outside 40 Evershill Road to be carried out.

There is a tree near to the Corner Pin which requires some pruning back and the hedge is overhanging the footpath; Mrs Treweek confirmed that both of these problems have been reported and are in hand.

A meeting had also taken place with Steve Alcock from the County Council regarding the Centre of England Tree and the small area of land around it. Mr Darby has done a plan of this and the Clerk was asked to apply to the County Council for a cultivation licence to keep the area tidy only and it was agreed that no planting of this area should take place; the Clerk will complete the necessary form and send this to Steve Alcock together with one copy of the plan. A sign depicting the tree may also be possible at some point and Steve Alcock is checking whether or not we would require planning permission for this.

The deteriorating wall and drainage problem washing silt onto the pavement on Station Road was raised again. It is felt that the wall is the responsibility of UK Coal but this has not yet been determined. The County Council are still trying to confirm the owners of the land in order that this long running problem can be resolved.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm



Chairman

19th September 2001

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th September 2001.

39/02 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman, Mr S.J. Yates and 9 members of the public (6 children).

40/02 Apologies. Mrs V. Smith, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr A. Jollands.

41/02 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2001 were approved and confirmed as a true record subject to Main Road replacing High Street under minute number 38/02.

42/02 Police Report. P.C. Myers attended for this item only and reported that there had been 4 crimes during July and August. There was some concern expressed about of the road bikers accessing the County Council land off New Street. The County Council have put down 2 concrete pipes at the entrance to the land which was done to stop gypsies/travellers getting on to the land. The Clerk will contact the County Council to see if it would be possible to erect a style and fencing to allow people through on foot but which would stop any vehicles.

A discussion took place about the perceived lack of policing in Morton but this should have improved recently with more police being appointed to work in communities. It is important that crime or suspected crime is reported to the police immediately; even if they are not able to attend quickly this will give a proper reflection of what is actually happening locally. Mrs Dyer also stated that she had seen an insight into a days work at an average police station and this can result in upwards of 300 telephone calls which is staggering and reflects some of the reasons why response times can be slow.

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

43/02 Items from members of the public. The young people present made representation through an adult about the lack of play facilities in the Village for 11 to 16 year olds; what they would really like is a tarmac area with say a basketball net etc. to use in the evenings and weekends. After some discussion it was agreed that the best place would be an area of unused land in the school grounds which would have the added benefit of assisting the school during the daytime. It was agreed that Mrs Dyer will approach the Headteacher in the first instance to see if this suggestion can be progressed further. The children were thanked for attending the meeting and left at this point.

44/02 Planning. The following planning applications have now been Granted :-

01/00037/FL - Proposed full application for the erection of a single dwelling and attached garage (Amended Plan) (Amended Title) at land adjacent to 32 Stretton Road, Morton for Mr R. Wibberley.

45/02 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000576	307 . 43
Morton Summer Playscheme - grant	000577	500 . 00
Homestart - grant	000578	20 . 00
Glapwell Nurseries - hanging baskets	000579	1,292 . 50
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000580	162 . 15
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000581	98 . 85
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000582	38 . 16
Cornhill Insurance - bus shelter insurance	000583	40 . 12
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000584	316 . 64
NEDDC - Chair's Appeal	000585	25 . 00
Tibshelf Community School - grant	000586	20 . 00

The hanging baskets looked beautiful this summer and it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr B. Hill; it was also agreed that we should have 15 baskets next year plus 2 hay racks again by the pit wheels. The Clerk will ask what the cost of this will be.

46/02 Village Hall Lease. The Clerk has received a draft of the lease today by e-mail and this will be perused during the forthcoming month by Mrs Dyer and anyone else who is interested before it is discussed at the next meeting.

47/02 Parish Council Land. Some initial discussions have taken place with Mr J. Barratt regarding tidying up the land around the Centre of England Tree and perhaps erecting some sort of small perimeter fence; Mr Barratt owns the land adjacent to the tree and obviously his permission would be needed to enable this work to go ahead which the Parish Council would pay for. It was agreed that the Clerk should now write to Mr Barratt and formally put this suggestion to him before any further discussions take place.

48/02 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Following the site meeting with Steve Page and Simon Kimmins from the County Council they have confirmed that the following work will now take place :-

1. The two areas of failed surface dressing on Main Road will be passed to the surface dressing contractor for remedial works.
2. The area of surface dressing omitted due to parked cars will also be passed to the surface dressing contractor.
3. The potholes on Sitwell Villas will be repaired by the County Council's Highway Care Team.

4. The area of footway damaged by vehicles at the junction of Sitwell Villas and Maltby Avenue will be repaired and the kerbs re-aligned to alleviate this problem. The County Council would appreciate any assistance that we can offer to enable the offending vehicle(s) to be identified.
5. The footway channels on Station Road will be cleared using high pressure water jetting.
6. Instructions have been issued for the works to the gully outside 40 Evershill Road to be carried out.

Home-Start have written to say thank you for the donation of £20 which we made towards their annual trip which is very much appreciated by them.

The District Council have sent a copy of the results of the public consultation over the new political structures and these have been used to inform and influence the District Council's decision on the future political management structure.

Tibshelf Community School have written to inform us that their Annual Prize Presentation Evening will be held again in November when they reward their 2001 leavers for their school and examination successes, many of which have been earned by sheer hard work over a long period of time; the event costs in the region of £600 to hold and they would be grateful for any financial support we can offer. After some discussion it was agreed that a grant of £20 should be made towards the cost of this event.

The District Council have been monitoring the Ambient Air Quality in North East Derbyshire for some time and this is being continuously gathered at an automatic sampling station at Dronfield Civic Centre. It is proposed to send the results that have been obtained to us on a quarterly basis and the first set are enclosed. If any more information is needed the officers to contact are Nigel Tranmer or Dave Peaty at the Council House, Saltergate.

The District Council have replied to the Clerk's letter of complaint regarding the grass cutting in the Village which they feel has improved since the heavy period of growth during April, May and June coupled with some very wet conditions. If, however, we encounter any specific problem areas they will be happy to look into this provided that we can give them the precise details of the areas concerned.

The County Council is currently undertaking a Best Value Review of the Public Rights of Way Team within the Countryside Service and as part of this exercise they have asked us to complete a questionnaire. This was completed at the meeting and the Clerk will ensure that it is returned before the deadline at the end of September.

The District Council have sent a copy of their Draft Housing Strategy for the period 2001 - 2004.

There was a Derbyshire Flood Defence Fair organised by the County Council at the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell on the 18th September 2001 from 10am to 8pm; the Clerk had sent details of this event to the Chair of the Council prior to his holiday but unfortunately no-one was able to attend.

The Chief Constable has written to confirm that the proposals for improving local beat teams are now underway and they will continue to progress throughout this year and 2002. Also, the Parish Council has been allocated 2 places at a meeting with the Chief Officer team, members of the Police Authority and the Chief Constable; this took place on Monday 17th September 2001 at 7:00pm in the Multi Purpose Hall, Police Headquarters. Councillor Mrs G. Dyer attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living have written to ask if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a grant towards enabling disabled people in our area to take part in the International Day of Disabled People. After some discussion it was agreed that this be noted but no grant is to be made.

The County Council have sent a copy of the proposed layout for the School Safety Zone on Main Road, Morton (Dwg.No: C2114/1) and they want to know if this meets with our requirements. After some discussion it was agreed that further clarification of the scheme is needed before we give it approval particularly in respect of the narrowing of the road.

The District Council have written to ask about the two concrete pipes which have been installed at the entrance to the playing field where the New Street play area is situated on the assumption that we were responsible for the work. In fact, the County Council have done this work as the land is owned by them and the District Council will now be referred to them.

There is to be a consultation workshop aimed at assisting with the development of a Cultural Strategy for Derbyshire and this is at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield from 5:45pm on Thursday 20th September 2001; this was noted and Mr G. Freeman may attend on the Parish Council's behalf.

The NHS Executive have sent a consultation document on the proposal to establish a Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire (Trent) Strategic Health Authority. All comments need to be with the Trent Regional Project Office by the 30th November 2001 at the latest.

The Branch Secretary of Chaddesden Royal British Legion in Derby has sent some general information on the war memorials project which he is carrying out; he is asking for any local information which may be available and it was agreed that this correspondence should be passed to Mr B. Darby for further consideration and possible action.

Following the discussion about grass cutting at the District/Parish Liaison meeting the District Council have written to the County Council to ask if they would be able to increase the Districts' agency allocation to allow grass collection after cutting and/or higher cutting frequencies in order to reduce grass clipping volumes; the letter was only dated the 11th September and therefore a response has not yet been received.

NEDDC have sent a copy of their Economic Development Programme for 2001/02 for our information.

The NEDDC Chair's Appeal for 2001/02 is in support of the Parent's Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia (PACT) and any donation which we are able to offer to this appeal would be greatly appreciated; it was agreed that a donation of £25 should be made to this most worthwhile cause.

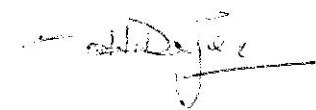
49/02 Matters concerning the District Council. The street nameplate on Evershill Close has been broken and this has already been reported by the Clerk.

There is no street nameplate depicting Stretton Road when you enter Morton from the A61 onto the B6014; the Clerk will write and ask the District Council if one could be provided.

There have been several complaints again regarding the amount of litter which was dropped in the Village during the last collection and the Clerk will now send a letter of complaint to the District Council regarding this ongoing problem.

50/02 Matters concerning the County Council. The trees near the bus stop next to the Corner Pin public house have still not been cut back and this matter will be raised with the County Council yet again.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm



Chairman

17th October 2001