

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th April 2002.

127/02 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Freeman, Mr S.J. Yates and 1 member of the public.

128/02 Apologies. Mr K. Vardy and Mrs E. Rowarth and Mrs V. Smith

129/02 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2002 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

130/02 Police Report. P.C. Myers attended for this item only and reported that there had been 3 crimes in Morton during the past month which comprised two thefts of car wheel trims and one attempted theft of a van. Part of the football field is being churned up by off the road bikers and horse riders who are trespassing on to the playing surface itself and this was noted for future action. There are ongoing difficulties with people parking irresponsibly in the vicinity of Morton Primary School during the school drop-off and pick-up times. In the first instance the Headteacher will be asked to send yet another note to parents explaining why this situation is completely unacceptable. At this point P.C. Myers was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

131/02 Items from members of the public. The ongoing drainage problem which causes silt to be washed onto the pavement on Station Road, Morton was raised again and the Clerk will now follow this matter up with the County Council again.

A number of complaints have been received regarding the poor standard of wheelie bin cleaning being carried out in Morton and the next time any Parish Councillor sees any problems occurring they should report this matter immediately to the County Council's Environmental Services Department on 01629 580000.

132/02 Planning. None, other than two minor residential applications which we have not been asked to comment upon.

133/02 War Memorial. Nothing further to report at the moment other than the fact that the area around the memorial is looking better than it ever has.

134/02 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). Cheques.

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Neil Shacklock Ltd. - gas boiler service	000605	54 . 99
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000606	81 . 00
Cornhill Insurance PLC - annual premium	000607	967 . 14
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000608	341 . 16

135/02 Village Hall Lease (improvements and leasing arrangement). A second price has been received for the improvements to the central heating system at the Centre and there are two available options, one of which is relatively low cost. A further option which involves heaters in the ceiling, rather than adding to the existing radiators, is still being investigated and a decision will be taken when all of the information is to hand.

136/02 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby reported that everything appears to be in order at the moment except for the churning up of part of the football playing surface by off the road bikers and horse riders and people need to be encouraged to report these problems to the police as soon as they arise.

137/02 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The District Council have written to confirm that following the recent advertisement of the vacancy for a Parish Councillor there has not been a request for an election; we can therefore proceed to co-opt a new member to the Council as soon as practicable. At the moment there is no obvious candidate for co-option and each Councillor was therefore asked to consider people who may be suitable candidates and report back to the next meeting.

139/02 Matters concerning the District Council. Public footpath number 5 between Station Road, Morton and Stonebroom Road is apparently overgrown to the extent that in parts it is barely passable; the Clerk will write to Lance Turvey regarding this problem in order that the appropriate action can be taken. There is an excessive amount of litter at the rear of the new bus shelter and this will be reported to the District Council together with a request for a litter bin to be erected in this area.

140/02 Matters concerning the County Council. There are flooding problems again on Higham Lane, Morton and this will be reported to the County Council. There is a water services inspection cover which has sunk on New Street and this is now a potential hazard. This has been reported to Severn Trent Water and if the problem has not been rectified within the next week the Clerk will be notified and he will also follow this up.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm



Chairman

15th May 2002

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 15th May 2002.

Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman, Mr S.J. Yates and 2 members of the public.

Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek and Mrs V. Smith.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2001 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Mrs G.H. Dyer, stated that she had enjoyed her year in office and that together with Mrs E. Rowarth she had attended most of the District/Parish Liaison group meetings and also the annual meeting of Parish Councils with the Chief Constable. Unfortunately, attendance at Parish Council meetings has been very patchy throughout the year. During the year the new bus shelter was erected, the Centre of England Tree cultivation order was obtained, the Village Hall lease was finally agreed and the school safety scheme was implemented. Perhaps the biggest success were the hanging baskets which will be repeated again this year and also Councillor Treweek's Church Service, to mark her year as Chair of the District Council, was a memorable day.

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 7:55pm.



Chair 21st May 2003

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 15th May 2002.

1/03 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr Freeman, Mr S.J. Yates and 2 members of the public.

2/03 Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek and Mrs V. Smith.

3/03 Election of Chair for the year 2002/2003. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs G.H. Dyer was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2002/2003. There being no further nominations received Mrs G.H. Dyer was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

4/03 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2002/2003. Mrs Dyer asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs E. Rowarth was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2002/2003. There being no further nominations received Mrs E. Rowarth was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

5/03 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 2002 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

6/03 Police Report. P.C. Myers attended for this item only and reported that there had been 2 crimes in Morton during the past month. The main topic for discussion was traffic calming which continues to be a major problem not just in Morton but throughout the whole country. What system would be best and finding sufficient resources are clearly the biggest 2 hurdles to overcome. The off the road bikers continue to cause a nuisance and other issues raised were 2 cars which had been seen racing through the Village and inappropriate parking on New Street.

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

7/03 Items from members of the public. The hedgerow between a small section of Station Road and the old pit yard is overgrown and will be reported to the County Council. The pavements are still silted up around the pit yard and Maltby Avenue; there are potholes in the road at the junction of Penfold Drive and Pilsley Road and the 'zig zags' on the road in the school safety zone area have still not been re-painted as promised. All of these matters will be reported to the County Council.

8/03 Planning. The following planning application has now been approved :-

02/00340/FL - Proposed covered way and erection of garden store at 31 Bacchus Way, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HR for Mr and Mrs Swain.

9/03 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000609	40 . 96
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000610	342 . 02

10/03 Village Hall Lease. This has at long last now been finalised and the document should be received soon.

11/03 Parish Council Land. Mr Darby reported that everything appears to be in order at the moment on the football ground and it was agreed that councillors will help to tidy up the areas around the war memorial and the pit wheels on the evening of Tuesday 21st May 2002.

12/03 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The developer building the new houses off Station Road, Morton has suggested 3 possible names for the new street and these are :- Lansdowne Gardens, Randles Brook and Westwood Chase; after some discussion it was agreed that the preferred option of the Parish Council is Westwood Gardens and failing that either Westwood Close or Westwood Chase.

The County Council have sent a copy of their Draft Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report 2002 and this was noted.

Chesterfield Action for Access have written to ask if we would be interested in supporting the expansion of their Social Car Scheme in our Parish by applying for a Parish Transport Grant; CAA are able to offer assistance with the process including completing the whole application on behalf of the Council if need be. After a brief discussion it was agreed that no further action will be taken in this respect.

The County Council are proposing to extend the 30mph speed limit on Pilsley Road, Morton to north of the railway bridge and they want to know if we support this idea; after a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should confirm with the County Council that we support the extension to the 30mph speed limit as indicated on drawing number NET/SJA/31/02 with the added comment that we would like 'rumble strips' at this point also.

The County Council have written to confirm that the Cultivation Licence application for the area of land surrounding the large horse chestnut tree in the triangle near to the Village Hall is progressing and it is now in the hands of their Legal Department.

The County Council are proposing to increase the rent in respect of the Children's Play Area off New Street, Morton on the 1st June 2002 from £50 per annum to £60 per annum. This is the 5 yearly review as agreed when the lease was taken out and it was unanimously agreed that this modest increase be approved; the Clerk will write to the County Council in order to confirm this decision.

13/03 Matters concerning the District Council. The sponsorship by the District Council of cheaper TV licences for people over the age of 65 has ended and it was agreed that the Parish Council will not be taking on this role and picking up the cost themselves.

14/03 Matters concerning the County Council. There is a hole in the pavement near to the repaired water mains service outside number 74 Main Road, Morton and the Clerk will report this to Severn Trent Water for an urgent repair as it is a potential hazard to pedestrians.

The problems of parking in Morton, particularly on two locations at Main Road and Evershill Close were discussed and it was agreed that the County Council should be approached to see what the cost of the work would be with a view to the Parish Council providing the funding as this is the only way that any progress is likely to be made. In the first instance the Clerk will speak to the County Council regarding this matter.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm



Chairman

19th June 2002

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th June 2002.

15/03 Members Present. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman, Mr S. Yates and 1 member of the public.

16/03 Apologies. Mrs M. Treweek.

17/03 Minutes. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th May 2002 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

18/03 Police Report. P.C. Glynn attended for this item only and reported that there had been a sharp increase in crime in the area during the month of May including some thefts from dwellings. However, much of this may be attributable to one or two individuals and as someone has already been apprehended it is hoped that this will have gone a long way to improving the position.

There being no new issues raised P.C. Glynn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

19/03 Items from members of the public. The hedgerow between a small section of Station Road and the old pit yard is overgrown and has been reported to the County Council; also, the bush/tree at Sitwell Villas near to the bus stop is overgrown and is covering the bus stop sign and people waiting cannot see oncoming buses. The pavements have been cleaned up around the pit yard and Maltby Avenue although the gully has still not been cleaned out and the 'zig zags' on the road in the school safety zone area have not been re-painted as promised. All of these matters will be reported to Mrs M. Treweek, County Councillor, in the hope that she can apply some pressure in order to try and get these jobs carried out. However, the potholes in the road at the junction of Penfold Drive and Pilsley Road have now been repaired promptly following the Clerk's report which was made to the County Council following the Annual General Meeting.

20/03 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application:-

02/00631/FL - Proposed detached dormer bungalow at land adjacent to 83 Stretton Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GW for Mr and Mrs Daykin.

The following planning applications have now been approved:-

02/00356/FL - Proposed vehicle access onto Stretton Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GX for Miss J. Carlin and Mr C. Herrett.

02/00504/FL - Proposed two storey extension to side to provide carport and extra bedroom at 12 Evershill Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HA for Mr and Mrs Nuttall.

02/00375/FL - Proposed two storey rear bedroom and kitchen extension (Amended Plans) at 2 New Street, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GR for Mr and Mrs Williams.

21/03 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Audit Commission - audit fee for 2000/01	000611	475 . 88
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000612	324 . 30
Derbyshire County Council - lease	000613	50 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000614	352 . 01
Clay Cross Community Police Consult. Gp.	000615	25 . 00
Morton Primary School - jubilee medals	000616	174 . 49

22/03 Bus Shelters. The County Council have written to confirm that Cabinet approval will be sought soon for the 3 bus shelters we applied for last year; the total cost will be approximately £13,240.10 with the County Council providing a grant of 50% towards the cost. Hopefully, all of these will be in place before next winter.

Mr Vardy was asked to obtain a firm written quote from the local firm who are interested in carrying out the work to improve the old shelter opposite number 182 Main Road; they have provisionally mentioned a price of £450 which seems very reasonable.

23/03 Parish Council Land. The Girl Guides have offered to look after and keep tidy the area around the war memorial as part of one of their ongoing projects; a suitable donation will be made to this association in recognition of the valuable community work which they carry out.

Many thanks to those councillors who assisted with the tidy up around the pit wheels and war memorial recently; however, the pit wheels area is in need of some more substantial work and it was agreed that anyone interested should meet on site on Tuesday evening 25th June 2002 in order to consider the options in more detail.

24/03 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The District Council have sent a copy of the notes from the meeting held in respect of the new Audit arrangements which are now in place. One option is for the District Council to carry out this task if there is sufficient interest and it was agreed that this idea should be supported provided that the cost to Parish Councils is kept to a reasonable level.

The Audit Commission have written to confirm the appointment of District Audit as external auditor to Morton Parish Council from April 2002 until 31st March 2007; the issue concerning the appointment of an internal auditor has not yet been resolved and this will be kept under review.

The Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR) have sent a copy of their consultation paper on the local investigation and determination of misconduct allegations under the new Code of Conduct; this was noted but there were no comments to be submitted in this respect.

The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 is now in effect and this now places a responsibility on local councils to promote race equality. It was therefore resolved that Morton Council acknowledges the general duty placed upon it by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000. The Council will continue within its' functions and policies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and promote racial equality between people of different racial groups.

The Derby and Derbyshire Waste Local Plan, First Deposit, has now been published and copies are available from the County Council; it was decided to note this but not to request a copy of the plan.

The secretary of the Clay Cross Police Consultative Group has sent a copy of the minutes of their last meeting which was held on the 29th April 2002 together with an agenda for the next meeting which is due to be held at 7:30pm on Monday 22nd July 2002 at Wingerworth Parish Hall. The Group have also requested a grant of £25, or whatever each Council feels it can afford, towards the administration costs of the Group; it was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £25 in this respect.

The Licence agreement for the cultivation of the 'triangle of land' adjacent to the Village Hall has now been received and this was signed by the Clerk and the Chair of the Parish Council and one copy will be returned to the County Council and one retained for our records.

The District Council have written to confirm that with effect from the 23rd July 2002 Parish Councillors will be able to speak at Planning Committee meetings in order to expand upon written submissions; time will be limited to 3 minutes with the proviso that there is no repetition of points already raised by other parties. This was noted for future action as and when it may be necessary to speak about particular planning applications.

25/03 Matters concerning the District Council. The very poor standard of grass cutting in wet weather earlier this month is not acceptable and a strong letter of complaint will be sent to the District Council in order to reinforce the views of local people some of whom have already reported this matter.

26/03 Matters concerning the County Council. The hole in the pavement near to the repaired water mains service outside number 74 Main Road, Morton has still not been repaired and the Clerk will report this to Severn Trent Water again for an urgent repair to be carried out.

The problems of parking in Morton, particularly on two locations at Main Road and Evershill Close were raised at the last meeting and no response or an acknowledgement has yet been received from the County Council and as a result will speak to Mrs M. Treweek, County Councillor, regarding this matter.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm



Chairman

17th July 2002