

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 15th January 2003.

**87/03 Members Present.** Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy and 1 member of the public.

**88/03 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Freeman and Mrs M Daykin

**89/03 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th December 2002 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**90/03 Police Report.** P.C. Neil Myers attended for this item only and reported on the 3 crimes there had been during the past month. There were no new issues to raise with the police and P.C. Myers was therefore thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

P.C. W.S. Hird has written to inform the Council that volunteer councillors are required to go out on patrol with officers as observers to help improve Police/Public Relations and if anyone is interested in doing this they should forward details, including telephone number, to Sergeant Crofts at Clay Cross Police Station.

**91/03 Items from members of the public.** Nothing was raised at the meeting.

**92/03 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

**02/01420/OL** - Proposed Outline Application for the construction of one dwelling (all matters reserved) at land adjacent (Revised Scheme) at 24 New Street, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GR for Mr J. Polhill.

**93/03 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000639	366 . 28
Neil Shacklock Ltd. - boiler service and repair	000640	89 . 89

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 15th January 2002 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£18,002.84
Current Account	£ 1,993.13

The District Council have written to confirm that the contributions payable by Parish Councils towards the cost of grounds maintenance will increase by 3% in the 2003/04 financial year and the revised cost to Morton Parish Council will be £502; this was noted.

**94/03 Parish Council Land.** The damage to the fencing at the rear of the Bacchus Way play area still needs to be examined and a decision taken regarding who should be asked to carry out the necessary repairs.

**95/03 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The minutes of the Clay Cross Police Consultative Group meeting held on the 21st October 2002 have been received together with an agenda for the next meeting which is due to take place at 730pm on Monday 20th January 2003 at Bateman's Mill, Mill Lane, Old Tupton.

The District Council have written to confirm that following a recent playground inspection it has been noticed that there is some more damage to the chain link fencing along the boundary adjacent to the stream at the rear of the Bacchus Way play area; the fencing is damaged in two sections along the length of the 4ft fencing and because we arranged for our own repairs on the last occasion the District Council assume that we would also wish to do so on this occasion. After a brief discussion it was agreed that a price for the repair should be obtained from R.P. Fencing before any final decision is taken.

Also, as part of the planning consideration for a nearby development the District Council are due to receive a commuted sum for play provision in Morton and an amount of £3. has been earmarked to upgrade the facilities at Bacchus Way, Morton. To give an idea of the costs involved there would be a charge as indicated for the following equipment including safer surfacing for traditional equipment :-

See Saw (Gullwing type)	-	£2,530.00
Swings	-	£3,120.00
Slide	-	£4,350.00
Roundabout	-	£4,480.00

After a brief discussion it was agreed that a site meeting will be held with Darren Mitchell from the District Council before any decision is taken regarding the best course of action.

The County Council have written to confirm the work which has been carried out in order to rectify the flooding problems at the bridge on Pilsley Road, Morton; the culvert will now be inspected and flushed out together with all the gullies and associated pipe-works

The date of the next District/Parish Liaison Group Meeting is Wednesday 5th March 2003 at 7:30pm in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Saltergate.

The District Council have written to detail the timetable for, and actions required, in respect of the Parish Council elections which are due to be held on Thursday 1st May 2003. It was agreed that in the event of the District Council seat not being contested but a Parish Council election is needed, poll cards will not be required; we would of course be required to meet the other costs of the election in such circumstances.

The County Council have written to confirm that following a recent site visit, they propose to introduce a series of the decorative white plastic 'waymarker' posts all of which would be linked by a single spiked chain link located at the edge of the triangle area. They feel that this would be a better, more aesthetically sympathetic, option than simply having several bollards located on the exact site of the 'problem' as originally suggested by Mr White. The County Council are also suggesting that the line of the kerb on the triangle could be adjusted in order to make the manoeuvring for the buses easier. The County Council are requesting our views before proceeding further with these options and, after a brief discussion, it was agreed that these suggestions should be supported subject to a site meeting being held near the time the work is to be carried out in order that the proposals are fully understood and clear to everyone.

The Village Hall Management Committee have written to confirm that they are prepared to pay for the cost of adding two further radiators to the current gas central heating system in order to try and improve the heating on particularly cold days during the winter. At the same time the boiler has just been repaired and serviced but further repairs totalling nearly £400 net are needed in order to keep it working properly. It was agreed that we should try and obtain two quotes for a new boiler and the radiators and to ask the VHMC to do the same before a decision is taken about which firm to use. The decision was made that a new boiler should be purchased rather than spending any more money on the current one.

**96/03 Matters concerning the District Council.** None.

**97/03 Matters concerning the County Council.** There are overhanging branches causing an obstruction for pedestrians near the Sitwell Arms, Morton and the land where the trees are growing actually belongs to the Sitwell Arms; there is also ivy growing across the pavement at the same point and these matters will be reported to the County Council.

The issue of access for emergency vehicles on to Evershill Close, Morton because of the numbers of cars parked there was raised again. The Clerk will again try and arrange a site meeting in order that the problem can be considered first hand and at the same time inform the County Council that we would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of such a scheme if that is the only way some improvements could be achieved

The meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm



**Chairman**

19th February 2003

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th February 2003.

**98/03 Members Present.** Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mr G. Freeman, Mr N. Radford and 1 member of the public.

**99/03 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs M. Daykin and P.C. Neil Myers.

**100/03 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**101/03 Police Report.** P.C. Neil Myers was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted his apologies to Mrs G. Dyer. The Clerk distributed the crime figures for the past month which showed that there had been just 1 recorded crime during this period. This is obviously very good news. There were no new items raised for the attention of the police.

**102/03 Co-option of New Councillor.** Mr N.A. Radford was proposed, seconded and duly confirmed as a co-opted member of the Parish Council and the register of interests form and the declaration of acceptance of office were both completed.

**103/03 Items from members of the public.** There were no items raised by members of the public.

**104/03 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

**03/00055/OL** - Proposed outline application for the erection of ten two storey dwellings (all matters reserved for future approval) (Major Development) at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HN for Mr P. Cupit.

**The following planning applications have now been approved :-**

**02/01420/OL** - Proposed Outline Application for the construction of one dwelling (all matters reserved) at land adjacent (Revised Scheme) at 24 New Street, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GR for Mr J. Polhill.

**02/01228/FL** - Proposed single storey kitchen extension and first floor bedroom extension (amended plan) at 18 Main Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GS for Mr and Mrs Taylor.

**105/03 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - school milk (Sept. to Dec.2002)	000641	124 . 50
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000642	35 . 11
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000643	361 . 70
St. John Ambulance (Derbyshire) - grant	000644	25 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 19th February 2003 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£19,885 . 86
Current Account	£ 1,460 . 09

**106/03 Parish Council Land.** Following a site meeting with the District Council they have confirmed that a new swing unit with cradle seats would cost £2,900; a new slide with safer surfacing and to provide safer surfacing to the existing swings would cost £3,300 and £2,500 respectively. An amount of £3,000 is available from the District Council in the form of a commuted sum and after a brief discussion it was agreed that a decision regarding exactly what should be done to this area will be deferred for a few months.

When the local window cleaner is next in the Village he will be approached to see if he would be prepared to clean the glass in the new bus shelters on a regular basis.

**107/03 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

Chesterfield Law Centre are hoping to recruit and train volunteer Community Contact Workers and have sent some information leaflets for display and distribution. In addition to valuable work experience the Law Centre offers accredited training; over 60% of their volunteers have progressed on to paid work or further/higher education over the past 4 years.

John Curtis has written to inform us that he is leaving Stagecoach on Friday 7th February 2003 and if we need to contact anyone in the future we can ring either Stephen Read or Richard Key on Chesterfield 207103. The letter confirms that the question of a through bus service from Morton to Chesterfield is still under active consideration at Stagecoach and that they remain aware of the problems at the turning circle outside the Village Hall where service 97A turns around in the evenings and on Sundays.

St. John Ambulance, Derbyshire have written to ask the Parish Council to consider making a grant towards their appeal to raise £155,000 by April 2004 in order to purchase the first 7 of a final fleet of 14 Ambulances; after a brief discussion it was agreed that a grant of £25 should be given to this most worthwhile organisation.

The County Council have written to confirm that the installation of a series of decorative white plastic "waymarker" posts linked by a single spiked chain link on the perimeter of the "triangle" adjacent to the Village Hall will take place this year. They are also prepared to move the existing kerbline on the "triangle" by approximately 9-10 kerbs in order to fully accommodate the bus movements at this location; they will organise a site meeting with Mrs G. Dyer, and any other councillors who wish to attend, in order to fully discuss the proposals nearer the time the work is to be carried out.

**108/03 Matters concerning the District Council.** During the recent spell of bad weather there was no gritting of the pavements in Morton and this will be raised with the District Councillor and the County Councillor; however, it is felt that this is not a routine function which is carried out by either of the Councils but rather it may be done in part during prolonged and extreme weather conditions. It is also worth noting that there is currently no mechanical means of carrying out this work.

**109/03 Matters concerning the County Council.** There are a number of problems with overhanging trees/bushes in the Village and it was agreed that the Clerk will approach the landlord at the Sitwell Arms regarding the overhanging ivy, Mrs Dyer will speak to the occupants of 2A Stretton Road and the Clerk will report to the County Council the problem with the tree on the corner of Holland Close/Stretton Road as this is actually on the highway.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm



**Chairman**

19th March 2003

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At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th March 2003.

**110/03 Members Present.** Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs M Daykin, Mr N. Radford P.C. Jamie Pendrill and 15 members of the public (mainly younger people).

**111/03 Apologies.** Mr G. Freeman.

**112/03 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**113/03 Police Report.** P.C. Jamie Pendrill attended his first meeting as the new local officer and reported that there had been 3 crimes during the past month; one of these related to a dwelling and the other 2 were vehicle related. There had also been an increase in ante-social behaviour mainly in the form of young people 'knocking on doors' in the evenings and this matter was discussed with the young people present. The ongoing problems with speeding vehicles between Morton and Tibshelf was raised by a member of the public and this was noted by P.C. Pendrill in order that it can be referred to the traffic section.

P.C. was invited and stayed for the remainder of the meeting in order to get an insight into the local area and the issues that are prevalent at the moment.

**114/03 Items from members of the public.** The young people present stated their case for a hard court play area in the village due to the lack of recreational opportunities available to them. An interesting discussion took place and the Parish Council agreed in principle to support this idea but obviously much fund raising would have to take place and a suitable site found for the play area; it was generally agreed that this would be best placed within the grounds of Morton Primary School and in this respect the Headteacher will be contacted with a view to arranging a meeting between the School Governors, Parish Council, local young people and any other interested people particularly in respect of those who would be able to advise regarding possible sources of funding. Mrs Dyer agreed to contact the Headteacher in the first instance in order that this matter can be progressed.

There is some ivy encroaching on to the pavement from the Sitwell Arms boundary with Main Road and this will be monitored by the Parish Council in order to ascertain at which point the situation is sufficiently bad to warrant the ivy being cut back further.

The company who offer a cleaning service for the wheelie bins in Morton are leaving debris from the bins on the side of the road and the Clerk will report this matter to the District Council.





The poor state of the empty properties on Station Road was raised again but there is little that can be done in this respect unless there are any specific hazards arising from the neglect of the houses; if there are any health hazards created they should be reported immediately to the District Council's Environmental Health Department.

There is an increasing problem with litter in the village as in many areas today. After a short discussion Mrs Dyer offered to try and contact the Probation Service again to see if there is any possibility of arrangements being made for people on community service orders to come and carry out some of this work. Local young people may also wish to take part in a litter sweep in order to strengthen their campaign for better recreational facilities in Morton.

**115/03 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-**

**03/00218/OL** - Proposed outline application for the construction of one single storey dwelling (means of access not reserved) on garden area to the rear (revised scheme of NED/02/021162/OL) at 26 Evershill Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HA for Mr D. Mowbray.

**03/00055/OL** - Proposed outline application for the erection of ten two storey dwellings (all matters reserved for future approval)(Major Development/Departure from Development Plan) at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HN for Mr P. Cupit.

**116/03 Finance. The following payments have been made :-**

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DALC - annual membership	000645	154 . 54
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000646	361 . 44
Alpha Heating - new heating system	000647	2,417 . 75
Stonebroom Bus Club - grant	000648	135 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 19th March 2003 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£14,002 . 84
Current Account	£2,391 . 45

**117/03 Parish Council Land. The Brownies have not yet started the work to tidy up the war memorial area and this will be raised with the leader in April if it has still not begun.**

A decision regarding the work to improve the pit wheels construction and the erection of a fence around the Centre of England Tree will be deferred until 2004 due to the number of other projects which are likely to be undertaken during the 2003/04 financial year.



The old bus shelter on Main Road still needs repairing and cleaning/painting together with some work carrying out to the adjacent wall. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr B. Hill (builder) as a matter of urgency in order that this work can be done as soon as possible.

**118/03 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The County Council have written providing information relating to claims made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and this was made available for anyone to read.

The County Council have written to notify the Parish Council about the proposed Derby and Derbyshire Joint Local Access Forum which may soon become established; the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 ("the CROW Act") places a duty on each local highway authority and National Park Authority ("appointing authorities") to establish advisory bodies known as local access forums. The County Council is seeking local views about these proposals and would also welcome expressions of interests from anyone who would like to become a voluntary member of the Forum. Information was circulated regarding this matter and after a brief discussion it was agreed that this matter should just be noted as there were no volunteers who wished to join the group.

The County Council have inspected the footway on Main Road and a section of the footway is to be included on the resurfacing scheme list; however, it is likely to be the 2004/05 financial year before this work is carried out and in the meantime the condition of the footway will be monitored and any defects repaired as necessary. With regard to the overgrown vegetation the County Council will now carry out this work as the ownership of the land adjacent to the highway, near the old pit yard, cannot be established.

St. John Ambulance have sent a letter of thanks and a receipt in respect of the donation of £25 which we have made towards their Ambulance Appeal.

Following the refusal of Shirland and Higham Parish Council to match the funding offered by this Council to the Stonebroom Bus Club a request was made for a grant of £135 from Morton Parish Council ie the same amount which is being offered by Shirland and Higham Parish Council. This request was unanimously approved and a cheque made out at the meeting.

Stagecoach have written to confirm that with effect from the 27th April 2003 they are proposing to extend the 98 service to Chesterfield through Tupton (Nethermoor Road) and Wingerworth; the 97 service will follow the same route as the improved 98 between Tupton and Chesterfield. In addition, all 97 journeys to/from Alfreton will additionally serve the Stonebroom Estate; this will provide the area with a 30 minute frequency to both Alfreton and Chesterfield. As a result of the changes to the 98 it is the intention of Stagecoach to withdraw the 54 from Morton (0742) and the 54A from Chesterfield to Morton. Stagecoach would value our comments regarding the changes outlined and it was agreed that the Clerk should confirm that the Parish Council are supportive of these measures in principle.

Key Services have sent a quote for the churchyard grass cutting for 2003 and there has been a modest increase for the first time in a number of years from £138 to £145 per cut; it was agreed that this price be accepted unless a more competitive quote can be obtained and that the cost of the increase is borne in full by the Parish Council.

**119/03 Matters concerning the District Council.** None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

**120/03 Matters concerning the County Council.** Mr Darby asked about the current position concerning Gloves Lane even though this is not in our Parish; it was confirmed that work is well in hand and the route will be opened up as soon as possible.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.



**Chairman**

16th April 2003