

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 16th April 2003.

121/03 Members Present. Mrs E. Rowarth (Chair), Mrs G.H. Dyer (part of the meeting), Mr B. Darby, Mr K. Vardy, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr N. Radford, Mrs M Daykin, P.C. Jamie Pendrill and 3 members of the public.

122/03 Apologies. Mr G. Freeman.

123/03 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

124/03 Police Report. P.C. Jamie Pendrill attended for this item only and reported on the 3 recorded crimes which had occurred during the past month; he will follow up on these issues as soon as possible as it is felt that there are a small group of youngsters causing the majority of the problems.

The mobile police unit will hopefully be coming to Morton during May and it was also suggested that a further visit on the day of the church fete in July would be extremely useful and well supported by local people.

The ongoing problem of vehicles speeding through the village was raised once again and P.C. Pendrill stated that he will endeavour to gather the information regarding the measured speeds of vehicles in Morton; hopefully, this will assist the case for having the police safety camera team, or some other form of speed check, in Morton in the near future. Mr Darby stated that the off the road bikers are becoming active in the village again and this was noted by P.C. Pendrill for action when appropriate.

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

125/03 Items from members of the public. The build up of silt has now dried over the drainage cover at the location on Station Road which has been a flooding problem for many years; if there is any rain this will be a problem once again and Mrs Treweek agreed to take this matter up again with the relevant officer at the County Council.

Vanessa Fessey has done some investigation into possible grant aid for the area around the 'Centre of England Tree' and the Clerk has printed off the e-mails on this subject for future reference if it is decided to progress this idea.

126/03 Planning. The following planning applications have now been granted :-

03/00187/FL - Proposed single storey rear extension and conservatory at 25 Church Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GU for Ms. C. Barrett.

03/00218/OL - Proposed outline application for the construction of one single storey dwelling (means of access reserved) on garden to the rear (Revised scheme of NED/02/001162/OL) at 26 Evershill Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HA for Mr D. Mowbray.

127/03 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Allianz Cornhill insurance PLC	000649	1,088 . 71
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000650	378 . 67

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 16th April 2003 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£26,065.86
Current Account	£2,365.84

128/03 Parish Council Land. Mrs Dyer reported that Mr B. Hill will be coming repair the bus shelter and wall on Main Road as soon as possible and he will also look at a price for tarmacing the area around the pit wheels. The hanging baskets have been ordered again for the summer.

The District Council have been struggling to gain access to the Parish Council land at the rear of the old Morton Manor building and to assist with this Mr Darby has kindly offered his telephone number to them so that they have a local contact person to ask when they next visit the site.

129/03 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Stonebroom Bus Club have sent a letter of thanks in respect of the £135 grant which we recently made to them.

The minutes of the Clay Cross Police Consultative Group Meeting held on Monday 24th January 2003 have been received and are available for anyone to read.

Possible articles of up to 250 words for inclusion in the quarterly newspaper NED News can be sent to Jill Ward at the NEDDC Offices on Saltergate; for inclusion in the next edition articles would need to be with Jill by the middle of May.

130/03 Matters concerning the District Council. None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

131/03 Matters concerning the County Council. None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:50pm

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Chairman

14th May 2003

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Morton on the 14th May 2003.

Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr M. Wilson, Mr G. Antcliff, Mrs J. Easden and 2 members of the public.

Apologies. None, as everyone was in attendance at the meeting.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2002 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Mrs G.H. Dyer, stated that together with Mrs E. Rowarth she had attended most of the Police Consultative Committee Meetings during the past year but had only attended one of the District/Parish Liaison group meetings; also, they had again represented Morton at the annual meeting of Parish Councils with the Chief Constable which usually takes place in August. Perhaps the biggest success again were the hanging baskets which will be repeated this year. The Village Hall continues to earn enough income to pay its own way except for any major building related issues which the Parish Council are committed to funding; in this respect we have paid for an upgrade of the central heating system which included 6 new radiators and these seem to be much more efficient in their energy output. Unfortunately there has been no success with regard to getting proper access to the Village Hall for disabled people as there is no land available which would make this possible. The parking problems on Evershill Close are still severe and this issue needs to be followed up with the County Council again.

Matters Raised by members of the public. No matters had been raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting but one member of the public raised the ongoing problem of the build up of silt near the bridge where Station Road joins Main Road. This matter will be taken up again by Mrs Treweek in her capacity as County Councillor.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 8:00pm.

Chair 19th May 2004



Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th May 2003.

1/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr M. Wilson, Mr G. Antcliff, Mrs J. Easden, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 2 members of the public.

2/04 Apologies. None, as everyone was in attendance at the meeting.

3/04 Election of Chair for the year 2003/04. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs M. Daykin and Mrs G. Dyer were proposed and seconded as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2003/04; as there were two candidates a vote was held by a show of hands and Mrs Daykin was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

4/04 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2003/04. Mrs Daykin asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mr I. Chamberlain was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2003/04; Mrs E. Rowarth was also proposed but as this was not seconded Mr I. Chamberlain was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

All of the nine councillors were present at the meeting and they were each given a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and a General Notice of Registrable Interests form by the Clerk for completion and return as soon as possible. All of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were completed and returned at the meeting.

5/04 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

6/04 Police Report. None, as the police were not in attendance at the meeting. The written report indicated that there had been 2 crimes in Morton during the past month and it was noted that there was still a problem with the off the road bikers in the Village

7/04 Items from members of the public. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a hard standing area in the school grounds which has been raised at previous meetings; after a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Barry Murfin at NEDDC and invite him to the next meeting in order to discuss a possible way forward with this project. In the meantime a small group of councillors, and any other interested parties, will meet to look at setting up some sort of community association which could then play a role in this project and others in the future.



8/04 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

03/00451/OL - Proposed outline application for the erection of a bungalow and garage (all matters reserved for future approval) at plot adjacent to Hawthorne Way, Back Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GT for Mr & Mrs J.A. Deane

9/04 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000651	40 . 96
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000652	342 . 02
NEDDC - grounds maintenance	000653	589 . 85

The Clerk has completed the Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2002/03 and these were formally approved by the Council; following signature by the Chair of the Council these will be sent in due course, together with other supporting information, to the Audit Commission for verification. A notice giving details of electors' rights to examine the accounts, will be displayed with effect from the 28th May 2003 in order to comply with the current regulations.

10/04 Parish Council Land. A request has been made for a "Dogs Must be Kept on a Lead" sign for the Bacchus Way play area and as soon as the dimensions/colours/method of fixing have been determined one will be ordered.

11/04 Correspondence. Various items of general correspondence were distributed to the meeting. It was agreed that Mr M. Wilson will be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee for the year 2003/04.

A request was made for some more litter bins in the Village and it was agreed that there should be 5 more in total in the following locations:- Church Lane, New Street, at the end of Pit Lane, by the Corner Pin, at the end of Sitwell Villas; the Clerk will write to the District Council asking that these litter bins be ordered as soon as possible.

The Guide Leader has requested the sum of £50 in order that they can carry out some minor improvement works to the area around the war memorial; this was unanimously agreed but the Clerk was asked to be clear that the Parish Council do not want the Guides using weed killer on the area for obvious health and safety reasons.

12/04 Matters concerning the District Council. None.



13/04 **Matters concerning the County Council.** The full stretch of footpath on Church Lane is now in need of relaying and this will be raised with the County Council by both Mrs Treweek and the Clerk. Possible solutions to the parking problems on Evershill Close have never been investigated by the County Council despite numerous requests and this matter will be followed up again as a matter of urgency.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

18th June 2003

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Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on the 18th June 2003.

14/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mrs J. Easden, P.C. Jamie Pendrill, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 3 members of the public.

15/04 Apologies. Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr M. Wilson and Mr G. Antcliff.

16/04 Councillors Absent. None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or they had properly submitted their apologies.

17/04 Minutes. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 14th May 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

18/04 Matters Arising. Details are still needed regarding the request for a 'dogs must be on a lead' sign which was raised at the last meeting; these are the dimensions, colour and method of fixing, which will all be needed before an order can be made.

The District Council have not yet responded to the Clerk's letter asking for more dog waste bins, litter bins and dog fouling notices; the District councillor George Antcliff will now be asked to follow this matter up on the Parish Council's behalf.

Barry Murfin from the District Council attended the meeting to give some initial advice and information regarding the request from some local young people for a hard play area in the grounds of Morton Primary School which could then be used by the school during daytime hours. Barry talked about the need for full local consultation including all sections of the community, involvement of the school in the process and the fact that NEDDC Sports Development Workers could start to engage with some of the young people in the Village. A voluntary organisation called Links could be able to offer advice and support regarding possible bids for funding and certainly the Sport England Awards for All would be one such source. Barry will send all of the relevant information at his disposal to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Councillor Margaret Treweek offered to contact the Headteacher, Mr J. Harrop, to update him on the current situation and to see what level of involvement the school would be able to commit themselves to in respect of this proposed scheme which is still very much in its infancy.

In the meantime Barry kindly offered to set up some hour long sports activity sessions in the Village Hall which will at least give the young people some activity and focus over the next few months. He will also arrange to publicise this. The Village Hall would be offered free of charge for the activities and if there is any problem with this the Parish Council could always consider subsidising the activities.

Barry was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for the information provided and at that point he left the meeting.

19/04 Police Report. P.C. Jamie Pendrill attended for this item only and reported that there had been 4 crimes in the Parish during the past month and whilst this is still 4 too many, it is a relatively low figure compared to the surrounding areas. The off the road bikers have been quieter recently and after a discussion about trying to communicate with these people regarding reasonable behaviour and times to carry out the activity it was agreed that the Parish Council should not get involved with this in any way. A request has been made for some more speed checks in Morton and P.C. Pendrill has also asked to be trained to use the radar gun in order that he can take part in this process also. The main problem is still the lack of appropriate transport for P.C. Pendrill to travel around his beat area which covers from Eastmoor in the north to Ashover in the south; a motorbike would be perfectly suitable and also a relatively cheap option. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable strongly urging him to provide an appropriate vehicle for P.C. Pendrill. **Action**
Clerk

P.C. Pendrill was thanked for his attendance and at this point he left the meeting.

20/04 Planning. The following planning application has now been approved :-

03/00316/FL - Proposed two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extension at 38 Bacchus Way, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HR for John & Jane Richardson.

21/04 Items from members of the public. There are some outstanding issues from some time ago namely the overgrown hedge at the back of the pit wheels and the blocked drain/silted up pavement at the point where Station Road meets Main Road and these matters will be taken up by Councillor Margaret Treweek in her capacity as County Councillor. **MT**

There is also a visibility problem for road users caused by an over grown tree in the highway near to the junction by the Corner Pin and a partially blocked post box in the wall of 576 Station Road, Morton and the Clerk will follow up both of these matters on the Parish Council's behalf. **Clerk**

22/04 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000654	170 . 38
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000655	109 . 20
DCC - lease of children's play area	000656	70 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000657	373 . 86
Homestart - grant	000658	25 . 00
Victim Support - grant	000659	25 . 00
Shopmobility - grant	000660	25 . 00
Morton Colliery Cricket Club - grant	000661	100 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th June 2003 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£26,065.86
Current Account	£198.86

b). **Financial Commitments.** The Clerk reported upon the commitments for the remainder of the financial year which should not exceed £11,000 and will therefore leave approximately £15,000 at the Council's disposal up to the 31st March 2004 whilst leaving £10,000 in reserve. In future the Clerk will produce a quarterly summary of the financial position of the Parish Council in order that all councillors can begin to have a better grasp of what the up to date situation is. At some point in the near future a full risk assessment needs to be carried out and the Clerk will liaise with the chair and Vice-Chair regarding this.

23/04 Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Chesterfield and Clay Cross Shopmobility have written to ask if we would be prepared to make a grant towards the running costs of the Clay Cross Shopmobility Service; after a brief discussion it was agreed that a grant of £25 will be made to this organisation.

Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area have written to ask for a grant towards the running costs of their Home-Start Family Group which made an operating loss of £871.36 during the past year; after a brief discussion it was agreed that a grant of £25.00 should be made towards this local voluntary group.

Victim Support Derbyshire (Chesterfield Branch) have written to ask for a grant towards the running costs of the Chesterfield Branch; after a brief discussion it was again agreed that a grant of £25 should be made.

The Cricket Club have asked for some financial assistance towards the cost of an event which they are about to hold and subject to this request being put in writing a grant of £100 was unanimously agreed.

24/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies. There were no specific reports presented to the Council this month.

25/04 External Funding - Margaret Treweek. Councillor Margaret Treweek reported that she had spoken to the County Council regarding possible grant assistance from various bodies including Social Services and Education and she will report back further when she has any more definite information.

26/04 Monthly Parish Council Surgery. The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Margaret Daykin, introduced this item and stated her wish for at least 2 Parish Councillors to hold a month surgery in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of each month at 11:00am commencing in July. The Clerk will draw up an appropriate notice giving the dates of the meetings for the remainder of the year and send them to Councillor Daykin for display within the Village.

27/04 Dog fouling notices. These will be followed up with the District Council by Councillor George Antcliff together with the dog waste bins and the litter bins.

28/04 Parish Council Newsletter. A newsletter was agreed as a good development which would keep people informed about what is happening in the Village and the following organisations will be approached to ask if they would be prepared to contribute some information for the newsletter on a regular basis, say 3 monthly to begin with :-

Action.

Church
Cricket Club
Village Hall Management Committee
Morton Primary School
Old People's Welfare Association

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MD

29/04 District Councillor's Report. None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

30/04 County Councillor's Report. None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

31/04 Any Other Business. There are a number of outstanding issues which people need to be allocated responsibility for in order that they are followed up, reported upon and, where appropriate, actioned. These are as follows :-

The Centre of England Tree.

IC

Bus shelter repair and area around the pit wheels.

Clerk

Window cleaner for the bus shelters.

GHD

Bacchus Way Play Area - new slide and safety surface agreed - £3,300 of which £3,000 will be funded by the commuted sum held on our behalf by the District Council.

Clerk

Chain link around the 'triangle' (D. Sahu - County Council).

MT

Churchyard grass cutting - the standard of the last cut by Key Services was unacceptable and the quote supplied by the County Council will be discussed with the Parochial Church Council and a way forward agreed.

MD/BD

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm



Chairman

16th July 2003