

# Morton Parish Council

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

## Action

**32/04 Members Present.** Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr M. Wilson and Mr G. Antcliff.

Also in attendance were PC Gareth Davies, 2 members of the public and Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk.

**33/04 Apologies.** Mrs M. Daykin and Mrs J. Easden.

**34/04 Councillors Absent.** None.

**35/04 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**36/04 Matters Arising.** The County Council have written to confirm that the hedge near to the pit wheels will be cut back, the channel blocks and footway at the Station Road/Main Road junction will be cleaned and the low branches/vegetation on the tree near the Corner Pin will be removed.

The small group of councillors who agreed to form a committee to look at moving forward the idea of a hard standing play area for youngsters in the Village now needs to meet as soon as possible in order that some progress can be made. Councillor Treweek offered to canvass the opinions of some of the young people in the Village to see what sort of activities they would be most interested in.

MD/IC  
GD/MT

The Clerk is still waiting to hear from the District Council regarding the supply of extra dog waste bins and dog fouling notices.

Clerk/  
GA

The first Parish Councillors' Surgery has been held and this was quite successful with Councillors Margaret Daykin and Ian Chamberlain being present. The next one is due to be held on Saturday 2nd August 2003 and it was agreed that Councillors Michael Wilson and Gaynor Dyer will attend this surgery and the District Councillors will be present also.

MW/  
GHD

Any articles for the first Parish Council newsletter should be sent to Councillor Margaret Dakin in the first instance; obviously, assistance will be needed with the delivery of these once they have been produced.

MD/  
All

Councillor Ian Chamberlain has arranged to meet with a stonemason with a view to getting something resolved with regard to a feature stone at both the pit wheels and the Centre of England Tree.

IC

The Clerk has contacted Mr B. Hill - builder and he has confirmed that the bus shelter repairs will be done by the end of October and just to remind everyone the approximate cost of this work will be £1,500. We are still waiting to hear from a local window cleaner as to whether or not he would be prepared to clean the bus shelter windows for us.

Clerk

Councillor Margaret Treweek reported that a further site meeting has now been arranged in respect of the proposed chain link fencing which the County Council have agreed to put around the 'triangle' of land in the middle of the highway adjacent to the Village Hall as there is apparently now some doubt as to whether or not this is feasible.

An estimate has now been received from Key Services for the clearing of the overgrown areas of the Churchyard at a cost of £850 and to cut the grass at least 8 times per year at a price of £130. These quotes were unanimously approved and it was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the full £850 with the Church contributing to the grass cutting at the same rate as in the previous year.

Investigations are still taking place into who the partial blocking of the post box at 576 Station Road should be reported to.

A joiner from Pilsley by the name of Bill Bailey has given an estimate of £170 for providing a new Parish Council notice board with a glass fronted display cabinet. It was unanimously agreed that we should proceed with this and as soon as the Clerk can obtain a telephone number and address for Mr Bailey this will be done.

**37/04 Police Report.** PC Gareth Davies attended for this item only and reported that there had been one crime in the area during the past month; there is reasonable confidence that the offenders have been arrested as two people committing other similar offences in the area have been apprehended. The problem of vehicles speeding in both directions through the Village and off the road bikers were raised again and these issues were noted for future action.

The Clerk reported that the Chief Constable has responded to the letter sent by the Clerk expressing the Parish Council's concern about the lack of appropriate transport for the local beat officer; the Divisional Commander of C Division has been asked to look at the way PC Pendrill is deployed to see where this can be improved upon.

PC Davies was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

**38/04 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

**03/00055/OL** - Proposed outline application for the erection of 9 no. two storey dwellings (all matters reserved for future approval) (Departure from Development Plan) (Amended Title Amended Plan) at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HN for Mr P. Cupit.

**03/00055/OL** - Proposed outline application for the erection of 8 no. two storey dwellings (all matters reserved for future approval) (Departure from Development Plan) (Amended Title Amended Plan) at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HN for Mr P. Cupit.

**SM679** - Proposed Condition XLIX of planning permission NED/487/295, restoration and landscaping of access road entrance, Morton Road, Stretton for Derbyshire County Council.

**The following planning application has now been approved :-**

**Action**

**03/00602/FL** - Proposed erection of kitchen extension involving demolition of the existing kitchen extension (Conservation Area) at 15 Church Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GU for Mr B. Freeman.

**39/04 Items from members of the public.** The people working on the building site at the bottom of the Village are still lighting fires despite being asked not to do so by the District Council; this will be raised with the District Council again.

**GA**

There has been a lot of fly tipping again near the bridge on Higham Lane and whilst it needs removing it was suggested that in the medium to longer term it may be better to remove the bridge altogether as it is already under a weight restriction. The Clerk will write to the District Council with regard to both of these matters and in respect of the latter point he will ask them to liaise with the County Council regarding this suggestion.

**Clerk**

The public footpath which runs down the side of the old Miner's Welfare building is becoming obstructed with nettles and weeds; as this is partly the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain the quickest way to resolve this would be to get a volunteer(s) to carry out this work or alternatively it could be the priority of the Probation Service community service people when they start to do some jobs in the Village.

**All**

The grass on the Parish Council football field needs cutting and Councillor Ian Chamberlain agreed to speak to George Whitmore to see if he would carry out this work for us.

**IC**

**40/04 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <b><u>Payee.</u></b>	<b><u>Cheque No.</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
J.S. Marriott & Co - Audit Fee 2002/03	000662	300 . 00
Audit Commission - Audit Fee 2001/02	000663	141 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000664	359 . 34
Glapwell Nurseries - Hanging Baskets	000665	2,937 . 50

The Clerk introduced the internal audit report which John Marriott has produced for the Parish Council. The main area which required some further attention was the introduction of a proper PAYE system and everyone agreed that this will be actioned in time for the 1st April 2004.

**b). Risk Assessment.** The risk assessment prepared by the Clerk was formally agreed as the Parish Council's starting point and this will be considered further in more detail when of course it will be subject to change dependent upon the Council's position at that time.

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**41/04 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Countryside Agency have sent a copy of the guidelines concerning The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme which is available for anyone to read.

The Chief Constable has sent a letter regarding the Police Authority Precept for 2003/04 and this also explains the Force's plans for the financial year in an attempt to assist councillors when advising constituents on policing issues.

The County Council have sent a copy of their Draft Bus Information Strategy and if we wish to make any comments about this they need to be sent to the County Council before the 11th July 2003. Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area have sent a letter of thanks in respect of the £25 grant which we recently made towards their Home-Start Family Group.

Chesterfield and Clay Cross Shopmobility have sent a letter of thanks in respect of the £25 grant which we recently made towards their service in Clay Cross.

The District Council have written to ask if we would like to continue with the arrangement to meet the cost of the number of one thirds pints required for two days per week at Morton Primary School (the District Council pay for the other 3 days per week); this milk is only provided to the children aged between 5 and 7 who don't take school dinners. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will continue with the funding of the milk for two days per school week.

The District Council have written to confirm that 6 Neighbourhood Partnerships are being established within the North East Derbyshire District and as such the District/Parish Liaison Group will not continue to meet; the Chair of the South Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Partnership which comprises Morton, North Wingfield, Pilsley, Shirland and Higham and Tupton will be Councillor G. Pass.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has sent a document entitled "Providing Indemnities to Relevant Authority Officers and Members" which is a Consultation paper on the nature of the power to be conferred on relevant authorities under s.101 of the Local Government Act 2000. This document will be made available to anyone who wishes to read it but any comments which we may wish to submit need to be sent in writing to be received by the 6th October 2003 at the latest.

**42/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.** There was nothing urgent to report and as the meeting was running late it was agreed to defer any reports to the next meeting.

**43/04 District Councillor's Report.** None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

**44/04 County Councillor's Report.** None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

**45/04 Any Other Business.** A request has been made for the Parish Council's hedge to be trimmed back at the point where the boundary is adjacent to 21 Church Lane; it was agreed that this should be done and the Clerk will ask Key Services to do this within the next few months.

**Action**

**Clerk**

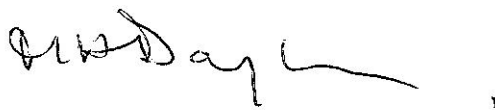
Apparently there have been many complaints regarding the standard and reliability of the number 98 Stagecoach bus service and these need to be made to the Public Transport Unit of the County Council at County Hall, Matlock. If the Clerk is given some specific details of actual problems which have occurred he can write to the County Council to give them the information.

The next meeting on the 17th September 2003 will begin at 6:30pm, possibly in the Rectory Rooms but this will be confirmed on the agenda, in order to allow some proper time for planning the priorities for the next 18 months or so which will in turn inform the Precept setting process for the 2004/05 financial year. The first part of the meeting (6:30pm to 7:30pm) will not be open to members of the public but they will of course be able to attend the ordinary meeting which will commence at 7:30pm in the Village Hall as usual.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

**Chairman**

17th September 2003



# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th September 2003.

**46/04 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, , Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth,  
Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr M. Wilson, Mr G. Antcliff and Mrs J. Easden,

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 4 members of the public.

**47/04 Apologies.** Mr I. Chamberlain and PC Jamie Pendrill.

**48/04 Councillors Absent.** None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or had properly submitted their apologies.

**49/04 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**50/04 Matters Arising.** The Clerk will try and obtain 2 quotes for the work to improve the area around the pit wheels with both quotes stating the cost of putting a membrane down and covering it with pebbles and also concreting the area as an alternative.

Dog fouling notices and dog bins which have previously been requested in writing will be followed up by the District Councillor George Antcliff.

The County Council have apparently inspected and cleared the blocked drains on Station Road and we will now have to wait and see if this has had the desired effect the next time that there is a heavy rainfall.

The building materials are still causing an obstruction to the post box in the wall outside number 576 Station Road, Morton and the Clerk will now write to the occupier to ask that they be removed.

The overhanging hedge on Station Road has still not been cut back by the County Council and this will be raised with them again by the Clerk.

Apparently the window cleaner will be contacting Margaret Daykin in the next two weeks to discuss the cleaning of the bus shelters.

The work to the area around the horse chestnut tree near the Village Hall which is due to be carried out by the County Council will be followed up by the Clerk in order to try and ascertain a proposed start date.

Three more notice boards are required like the one which has just been supplied. This joiner is about to retire and if he is unable to carry out the work the Clerk will be given the details of an alternative local joiner in order that these can be produced.



It was confirmed that permission will be required from the County Council regarding the placing of a commemorative stone on the highway adjacent to the Centre of England tree.

**Action.**  
**IC**

The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to ask that consideration be given to the provision of a youth shelter in the Village at a location yet to be determined but which is likely to be in the vicinity of the school.

**Clerk**

**51/04 Police Report.** PC Jamie Pendrill had submitted his apologies for this meeting and the Clerk distributed the crime figures for August which the Clay Cross Station had provided. There are problems with off the road bikers using the County Council land off New Street and, more dangerously, riding across the children's play area; the Clerk will inform PC Pendrill about this together with details of one of the known offenders as soon as he has returned from leave.

**52/04 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

**03/00562/RM** - Proposed Reserved Matters Application for the erection of one detached dwelling on land to the rear at 26 Evershill Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HA for D. Mowbray.

**03/00871/RM** - Proposed approval of Reserved Matters for the erection of one bungalow on land adjacent to 24 New Street, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6GR for Mr A. Booth.

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

**03/00562/RM** - Proposed Reserved Matters Application for the erection of one detached dwelling on land to the rear at 26 Evershill Lane, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HA for D. Mowbray.

**03/00884/FL** - Proposed erection of garage and store to rear at 208 Main Road, Morton DE55 6HL for Mr Rees.

**The following planning application has now been refused :-**

**03/00055/OL** - Proposed outline application for the erection of 8 no. two storey dwellings (all matters reserved for future approval) (Departure from Development Plan) (Amended Title/ Amended Plan) at Morton Service Station, Station Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HN for Mr P. Cupit.

**53/04 Items from members of the public.** The issues discussed included possible traffic calming measures, street cleaning, off the road bikers and the cleaning of bus shelters; all of these matters, except for traffic calming which is a longer term and more contentious issue, were addressed under the appropriate agenda items during the meeting. All of the points raised were noted and taken into account when the relevant decisions were being made.

MD.

**54/04 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000666	70 . 00
Scottina Timber Products - notice board cabinet	000667	180 . 00
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000668	40 . 96
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000669	399 . 51
	000670	CANCELLED
Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC	000671	127 . 62
Fireworks International	000672	404 . 25
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000673	720 . 07
DCTP - AQA Training for Clerk	000674	155 . 00
First Morton Guides - grant	000675	50 . 00
NEDDC Chair's Appeal - grant	000676	25 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th September 2003 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £10,562.11  
Current Account £20,157.86

**55/04 Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Chair of the District Council, Councillor Colin Robinson, has written to ask if the Council would be prepared to make a donation to this year's Chair's Appeal which for 2003 is a group called 'Ability' who provide facilities and activities for children with disabilities between ages of 5 and 12; after a brief discussion it was agreed that a grant of £25 should be made to this appeal.

**56/04 Other Agenda Items.**

a). **Seat on Evershill Close.** There are mixed views about whether a seat should be erected at this location and councillors were asked to give this some thought and a vote will be held on the subject at the next meeting.

b). **Cherry Tree - Stretton Road.** It was reported that there is some damage to this tree but it is not dead and it remains viable for the time being.

c). **Parish Warden.** A brief discussion was held concerning the footpaths in the Village and it was agreed that the first course of action should be to get Lance Turvey from the District Council to inspect the paths and report back to the Parish Council about any outstanding problems.

d). **Hedges and hedgebottoms.** Jennifer Easden will contact the Probation Service Community Services Section to see if they are able to carry out any of this work in the Village.

MD



- 57/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.** The Village Hall **Action.**  
Management Committee have asked about the new lease from the Parish Council for the Village Hall and the Clerk was pleased to confirm that he has now obtained a copy of the proposed lease from Glossops Solicitors and once this has been signed by all the relevant parties the matter will be finalised. Also, the VHMC would like to repair and preserve the gas lights in the Village Hall and they want to know if the Parish Council are prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of this work. Once a definite price has been obtained a decision can be made in this respect.
- 58/04 District Councillor's Report.** Nothing further to report in addition to the other issues raised earlier in the meeting.
- 59/04 County Councillor's Report.** Nothing further to report in addition to the other issues raised earlier in the meeting.
- 60/04 Any Other Business.** Concern was raised about the latest opencast proposals being put forward by the Banks Group but there was some uncertainty regarding whether or not this would fall within Morton Parish at all. The Clerk was asked to contact the firm and try and arrange a public information event in the Parish to try and clarify the proposals for everyone. **Clerk**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm

**Chairman** 15th October 2003



# Morton Parish Council

**At a planning meeting held in the Old School Room, Morton on the 17th September 2003 it was resolved that :-**

1. Liaison with Key Services will be the responsibility of Margaret Daykin and Barry Darby.
2. Play Area and bus shelters etc will be dealt with by Margaret Treweek, George Dyer, George Antcliffe and Margaret Daykin.
3. Application for award of grants - Margaret Daykin and the Clerk.
4. Parish Newsletter - Margaret Daykin, Jennifer Easden and Eileen Banks.
5. Community Services such as the war memorial and pit wheels - Jennifer Easden and Margaret Daykin.
6. Finance Committee - Ian Chamberlain, Margaret Daykin, Margaret Treweek and Barry Darby.
7. Risk Assessments - Ian Chamberlain and Michael Wilson.

The December 2003 Meeting will commence at 6:30pm in the Old School Room and it will consider feedback from the sub-groups, priorities for the year ahead and the Precept for 2004/05.

The March 2004 Meeting will also commence at 6:30pm and the initial items for the meeting are a Parish Plan and feedback from all of the sub groups.

