

Morton Parish Council

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

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61/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek and Mr G. Antcliff.

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

62/04 Apologies. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby and Mr M. Wilson.

63/04 Councillors Absent. Mrs J. Easden.

64/04 Police Report. P.C.Jamie Pendrill attended for this item only and reported that there had been 4 crimes in Morton during the past month which comprised 3 thefts from vehicles and 1 house burglary.

It was pleasing to report that the Monday night drop-in session for young people is proving very successful at the moment and it is hoped that the number of evenings on which it is run can be increased. PC Pendrill will call into this club to meet the young people at the next available opportunity.

PC Pendrill's problems with transport around his beat area were discussed again; he will now be allowed to use a bicycle as this has been cleared from a health and safety perspective and hopefully he will have a motor bike to use in the future. This would be particularly useful in respect of the ongoing problem in Morton with illegal off the road bikers.

P.C. Pendrill was thanked for his attendance and he remained for the rest of the meeting.

65/04 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2003 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

66/04 Items from members of the public. The ongoing problem of speeding through Morton was raised again and PC Pendrill confirmed that he has still not received the training which would enable him to use a speed gun locally. Reference was made to a traffic calming proposal which is now 4 years old and this will be pursued again with the County Council together with the possibility of electronic speed warning signs at both ends of the village.

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67/04 Matters Arising. The possibility of having a Parish Warden was discussed and in order to provide greater clarity Councillor Chamberlain agreed to draw up a list of possible duties which can then be considered at the next meeting.

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The dog waste bins have now been ordered by the District Council and we are now waiting for a site visit in order that the exact locations of these can be determined between the District Council and ourselves.

The Clerk will follow up the progress with regard to the Bacchus Way play area slide with the District Council again has nothing has been heard recently.

Councillor Chamberlain has obtained a price for a piece of engraved stone in respect of both the pit wheels area and the Centre of England Tree; the price for both is £1,100 excluding vat and delivery which we will have to arrange. A price in the region of £350 for one piece of stone was obtained some years ago but the company never followed this up; Councillor Rowarth will try and obtain at least one further quote prior to the next meeting but it is proving extremely difficult to find companies who are prepared to quote for this type of work. A decision will be made at the next meeting based upon the estimates available then even if there is only one.

The blocked drains on Station Road have now been cleared.

The local window cleaner has still not contacted Councillor Daykin with regard to the cleaning of the bus shelters and the Clerk will now contact a person at Staveley who does this type of cleaning to see whether or not he would carry out the work in this area.

The County Council have realigned the kerb around the tree adjacent to the Village Hall in order that the buses do not run across the soil. There will be no chain linking around this area now as it is considered to be a potential hazard.

The Clerk will check with the previous supplier to see if he is still able to supply a further 3 not boards the same as the one we have had recently.

The access to the post box outside number 576 Station Road has now been made clear following the Clerk's letter to the occupier.

68/04 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

03/01167/FL - Proposed change of use of land to mixed use of agriculture and keeping horses - the erection of a stable/agricultural building (within 50m of listed building) at land directly opposite Hollybrook Cottage, adjacent railway line, Smithymoor, Stretton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Gerald Martin.

However, it was felt that this land is not within our Parish and therefore Councillor Antcliff will return the form to the District Council in order to ensure that the correct Parish is notified.

The following planning application has now been approved :-

03/00871/RM - Proposed approval of reserved matters for the erection of one bungalow on land adjacent (Amended Plans) at 24 New Street, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6GR for Mr A. Booth.

69/04 **Finance.** The following payment has been made :-

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a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000677	381 . 38

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 15th October 2003 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£27,210.37
Current Account	£3,180.73

70/04 **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. There were no specific items of correspondence which required a decision this month but it is worth noting that the County Council have confirmed that they will no longer cut the hedge back at the rear of the pit wheels as this is not their land and ownership of the land cannot be determined for the majority of this boundary with the highway.

71/04 **Other Agenda Items.**

a). **Future of the Village Hall.** The current Village Hall is very difficult to access by disabled people and has very little parking space. Consideration needs to be given regarding the type and location of a community building which will best serve the needs of future generations in the Village. Councillors were asked to give this some thought in order that an informed discussion can take place at a future meeting.

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72/04 **Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.** There were no reports in respect of the Village Hall and the Church as the responsible councillors were not present at the meeting.

There was nothing further to report in respect of the School and the Older People's Committee.

It was agreed that the Cricket Club need to be reminded that we have agreed to fund a trophy up to the value of £50 for the most improved young cricketer each year and Councillor Daykin will take this matter up.

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73/04 **District Councillor's Report.** None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

74/04 **County Councillor's Report.** None, other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

75/04 **Any Other Business.** Councillor Daykin reported that she is still gathering all the relevant information and articles for the Parish newsletter and progress needs to be made with this as soon as possible.

The District Council have been organising a free tree scheme again and it was pleasing to report that the Morton Tree Warden, Mr Selwyn Gough, has been successful in obtaining some trees for Morton.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

19th November 2003



Morton Parish Council

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

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76/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, ~~Mr I. Chamberlain~~, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr G. Antcliff and Mrs J. Easden.

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

77/04 Apologies. Mr M. Wilson and Mr I. Chamberlain.

78/04 Councillors Absent. None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or had properly submitted their apologies.

79/04 Items from members of the public. The proposed planning application for further opencasting in the locality was raised and there is a lot of concern about this within the Village. It was suggested that a referendum should be held to gauge exactly what the majority view was in this case.

RESOLVED to obtain as much information as possible from neighbouring parishes who are more closely affected by the proposal and at an appropriate point to hold a referendum within Morton on this important issue.

80/04 Police. There was no verbal report as the police were not in attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED to note the written report of the recorded crimes in Morton during the past month.

81/04 District Council. There are apparently some problems with the use of one of the District Council's garages.

RESOLVED that when the Clerk is given the relevant information a letter will be sent to the District Council regarding the concerns of local people.

82/04 County Council. The problem of vehicular access on Evershill Close, Morton has still not been rectified.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will follow this matter up again with the County Council.

83/04 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

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84/04 Non-Exempt Minutes - 15th October 2003.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 2003.

85/04 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

86/04 Clerk of the Council's Report.

Dogs on a lead sign, dog waste bins and dog fouling notices will be provided by the District Council hopefully before Christmas.

Litter bins - Councillor Antcliff will follow this up with the District Council as a matter of urgency.

Bacchus Way play area slide - work has just commenced in this respect and it should be completed by the December Parish Council meeting.

Cleaning of bus shelters - Gary Wilkes from Staveley has started cleaning the shelters at a price of £1200 all 4; they will be cleaned on a bi-monthly basis.

Community Services maintenance work in Morton - there will be charge of approximately £1200 for a range of work which will be carried out.

Notice Boards - Bill Bailey will be producing a further 3 notice boards as soon as possible.

Parish Newsletter - this has now been produced and will be distributed over the next few weeks.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to approve the expenditure listed for Community Services to carry out the tidying/maintenance work in the village.

87/04 Matters for Decision.

Recognition of the Centre of England Tree.

RESOLVED that a price should be obtained for a plaque, similar to those to be purchased for the pit wheels, for this tree.

Improvement of the pit wheels area - Community Services have expressed a willingness to carry out the work.

RESOLVED that authority be given for this to be carried out as soon as possible.

Funding for young people's hard standing area - Councillor Treweek is pursuing this issue on the Council's behalf.

RESOLVED that the sum of £10,000 should be set aside from Parish Council funds to contribute towards this project (this decision was taken by a show of hands with 5 in favour and two against).

Consideration was given to the possible use of three pieces of unregistered land in the vicinity of the pit wheels.

RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to explore the way forward to claim this land and to employ the services of a local firm of solicitors in this respect.

To consider whether the venue for future Parish Council meetings should be the Village Hall or the Old School Room.

RESOLVED to hold Parish Council meetings in the Old School Room, Morton from January 2004 until further notice.

The provision of further seats in the village and their possible locations.

RESOLVED to consider this matter further at a future meeting.

The introduction of a possible traffic calming scheme and the plans submitted were briefly discussed and the unanimous view was that the proposals were wholly inadequate. The possibility of electronic warning signs at either end of the Village in the next financial year would be very well received.

RESOLVED that Councillor Treweek will refer this matter back to the relevant officer for their further consideration.

To consider the possible role for a Parish Warden.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the next meeting as Councillor Chamberlain was not present to put forward his views on the subject which he was nominated to do.

88/04 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000678	40 . 96
Key Services - Churchyard grass cutting	000679	998 . 75
DALC - copy of Standing orders	000680	6 . 46
Mr B. Hill - repairs to bus shelter	000681	1,175 . 00
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000682	50 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000683	387 . 20
Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal	000684	25 . 00
Clay Cross Police Consultative Group - grant	000685	25 . 00



The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th June 2003 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £27,210.37
Current Account £ 866.40

b). **Audit Commission - 2002/03 Audit.** The audit report for the financial year 2002/03 has been received and there are no further points of action which need to be implemented other than those recommended by the internal auditor.

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and to note the report from the Audit Commission which requires no further action other than to display the report on the Completion of Audit.

89/04 Planning. None.

90/04 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 34, 35 and 36/2003 and the representatives appointed from North East Derbyshire District to the Executive Committee who were:- Councillor G.H. Dyer - Morton Parish Council, Councillor D.H. Ward - North Wingfield Parish Council and Councillor K.G. Savidge - Clay Cross Parish Council. Councillor C.A. Smith will represent the District Council as successor authority.

91/04 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

CPRE - Landscape Character Assessment, best practice seminar: 1:30pm to 4:00pm on Tuesday 11th November at St. Mary's Conference Centre, off Bramall Lane, Sheffield.

Derbyshire Local Transport Plan : 3rd Annual Progress Report - Summary Leaflet and Questionnaire

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and to distribute the Transport Plan to any councillor who wishes to complete one of these.

North East Derbyshire Local Plan Review 2001 - 2011.

RESOLVED to note the District Council's Local Plan Review and to make this available within the District Council for anyone to read.

92/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Wilson was not in attendance at the meeting but he had sent an e-mail to the Clerk stating that the proposed new lease has not yet been signed by the Village Hall Management Committee. It was agreed that Mr S. Gough will be asked by the Clerk to liaise with Council regarding any amendments which need to be made before this is sent back to the solicitor.

Church - Councillor B. Darby mentioned that there was some disappointment at the Remembrance Day Service but that lessons can be learned which would hopefully improve the situation next year.

School - It was agreed that either Councillor Chamberlain or Councillor Daykin will be the Parish Council's link with Morton Primary School.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Older People's Welfare Committee - Nothing further to report at the moment.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports which were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman

17th December 2003

Morton Parish Council

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

93/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, , Mr G. Antcliff and Mr M. Wilson.

Also in attendance were PC Jamie Pendrill, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 3 members of the public.

94/04 Apologies. Mr B. Darby and Mrs J. Easden.

95/04 Councillors Absent. None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or had properly submitted their apologies.

96/04 Items from members of the public. There was some praise given to the first Parish Council leaflet of which 500 have just been distributed around the Village; it is proving to be quite an interesting read and hopefully this will generate some more interest, not just with regard to the Parish Council but with regard to the community as a whole.

The Evershill Close street sign has still not been repaired and this is now being regularly moved by youngsters with all the consequences this might bring for local people.

RESOLVED the Clerk will ask the District Council what is happening regarding the street sign on Bacchus Way.

97/04 Police. PC Pendrill gave a verbal report regarding the 9 recorded crimes in Morton during the past month some of which were quite serious such as burglary and arson. There is still an ongoing issue of how PC Pendrill can properly cover a geographical area the size of the one which he currently has to manage.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report given by PC Jamie Pendrill regarding the recorded crimes in Morton during the past month and to thank him for his attendance at the meeting for this item. The Clerk was asked to write a further letter to the Chief Constable regarding the transport and resource issues in the beat area which Morton is a part of; this letter will be sent to Councillor Treweek in order that he can take it to the Chief Constable personally.

98/04 District Council. There were no new items raised in respect of the District Council and Councillor Antcliff had nothing to report at the moment.

99/04 County Council. There were no new items raised in respect of the County Council and Councillor Treweek had nothing to report at the moment.

100/04 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

101/04 Non-Exempt Minutes - 19th November 2003.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November 2003 subject to Mr I. Chamberlain being removed from minute number **76/04 'Members Present'**.

102/04 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

103/04 Clerk of the Council's Report.

Dogs on a lead sign, dog waste bins and dog fouling notices will be provided by the District Council as soon as possible in the New Year.

Litter bins - Councillor Antcliff reported that these should also be in place before the end of January 2004.

Bacchus Way play area slide - work has just commenced in this respect and it should be completed prior to the January Parish Council meeting.

Community Services maintenance work in Morton – work is now under way and will continue.

Notice Boards – three more notice boards have arrived and they are currently stored at Councillor Daykins' house awaiting fitting as a matter of urgency; it was unanimously agreed that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

Access to New Street play area – this matter has still not been resolved.

Possible use of unregistered land in the vicinity of the pit wheels – this matter has still not progressed any further.

Recognition of the Centre of England Tree – the wording and size of sign required was agreed.

Pit wheels area – the size and wording of the two commemorative signs was agreed.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to follow up the access problems to the New Street play area and the possible acquisition of unregistered land in the Village. Also, that Councillor Daykin is authorised to go ahead and order the signs for the Centre of England tree and the pit wheels area.



104/04 Matters for Decision.

The provision of further seats in the village and their possible locations.

RESOLVED that no further seats shall be purchased at the moment due to the lack of general interest in these within the local community.

Funding for young people's hard standing area - Councillor Treweek is looking this matter on the Council's behalf. A location for this proposal still needs to be determined and a grant from the Regeneration fund may now be available.

RESOLVED that Councillor Treweek is authorised to continue trying to progress this project on the Parish Council's behalf.

Possible traffic calming scheme for the Village of Morton.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should invite Brian Lucas from the County Council to attend the meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday 21st January 2004 in order that this matter can be discussed in some detail.

To consider the possible role for a Parish Warden.

RESOLVED that this matter will not be pursued any further at the moment.

105/04 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Audit Commission – Audit Fee for 2002/03	000687	293 . 75
NEDDC - election expenses 2003	000686	371 . 96
Scottina Timber Products – 3 notice boards	000688	540 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000689	378 . 80
A & L Graphics – newsletters and leaflets	000690	359 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th December 2003 are as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £24,210.37
Current Account £ 2,231.89

b). Precept 2004/05. The Clerk presented a draft precept and budget comparison base upon the figures over the past two years.

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and to note that the Precept should increase by £2,500 for the year 2004/05 from £20,000 to £22,500. As per the figures the Clerk's wages were confirmed at £4,500 per annum with effect from the 1st January 2004 which also includes the office allowance of £540 per annum that had previously been paid separately.

106/04 Planning. None.

107/04 DALC Circulars. There is to be an information event at the North East Derbyshire District Council Offices on Thursday 29th January 2004 from 6:45pm to 8:45pm and also a day of training for new Councillors or Clerks at the Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall on Saturday 21st February from 9:30am to 4:30pm at a price of £20 per delegate.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 37 and 38/2003 and to nominate Councillors Daykin and Wilson to attend the training on the 21st February 2004. Anyone interested in attending the event on the 29th January 2004 should let Councillor Daykin or the Clerk know about this as a matter of urgency.

108/04 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

The District Council has written in reply to the Clerk's letter regarding problems with one particular person on the garage site, Evershill Close, Morton. The Housing Management Officer has confirmed that he is trying to resolve the issues and he has also sent a copy of the District Council's Regulations and Conditions of Tenancy in respect of garage plots.

The District Council have confirmed that they will be repairing the fencing at the rear of the Bacchus Way play area at a cost to the Parish Council of £602.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above.

109/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Wilson asked if there had been any progress with regard to the proposed new lease; it was confirmed that this has not yet been signed by the Village Hall Management Committee and this will be followed up by Councillor Wilson.

Church - Nothing further to report as Councillor Darby was not in attendance at the meeting.

School - It was agreed that Councillor Chamberlain will be the Parish Council's formal link representative with Morton Primary School.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment other than the fact that Councillor Treweek had recently attended their Christmas lunch and that this had been most enjoyable.

Older People's Welfare Committee - a recent bus trip had taken 54 people to York for a day out and this had been very successful.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports which were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm

Chairman

21st January 2004

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Budget 2003/04 Proposed Budget 2004/05

Administration Costs.

	£	£
Clerk's salary)	
Stationery)	
Telephone)	
Postage)	
Travelling)	
	4,370	4,750
Hire of rooms for meetings	100	100
Insurance	1,300	1,300
Annual Audit	400	500
DALC subscription	<u>150</u>	<u>160</u>
Sub totals:	6,320	6,810

Services.

Cleaning/repairs to bus shelters	-	800
Village Hall	2,000	2,000
Hanging Baskets	2,500	2,500
Maintenance of land/grass cutting	800	800
Churchyard grass cutting	900	1,000
Notice boards	900	-
School milk	420	450
Emptying of dog waste bins	140	250
Section 137 grants	300	350
Parish activities	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Sub totals:	8,460	8,650

Known Special Items.

Bus shelters	10,350	-
Young people's hard play area	-	10,000
Village Hall - access for disabled people	-	8,000
Traffic Calming	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Sub totals:	10,350	23,000
	25,130	38,460



P. Goodwin - Clerk of the Parish Council

Guidance notes for Councillors to assist with the setting of the Precept for the financial year 2004/05.

I move that the Council adopt the estimates and budget for 2004/05 in this paper and advise the collecting authority of our Precept.

Estimated balances at 31st March 2004 :-

Current Account	500 . 00
Business Reserve Account	22,000 . 00

Anticipated income during 2004/05 :-

Proposed Precept	22,500 . 00
VAT claim	1,760 . 00
Morton Church	340 . 00
Bank Interest	300 . 00
Total of balances and anticipated income	47,400 . 00

Administration Costs:-

Clerk's Salary	4,500 . 00
Stationery	60 . 00
Telephone Calls	50 . 00
Postage	50 . 00
Travelling (Clerk's mileage allowance)	90 . 00
Hire of rooms for meetings	100 . 00
Insurance	1,300 . 00
Annual Audit	500 . 00
DALC subscription	160 . 00
Sub-total	6,810 . 00

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Services :-

Cleaning/repairs to bus shelters	800 . 00
Maintenance of land/grass cutting	800 . 00
Churchyard grass cutting	1,000 . 00
Hanging baskets	2,500 . 00
Village Hall	2,000 . 00
School milk	450 . 00
Emptying of dog waste bins	250 . 00
Section 137 grants	350 . 00
Parish activities	<u>500 . 00</u>
Sub-total	8,650 . 00

Known Special Items :-

Young people's hard play area	10,000 . 00
Traffic calming	5,000 . 00
Village Hall - access for disabled people	<u>8,000 . 00</u>
Sub-total	23,000 . 00

Total anticipated expenditure 38,460 . 00

Anticipated balances at 31st March 2005 8,940 . 00

The Clerk advised the Council that it would be prudent to try and maintain a reserve balance of approximately £9,000 and it was therefore resolved that the total precept for 2004/05 should be £22,500.

P. Goodwin - Clerk of the Parish Council

