

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 21st January 2004.

Before the meeting a minute's silence was observed in memory of Ken Vardy who died recently. Ken had been a Parish Councillor for many years and had worked tirelessly for the local community before standing down at the last election in May 2003. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts go out to his family.

110/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Dyer, M. Wilson and Mrs J. Easden.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin – Clerk, PC Jamie Pendrill and 2 members of the public.

111/04 Apologies. Mr G. Antcliff.

112/04 Councillors Absent. Mr I. Chamberlain.

113/04 Items from members of the public. The proposed planning application for further opencasting in the locality has now been withdrawn by the Banks Group and the Parish Council was thanked by David Thompson (member of the public present) for the referendum that was carried out in this respect.

There were further complaints about the state of the pavements on Main Road which are due to have some work carried out upon them during the 2004/05 financial year.

The Bacchus Way street nameplate has still not been put back in place by the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the points raised and to refer the problem with the street nameplate to the District Council.

114/04 Police. PC Pendrill reported that the recent figures were not good and there had been a number of domestic burglaries; however, the alleged perpetrator is now in custody and hopefully this problem will now subside. Concerns were raised regarding telephone calls being received locally where the caller picks up without speaking as these may be potential burglars 'checking out' whether or not properties are occupied.

RESOLVED to note the report given by PC Pendrill and that Mike Owen will be invited to the next meeting as the District Council Community Safety Officer in order to discuss possible local crime reduction initiatives.

04 District Council. There has been no response regarding the problems with the use of one of the District Council's garages.

RESOLVED that the Clerk follows this matter up with the District Council.

04 County Council. There is a problem with mud on the road and pavement on Church Lane, Morton and this matter needs to be raised with the County Council by local people as and when the problem occurs.

RESOLVED that Councillor Darby will inform the complainant about where to report this matter to.

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

04 Non-Exempt Minutes - 17th December 2003.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th December 2003.

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

04 Clerk of the Council's Report.

The 'dogs on a lead signs' have now been provided but the dog waste bins, dog fouling notices and litter bins need to be followed up by Councillor Antcliff with the District Council as a matter of urgency.

Bacchus Way play area slide – there has been no further work in this respect since before Christmas and the Clerk will follow this up with the District Council.

Community Services maintenance work in Morton – the work to the pit wheels is almost complete and as sleepers were agreed instead of bricks at the rear of the wheels the total cost to the Parish Council will only be in the region of £200; many thanks are due to Margaret Daykin and the Community Services Team in this respect.

Notice Boards – a further 3 notice boards have now been received and are just waiting to be fitted.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to ask Councillor Antcliff to raise the outstanding matters with the District Council again.

121/04 Matters for Decision.

Traffic Calming -Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting a discussion had taken place with County Councillor Brian Lucas (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services) and Nick Turner (Senior Road Safety Officer) regarding possible traffic calming measures which could be put in place. The proposal put forward by the County Council would cost in the region of £10,000 which would be met in full by them; this is subject to approval in the round of bids for the 2004/05 financial year. The proposals include introducing a 40mph speed limit on the B6014 on the approach to the Village from the A511, new painted speed limit indicators, dragon's teeth on this and the approach from Tibshelf and improved signage on both the Tibshelf and Pilsley entrances to Morton.

RESOLVED that the proposals put forward by the County Council be accepted assuming that financial approval is given to the scheme.

122/04 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000691	396 . 28
St. John Ambulance - grant	000692	25 . 00
DALC - training for 2 councillors	000693	40 . 00
Mrs M. Daykin – expenses incurred by Chair	000694	130 . 62

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 21st January 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £24,293.24
Current Account £ 1,280.99

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above and to note the current level of balances.

123/04 Planning. None.

124/04 DALC Circulars. 01/2004 - Index for 2004, 02/2004 - General, 03/2004 - Retention of Council documents and 04/2004 - Circulars by electronic mail.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 01, 02, 03 and 04/2004.

125/04 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

H.J. Banks & Company Limited have written to confirm that following feedback from the local Parish Councils regarding the Sitwell Grange Surface Mining Proposals they have decided not to submit a planning application on this occasion. This is obviously excellent news and everyone involved in opposing the proposals should be congratulated.

The East Midlands Ambulance Service have written to confirm that by the Autumn of 2004 the EMAS Trust Board expects to be in a position to decide its 'preferred option' for the future of its buildings and land.

A brief report on the Parish Council's Evening with the Chief Constable 2003 has been received and was distributed to the councillors present.

North East Derbyshire District Council have written to confirm that the Morton Parish Council contribution for grounds maintenance in 2004/05 will be £517 which is a 3% increase.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and to agree the contribution of £517 for grounds maintenance paid to NEDDC in 2004/05.

NEDDC have written to confirm that there has been some further vandal damage caused to the Bacchus Way Play Area and one of the cradle frames needs replacing at an approximate cost of £140.

RESOLVED to authorise the District Council to carry out the necessary repairs to the cradle frame and recharge the cost of the work to the Parish Council.

The Village Hall Management Committee have written to inform the Parish Council that the owner of the Morton Manor building, Mr Chris Milner, is willing to sell a strip of land at the side of the Village Hall in order that a proper access for disabled people can be constructed. It is now necessary to arrange a meeting between the 3 parties in order that this matter can be progressed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chair of the Parish Council to set up an initial meeting with the VHMC and Mr Milner in order that this matter can be discussed in more detail.

St John Ambulance have written to request a grant towards the provision of further ambulances in the North East Derbyshire.

RESOLVED that a grant of £25 should be made to this most worthwhile organisation.

126/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - A meeting is to take place between the Parish Council, VHMC and the owner of the Morton Manor building (Mr Chris Milner) regarding the possible purchase of a small strip of land in order that a proper access for disabled people could be created for the Village Hall.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Older People's Welfare Committee - The room has now been decorated and new carpet provided. This is excellent news.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports, which were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm

Chairman

18th February 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.A. Day', is written below the printed name of the Chairman.