

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th February 2004.

**27/04 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr M. Wilson, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mr G. Antcliff and Mrs J. Easden.

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

**28/04 Apologies.** Mrs E. Rowarth.

**29/04 Councillors Absent.** None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or had properly submitted their apologies.

**130/04 Items from members of the public.** There was some concern expressed that the Bacchus Way play area no longer serves the needs of the majority of children who use it, as these are now mainly teenagers. After some discussion it was agreed that 2 of the members of public present, whose children use the area, will meet to look at what might be able to be done in order to address this unmet need. Councillor Treweek stated that she could make £400 available for this area from the budget she is allocated to support local initiatives in the 2004/05 financial year.

**RESOLVED** to note the point raised and to await the outcome of the meeting of the two interested parties.

**131/04 Police.** PC Jamie Pendrill was pleased to report that there had been no recorded crimes in Morton during the past month. The ongoing problem with off the road bikers was raised again and a car registration number was given to the police in respect of a vehicle that has been causing some problems locally including driving in a prohibited area.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal report given by PC Jamie Pendrill which was excellent news.

**132/04 District Council.** There are two burned out vehicles just off Pilsley Road, Morton and an amount of fly tipping under the bridge on Pilsley Road; this is a particular concern as it would appear to contain some asbestos material. It is felt that both the vehicles and the fly-tipping are situated on land currently owned by Railtrack. These matters will be raised with the District Council by telephone using the number given on the recent publicity material distributed by the District Council; the Clerk will also follow this up with a letter to the District Council asking that the work be carried out as soon as possible.

The dog waste bin which is sited near to the entrance to the Church is apparently visible when people are having their wedding photographs taken.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the District Council regarding the burned out cars and fly-tipping. Councillor Darby will do a sketch drawing indicating exactly where the dog waste bin needs moving to and the Clerk will in turn send this to the District Council.

A further request has been received for the seat outside the old people's bungalows on Evershill Close removed. It was agreed that the Parish Council will support this view expressed by the older people on Evershill Close due to the numbers of youngsters who congregate around this seat until quite late at night.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the District Council requesting that the seat should be removed.

**133/04 County Council.** Nothing further to report at the moment.

**134/04 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

**135/04 Non-Exempt Minutes – 21st January 2004.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2004. However, Councillor Daykin requested that it should be recorded that the payment of £130.62 was in respect of reimbursement for items she had purchased on the Parish Council's behalf and was not for 'general' expenses.

**136/04 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**137/04 Clerk of the Council's Report.**

Banner Jones Middleton Solicitors have written to confirm that they are prepared to act on our behalf regard to determining whether or not this Council could apply for a possessory title in respect of the unknown land that has been identified adjacent to the pit wheels on the old colliery site. To proceed Solicitors need a signed authorisation and an initial cheque for £400. The initial work is likely to cost the region of £500 net and a likely further £500 net if we were to apply for a possessory title.

**RESOLVED** to authorise an initial payment of £400 with up to a further £600 making a total of £1000 net in respect of this work.

The dogs on a lead sign, dog waste bins and dog-fouling notices have now been provided by the Parish Council.

Litter bins - Councillor Antcliff will follow this up with the District Council as a matter of urgency. Clerk will also write to them again.

Access to New Street play area – the Clerk has spoken to Peter Hurst in the Estates Department of the County Council and he is now investigating this matter on our behalf.

A number of people in Morton have reported that they are continuing to receive strange phone calls from persons unknown that usually don't speak but don't hang up the phone either. It should be noted that there is a free Telephone Preference Service available to BT customers by ringing 0845 07 007 07 and this stops people making 'cold calls' to you.

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerk's report on the matters listed above.

**38/04 Matters for Decision.**

Revised Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED** that the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders prepared by the Clerk be adopted with immediate effect.

**39/04 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000695	100 . 00
NEDDC - supply and fit 6 dog bins	000696	1,355 . 01
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000697	85 . 05
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000698	386 . 90
Mrs M. Daykin - purchase of railway sleepers	000699	77 . 55
Banner Jones Middleton - initial fee	000700	400 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th February 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £20,293.24  
Current Account £ 2,876.48

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

**140/04 Planning.** None.

**141/04 DALC Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** to note the information contained in Circulars 07, 08, 09 and 10/2004.

**142/04 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

NEDDC - Sue O'Donnell has written to confirm that she has been appointed to the post of Neighbourhood Partnership officer with effect from the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004. Sue has offered to attend one of our meetings in order to explain her role in more detail and to explain some of the plans that the District Council have in respect of Neighbourhood Partnerships.

The Chief Constable has written in reply to the concerns that we expressed regarding the size of area which the local beat officer has to cover. The Chief Constable has confirmed his commitment to provide adequate numbers of beat officers and he has passed our letter on to the Divisional Commander of the Division, Chief Superintendent Kelly, for further consideration and a fuller reply.

The Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group have written to say thank you for the recent donation of £25 that we made to this organisation.

St. John Ambulance has written to say thank you for the recent donation of £25 that we made to them.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above but not to invite Sue O'Donnell to a Parish Council meeting at the moment.

The Winged Fellowship Trust have written to ask if it would be possible to make a grant towards their work in providing respite care short breaks for disabled people (143 people from Derbyshire in 2002) and volunteer opportunities (101 local people in 2003).

**RESOLVED** to note the request but not to make a grant at the moment.

DALC have written to confirm that there is a vacancy for a substitute Parish Council Representative on the NEDDC Standards Committee and nominations for this position must be submitted to DALC on the nominated form by the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at the latest.

**RESOLVED** to nominate Councillor Daykin for this vacant position.

Key Services have quoted a price of £148 per cut in respect of the churchyard grass cutting for the forthcoming year.

**RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £148 per cut as this is an increase of only £3 on the previous year.

**143/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - Councillor Wilson had nothing to report at the moment but we need to remind the Village Hall Committee that the lease has still not been signed and therefore cannot be finalised.

**Church** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

**School** - Councillor Chamberlain reported that he had met with the Headteacher of Morton Primary School, Mr John Harrop, and he was broadly supportive of the idea to provide a hard play area for the older children in Morton; he would not mind if this facility was provided within the grounds of the school. However, after some discussion it was agreed that this would not be the best way forward as the school grounds can be closed off to youngsters and we would have no real say in this matter should it arise. The land owned by the County Council off New Street, part of which we already lease, was seen as the preferred site to try and move forward with this project.

**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 and that the Clerk should write to the County Council asking for permission to lease the whole of the area of land which they own off New Street.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm



Chairman

17th March 2004