

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 17th March 2004.

144/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, 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.

145/04 Apologies. Mr M. Wilson and Mr I. Chamberlain.

146/04 Councillors Absent. None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or had properly submitted their apologies.

147 7/04 Items from members of the public. The Bacchus Way street nameplate has been removed by the District Council but a replacement has not yet been erected.

RESOLVED to follow this matter up again with the District Council.

148/04 Police. PC Jaimi Pendrill reported that there had been no crime during February and just one theft of a motor vehicle during March so far. PC Pendrill has now been supplied with a pushbike to assist him in covering his beat area. Two matters were raised which were in relation to the gaps in the hedge on the boundary of the old pit yard and in this respect PC Pendrill will speak to Derek Kennedy. The other matter was the ongoing problem with off the road bikers on the football field and this was noted yet again for action when it is possible to do so.

Inspector Trevor Durham has responded to the Clerk's letter on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the ridiculously large geographical area that PC Pendrill currently has to cover without the regular availability of a suitable vehicle. A bid has been made to the Government for additional beat officer posts on the Clay Cross Section one of which would be used to supplement the beat covered by PC Pendrill.

RESOLVED to note the report as presented.

149/04 District Council. Some local people have raised concerns about the caravan that is sited on the Evershill Close car park and this is currently being investigated by the District Council.

RESOLVED to wait for the District Council's response in this respect.

150/04 County Council. Councillor Treweek has put in a request for four additional street lighting columns within Morton and if successful these would be paid for in full by the County Council.

RESOLVED to note the bid put forward to the County Council and to thank Councillor Treweek for her efforts.

151/04 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

152/04 Non-Exempt Minutes – 18th February 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2004.

153/04 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

154/04 Clerk of the Council's Report.

The litter bins requested have still not been supplied by the District Council and Councillor Antcliff was asked to follow this matter up again on our behalf.

The County Council are still considering the access issues to the play area off New Street.

The solicitors have not yet confirmed any progress with regard to the work they are doing in respect of the possible acquisition of unregistered land in the Village.

It was decided on a vote of 5 to 3 to leave the provision of hanging baskets the same as last summer i.e. two per post where the brackets are currently fitted.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report.

155/04 Matters for Decision.

Chesterfield Samaritans have written to ask if we would be prepared to make a contribution towards their running costs.

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

156/04 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC – empty dog waste bins	000701	40 . 96
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk	000702	388 . 80
NEDDC - new slide, fencing and repairs	000703	1,793 . 12
Chesterfield Samaritans - grant	000704	25 . 00
M. Daykin - materials to clean war memorial	000705	15 . 14

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th March 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £20,293.24
Current Account £ 613.46

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

157/04 Planning. None.

158/04 DALC Circulars. Information regarding possible funding for two Village Halls.

RESOLVED to note the information provided by the DALC's.

159/04 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

Chesterfield Law Centre have written to ask if we would display some publicity material in respect of their latest recruitment drive which this time is aimed at recruiting and training volunteer Reception Workers for the Law Centre. In addition to valuable work experience the Law Centre offers accredited training with in excess of 60% of their volunteers progressing to paid work or further/higher education over the past 4 years.

Consultation is taking place both by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Standards Board in respect of the proposals to issue Regulations and guidance relating to the arrangements by which local authority monitoring officers may investigate allegations of misconduct by members referred to them by ethical standards officers. Comments have to be submitted by the 18th May 2004.

The County Council have written to confirm that an investigation has been made into widening Evershill Close but as there are a number of utility pipes that would require re-routing this makes any such scheme too expensive to be justifiable.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and it was agreed that publicity information from Chesterfield Law Centre should be displayed within the local community.

160/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Wilson will follow up with the VHMC regarding the lease that has still not been resolved.

Church – The request to move the dog waste bin further away from the Church has now been submitted together with a sketch drawing indicating the new preferred position.

School – Nothing to report as Councillor Chamberlain was not in attendance at the meeting.

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 that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm

Chairman

21st April 2004

