

Morton Parish Council

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

161/04 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mr I. Chamberlain, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Antcliff and Mrs J. Easden.

Also in attendance were PC Jamie Pendrill, Mike Owen (Community Safety Officer - NEDDC), Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 2 members of the public.

162/04 Apologies. Mr M. Wilson and Mr B. Darby.

163/04 Councillors Absent. None, as everyone was either in attendance at the meeting or had properly submitted their apologies.

164/04 Items from members of the public. The new slide on the Bacchus Way play area is now in place and it seems appropriate for the age group that it is intended for.

The Bacchus Way street nameplate has still not been replaced

A question was raised regarding the poor state of the footpath on Main Road, Morton and it was confirmed that this work was scheduled to be carried out during the 2004/05 financial year.

RESOLVED to note the items raised and to keep the outstanding items under review.

165/04 Police. PC Jamie Pendrill and Mike Owen from the District Council attended the meeting in order to discuss a variety of issues concerning Community Safety. Mike Owen gave a broad outline of the 'Cracking Crime Day' which is to be held in the Village Hall, Morton between 12pm and 7pm each Thursday in July. Leaflets will be provided and 900 of these will be distributed throughout the village in order that everyone should be aware of what is happening. Mike Owen was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will give its full support to this publicity campaign that is aimed at reducing crime in the local area.

PC Jamie Pendrill reported that there had only been one recorded crime during the past month and this was excellent news. The main ongoing problem is with off the road bikers in the village and this appears to be getting worse despite the efforts that have been made to try and eradicate this activity.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report given at the meeting and PC Pendrill will submit a report to a senior officer requesting that extra resources are allocated to this problem area. Also, Councillor Ian Chamberlain will contact other local councils such as Ashover, Stretton and Blackwell to see if they are encountering similar problems and he will report back on his findings at the next meeting.

166/04 District Council. There are apparently some problems with rats on Evershill Close that appear to be nesting under one of the garages. Also, there has been some more fly tipping under the bridge on Higham Lane and near to the railway line on Pilsley Road.

RESOLVED that Councillor Antcliff will follow up the progress with regard to the rat problem and the Clerk will write to the District Council to report the fly tipping problems.

167/04 County Council. The problem of vehicular access on Evershill Close, Morton has still not been rectified and there is no indication as to when the traffic calming proposals are to be implemented.

RESOLVED that these matters be held on file for the time being and they will be followed up again later in the year if there has still been no progress.

168/04 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

169/04 Non-Exempt Minutes – 17th March 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th March 2004.

170/04 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

171/04 Clerk of the Council's Report.

New litter bins in the Village - the District Council have now formally acknowledged this as an oversight and they are following up on this issue as a matter of urgency. It was reported at the meeting that the new litter bins are now in place and this is obviously good news after such a long wait.

Unregistered land in the vicinity of the pit wheels - Banner Jones and Middleton Solicitors have requested any information we may have, through records or local knowledge, regarding the unregistered land that we are attempting to acquire in order that they may prepare a Statutory Declaration on our behalf.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to authorise Councillors Daykin and Rowarth to meet with the Solicitors on the Parish Council's behalf.

172/04 Matters for Decision.

Site for young people's hard play area.

RESOLVED that the area at the back of the old Morton Manor building be agreed as the preferred site for this development.

Training issues for all councillors – Councillor Daykin proposed that new councilors should undertake appropriate training within the first year of office and existing councillors should undergo refresher training at least once every 5 years.

RESOLVED that the proposal be accepted and that Councillor Chamberlain will draft a training plan for the Parish Council.

Access to New Street play area for parents with pushchairs - the County Council have written to confirm that the gap between the posts could be widened to 750mm at a cost of £160 to the Parish Council; however, they are concerned that this may allow motor-cyclists to gain access to the area again.

RESOLVED that the County Council's comments are taken on board and that the Clerk confirms that we do not wish the gap between the posts at the entrance to the New Street play area to be widened as this may allow motor-cyclists to gain access to the area again.

17 3/04 **Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DALC - Annual Membership	000706	162 . 17
Neil Shacklock Ltd. - service boiler	000707	72 . 85
Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC	000708	1,397 . 20

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 21st April 2004 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£30,352.82
Current Account	£ 2,104.58

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and also the Annual Statement of Accounts (copy attached to the minutes) as presented by the Clerk that are still subject to the Annual Audit.

174/04 **Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

04/00350/FL – Proposed change of use of one shop unit to include with existing residential use and alteration to shop front at 98 Main Road, Morton DE55 6HH for Mr S. Mansell.

The following application has now been granted :-

04/00227/FL - Proposed two storey extension to rear to form porch with bathroom over and erection of a conservatory at 90 Main Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HH for Mr and Mrs R. Stone.

175/04 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25/2004.

176/04 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Chesterfield Samaritans have sent a letter of thanks in recognition of the recent grant of £25 which we made to their organisation.

The CHART Local Strategic Partnership for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire are holding two workshops to discuss the Community Strategy (copy enclosed) on Wednesday 5th May and Thursday 13th May between 7pm and 9pm at venues yet to be determined. We can send one representative to each meeting and it was agreed that Councillors Daykin and Treweek will attempt to attend on the Parish Council's behalf and report back to a future meeting.

Francis Howie is applying for the transfer of the Justices License for the sale of intoxicating liquor by retail for consumption off the premises at 92 Main Road, Morton. This will be heard at the Court House, Tapton Lane, Chesterfield on Tuesday 8th June 2004 at 10:00am.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above.

177/04 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Wilson was not in attendance at the meeting but he had e-mailed the Clerk to say that the VHMC still wanted some amendments to the lease document before they are willing to sign the document.

Church - Councillor Darby was not in attendance at the meeting.

School - Councillor Chamberlain stated that there was nothing further to report at the moment.

Cricket Club - Councillor Treweek stated that there was nothing further to report at the moment.

Older People's Welfare Committee - Councillor Daykin stated that there was nothing further to report at the moment.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

20th May 2004

