

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 19th May 2004.

1/05 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Antcliff and Mr M. Wilson.

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

2/05 Apologies. Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth and Mr B. Darby.

3/05 Councillors Absent. Mr I. Chamberlain and Mrs J. Easden.

4/05 Election of Chair for the year 2004/05. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs M. Daykin was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2004/05.

RESOLVED that as there were no further nominations received for the position Councillor Mrs M. Daykin was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

(MRS DAYKIN) PC

5/05 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2004/05. Mrs Daykin asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Councillor Mrs M. Treweek was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2004/05.

RESOLVED that as there were no further nominations received for the position Councillor Mrs M. Treweek was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

6/05 Items from members of the public. A litter bin was requested for the area near to the Corner Pin public house and on the same side of the road. The pavements need sweeping again due to the amount of grit on them and a complaint was made about the state of the area of land between the new bungalows and the Corner Pin.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will forward the request for a litter bin to the District Council for their attention and both of the other two matters will be taken up by the Clerk of the Parish Council in an attempt to resolve the problems.

7/05 Police. PC Pendrill reported that fortunately there had been little crime recorded recently and in fact there was just one case of damage in Morton and this had been detected.

RESOLVED to note the report and to thank PC Pendrill for his attendance at the meeting .

8/05 District Council. Councillor Antcliff stated that there was little to report at the moment but the cleaning up which was required and the road sweeping are now both in hand.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report given.

9/05 County Council. Councillor Treweek reported that the repairs to the pavements on Main Road will be carried out during this financial year but no firm date has yet been fixed.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report given by the County Councillor Mrs M. Treweek..

10/05 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

11/05 Non-Exempt Minutes – 21st April 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st April 2004.

12/05 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

13/05 Clerk of the Council's Report. Pit Wheels - the signs depicting the pit wheels are still not in place, the tubs will also need planting out this year as well as the hay racks and the trees at the back of the pit wheels need replacing as they have died.

Centre of England Tree - the sign is now in place but a container with plants in is needed for the summer in order to make the area look more appealing. The Clerk will ask the supplier of the hanging baskets if they are able to do this work at the same time as the baskets are put in place.

To consider the possible use of unregistered land in the vicinity of the pit wheels - there has still been no contact from the solicitors regarding arranging the meeting that they had requested. The Clerk will follow this up as soon as possible.

Bacchus Way play area (cradle swing) and street nameplate - the cradle swing is now in place and the street nameplate has been replaced.

Proposed improvement to the Main Road pavement - the work will be carried out before April 2005 but an exact date has not yet been fixed.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to approve the action stated against the appropriate items.

14/05 Matters for Decision. None.

15/05 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000709	40 . 96
NEDDC - supply of school milk (Jan-March 04)	000710	66 . 13
VHMC - hire of room for 2003	000711	88 . 00
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000712	173 . 90
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000713	100 . 00
The Society of Local Council Clerks	000714	103 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin – expenses	000715	31 . 48
Wages for April, May and June	-	675 . 00
Morton Old People's Welfare Committee - grant	000716	500 . 00
Mr A. Goodwin – 530 newsletters	000717	341 . 00
Morton Primary School – 2 Christmas Trees	000719	14 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 19th May 2004 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£27,352.82
Current Account	£ 2,971.11

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

16/05 Planning. The following planning applications have now been granted :-

04/00383/FL - Proposed single storey extension to form garage, conservatory and utility to rear, carport and canopy to side and enclosure of porch at 16 Main Road, Morton DE55 6GS for Miss K.L. Price.

04/00360/FL - Proposed single storey rear extension to form kitchen at Holmleigh, 4 Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS for Mr & Mrs Cardall.

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.

17/05 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **27/2004** - Employment Relations Bill, **28/2004** - General Circular, **29/2004** - DALC President, 2004/05, **30/2004** - General, **31/2004** - Training and **32/2004** - General Circular.

18/05 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. North East Derbyshire District Council have sent a copy of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan Review (Pre-Inquiry Changes) document for our perusal and any comments on the changes must be made on the form provided by 5pm on Thursday 17th June 2004.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and to delegate authority to the Chair to make any comments as appropriate on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the Local Plan Review.

The District Council have written to confirm that the first Annual Meeting for Neighbourhood Partnerships will be held in the Council Chamber, Council House, Saltergate on Thursday 23rd September 2004; there will be two sessions held, the first at 3:00pm and the second at 6:00pm with the meeting closing at 8:15pm.

RESOLVED to note the above time and date of the meeting and to try and ensure that at least two councilors are in attendance.

The District Council have written to say that following the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 the Order (effective from 10th July 1998) only applies to limited areas of the District, with Byelaws applying to some parks and other public open spaces. Amendment of the existing order to extend its application to the whole of the District would consolidate all enforcement powers under a single system that applies to the whole of the District to allow easy enforcement by officers dealing with owners who fail to remove their dog's faeces. As part of the process of updating and amending the Order the District Council would like to hear our comments on it along with any other views on how the problem of dog fouling can be tackled.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should complete the response sheet on the Parish Council's behalf and return it to the District Council by Friday 28th May 2004 stating that this Council is supportive of the initiative but that good publicity is needed before it is implemented.

19/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Wilson will take the points arising from the new lease back to the Village Hall Management Committee in order that this matter can now be finalised.

Church - Councillor B. Darby was not in attendance at the meeting but Councillor Daykin read out a thank you letter in respect of the Parish Council's contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Cricket Club - The cricket club have requested a grant of £100 towards this summers activities.

Older People's Welfare Committee - A request for a grant towards a replacement heater in the Old School Room has been received, as the total cost of the work will be approximately £1,000.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports which were received and to authorise a grant of £100 for the cricket club and £500 towards a replacement heater in the Old School Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

16th June 2004

