

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room, Morton on the 19th May 2004.

Present. Councillors 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.

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

Minutes. The minutes of the 2003 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

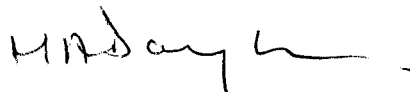
Chair's Report. The Chair, Councillor Mrs M. Daykin, stated that she had enjoyed her year in office and that good progress had been made in a variety of areas. A full and comprehensive copy of the Chair's report will be attached to these minutes.

Matters Raised by members of the public. A litter bin was requested for the area near to the Corner Pin public house on the same side of the road and this will be forwarded to the District Council for their attention. The pavements need sweeping a gain 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. Both of these matters will be taken up by the Clerk of the Parish Council in an attempt to resolve the problems.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 8:00pm.

Chair

18th May 2005



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I would like to thank all members for the support given to me in the last year, my thanks to Paul for his guidance. We have achieved many objectives. (See appendix 1)

My thanks also go to the community services for all their help and commitment in tidying up our village (See appendix 2).

The County Council and NEDDC have also been active in Morton, with tarmacing, hedge cutting and road and pavement sweeping.

Our financial situation is good at present – thanks again to Paul for his accountancy skills. Our precept of £22,500, minus standing commitments leaves a balance of £7000 for the year plus monies carried forward. (See appendix 3)

Crime in Morton has been up and down – my thanks to Jamie for his support and commitment. (See appendix 4).

The population of Morton has risen over the past few years and now stands at 1260. As changes take place we must welcome the benefits for the village, but we must also preserve its history – thanks to Barry and his contribution to the newsletter, new people coming to live in Morton will have a chance to read some of the history of our lovely village.

We now have in place a 5 Year Forward Plan, agreed by all members which will help when planning services in Morton. The review of this plan will take place annually in April. (See Appendix 6)

Congratulations to Paul on his recent exams. Should we now be looking at becoming a quality Council, or do we want to be left behind? Discussions need to take place around this issue within the next year.

I feel that as a Parish Council we are now able to move forward and plan for the future of Morton with the community. I hope that all of you do too.

Attendance by Parish Councillors (total of 11 meetings):

Margaret Treewick	11
Gaynor Dyer	10
Margaret Daykin	10
George Attcliffe	9
Eileen Rowarth	9
Jenny Easden	8
Ian Chamberlin	7
Barrington Derby	7
Michael Wilson	6

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Appendix 1 – Objectives achieved March 2004

1. Churchyard clearance – many positive comments received.
2. School Hut redecorated and outside cleared.
3. Parish Newsletter – many positive comments – asked to continue.
4. Notice Boards – now in place at 4 sites enabling community access to information.
5. Bus Shelters – repaired – new ones installed and now cleaned.
6. Slide on Bacchus Way replaced.
7. Fencing replaced around play area on Bacchus Way.
8. Centre of England tree marked.
9. Pit wheels cleaned, painted and planted – also marked.
10. Dog fouling bins in place. Dogs on lead signs in place.
11. War Memorial cleaned.
12. Footpath – side of manor down to brook – cleared.
13. Triangle in middle of Morton tidied.
14. Litter bins in place.
15. Overgrowth near car park cut back.
16. Surgeries monthly – attendance poor (6 people)
17. Traffic calming – meeting has taken place and bid put in.
18. Financial reports monthly with quarterly update
19. Liaison members for different groups.
20. All previous standing commitments ongoing.
21. Forward plan.

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Appendix 2 – Community Services

1. Old School Hut – redecorated and outside tidied
2. Triangle
3. Pit Wheels
4. War Memorial
5. Path at side of Manor
6. Churchyard
7. Either end of Morton
8. General tidy up of Village.

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Appendix 6 Draft Forward Plan Morton Parish Council

This business plan is designed to cover issues within Morton Parish that have been raised by members of the public and Parish councillors.

It is intended to be an ongoing plan that covers the next 5 years, being reviewed and updated annually in the month to March.

Objectives for the next 5 years

1. To ensure commitment not only to improving the appearance of the village and facilities within, but also to encourage development of ongoing community spirit. *(Ongoing)*
2. To introduce traffic calming measures at either end of Morton. *(ST)*
3. To ensure tarmacing of pavements and roads where necessary. *(MT)*
4. To support the Village Hall Management Committee in the updating and modernisation of facilities within the Village Hall - eg disabled access. *(Ongoing/LT)*
5. To continue to lobby for funding to provide hard standing for the multi activity area for the children of Morton Village. *(Ongoing/LT)*
6. To work with local police against crime in Morton. *(Ongoing)*
7. To continue to work with Morton Parochial Church Council for the improvement of the Churchyard etc. *(Ongoing)*
8. To work closely with Morton Primary School *(Ongoing)*
9. To produce an information pack for all councillors and ensure good communication networks within the Parish community *(ST/Ongoing)*
10. To continue with the bi-annual Morton Parish newsletter *(Ongoing)*
11. To listen to Morton's community and work on its behalf to improve Morton Parish *(Ongoing)*
12. To look at access to Evershill Close with the County Council *(LT)*
13. To look at the provision of a grit bin strategically placed in Morton Village *(ST)*
14. To work with the County Council on improving street lighting in Morton Village *(MT)*

These objectives will be either ongoing or:

ST	within 1 year
MT	within 2-3 years
LT	within 4-5 years