

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 16th June 2004.

**20/05 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, Mr G. Antcliff, Mr M. Wilson and Mrs J. Easden.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Jamie Pendrill and 2 members of the public.

**21/05 Apologies.** Mrs E. Rowarth.

**22/05 Councillors Absent.** Mr I. Chamberlain.

**23/05 Items from members of the public.** The hedge on the border of the unregistered land needs trimming back as does the overgrowth on the pavement. The Parish Council will have to pay for the hedge to be cut and attempts will be made to obtain more than one competitive quote. There are some other overgrown areas of grass on the highway border and Councillor Daykin will see if the Community Services can carry out some of this work as they have done an excellent job in the past.

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair and Clerk to try and sort out these problems as efficiently as possible.

Although there has been some improvement recently there is still a problem with lorries coming from Milltown Quarry and speeding through the Village.

**RESOLVED** to try and co-ordinate a meeting of all parishes affected locally and the police to try and get an overall perspective of the problem before approaching the company concerned again.

**24/05 Police.** PC Jamie Pendrill gave his report which consisted of 2 recorded crimes during May although it has been determined that one of these (picking up a set of keys from a bar stool) was a genuine mistake and so that makes the figures even better. Unfortunately, the dog waste bin which was re-sited further down the road from the Church has been removed by a person(s) unknown and the details of the approximate time it went missing were given to PC Pendrill in order that he can try and follow up on this matter as the cost of the item including fitting is around £150. PC Pendrill then gave a report regarding a meeting he has had with 2 of our Councillors (Margaret Daykin and Margaret Treweek) and Councillor Derek Cotterill, Chair of Shirland and Higham Parish Council regarding the ongoing problem with off the road bikers in the Village primarily on the old tip. The proposal is to strategically place possibly 5 'metal A pillars', fencing and one bollard to try and stop the access on to this land. Darren Mitchell from NEDDC has costed this work at approximately £6,000 although some funding may be available from them and Shirland and Higham Parish Council would be prepared to pay for the one 'A pillar' which falls within their Parish boundary. PC Pendrill was thanked for his report and the excellent work he has done in trying to provide a solution to the problem.

**RESOLVED** to note the report of the recorded crimes in Morton during the past month and to authorise expenditure of approximately £5,000 in order to try and improve the situation regarding the long standing problem of nuisance caused by off the road bikers in the Village. The Clerk will write to NEDDC in order to see if any funding will be available from them to assist with this proposed scheme.

**25/05 District Council.** There is still the problem with fly tipping on Higham Lane near to the railway bridge which has not been cleared up. The request for a further litter bin near to the Corner Pin has been lodged with the District Council and acknowledged by e-mail.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Treweek will take this matter up with the County Council and Councillor Antcliff will do the same with the District Council in order to try and get some co-ordination between the two authorities to sort out this issue that has been around for some time now.

**26/05 County Council.** Nothing to report at the moment.

**27/05 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

**28/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - AGM 19th May 2004.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2004 subject to Mrs Daykin replacing Mrs Dyer under minute number 5/05.

**29/05 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**30/05 Clerk of the Council's Report.**

The sign for the pit wheels is still not in place and this matter needs to be followed up again to try and reach a conclusion to the work.

The flowers for the area around the Centre of England Tree and the grass cutting also need sorting out. The pit wheels area in terms of planting needs finishing together with the area around the tree near to the Village Hall. It would be helpful if two of the hanging baskets are moved as the lamp post they are on at the moment is obscured by an adjacent tree.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Dyer will follow up the issue regarding the sign for the pit wheels and the Clerk will speak to Mr B. Hill to try and reach a quick resolution to the other outstanding items.

**31/05 Matters for Decision.**

Victim Support Derbyshire (Chesterfield Branch) have written to ask if we would consider making a grant towards the cost of their work in this area; in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 Victim Support contacted 5,388 victims of crime which was 10.6% more than last year. They have also visited many of these people, some more than once and others on a long term basis.

**RESOLVED** that the request be noted but no grant is to be made.

Councillor Daykin proposed that a 'Morton Carnival' should be arranged for the summer of 2005 and that in order to do this a Carnival Committee would have to be formed. A request was made for volunteers and also a start up grant of £500 from the Parish Council. Councillors Treweek and Easden volunteered to assist with this work and attempts will be made to get other people involved.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 is agreed in principle once a Carnival Committee has been formed with its own bank account.

DALC training for councillors is now available again on the 10<sup>th</sup> July at Hulland Ward.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Easden will let the Clerk know if she is available on that day so that the fee of £20 can be sent before the deadline of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2004.

**32/05 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000719	173 . 90
DCC - lease of children's play area	000720	60 . 00
Staff Wages for April, May and June	-	675 . 00
E.A. Treweek – install 3 new notice boards	000721	122 . 80
Morton Colliery Cricket Club – grant	000722	100 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 16th June 2004 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£27,352.82
Current Account	£ 2,064.41

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

**33/05 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

**04/00639/FL** - Proposed erection of a metal security compound for storage of cricket wicket covers and other equipment at Cricket Ground, Back Lane, Morton for Morton Colliery Cricket Club.

**04/00674/FL** - Proposed outline application (all matters reserved for future approval) for residential development on land to the West of no. 115 Main Road, Morton DE55 6HL for Mr J.M. Nicholas.

**It has been confirmed that prior approval of siting and appearance is not required in respect of the following planning application :-**

**04/00601/AGD** - Proposed Agricultural Determination for the construction of a replacement barn at Morton Lodge Farm, Pilsley Road, Morton, Derbyshire DE55 6HP for T.S.G.A. Hall & Son.

**The following planning application has now been granted :-**

**04/00519/FL** - Proposed two storey extension to rear of house to form sitting room/porch with bedroom and bathroom extensions at 29 Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6GW for Mr and Mrs Adkin.

**34/05 DALC Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** to note the information contained in Circulars 35 and 36/2004.

**35/05 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

The District Council have written to confirm that they have asked British Coal to clear up the fly tipping on Higham Lane, Morton as this is on their land; however, this may take a little while as the ground near the bridge is waterlogged at the moment and this will need to dry out before any work can be done.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above.

**36/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - Councillor Wilson had nothing further to report but he will contact the Clerk within the next 10 days or so following discussion with the VHMC regarding one of the minor points in question about the revised lease (the fixing of signs to the Village Hall) in order that this matter can now be finalized.

**Church** - Councillor Darby had nothing further to report at the moment.

**School** - Councillor Daykin had received an invitation to the retirement party of John Harropp headteacher at Morton Primary School and she will attend this on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Cricket Club** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

**Older People's Welfare Committee** - A letter of thanks has been received from this Committee in respect of the grant of £500 which we made towards the cost of an alternative existing system at the last meeting.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal reports which were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

**Chairman**

7th July 2004

