

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 7th July 2004.

**37/05 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby and Mrs J. Easden.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Jamie Pendrill and 1 member of the public.

**38/05 Apologies.** Mr G. Antcliff and Mr M. Wilson.

**39/05 Councillors Absent.** Mr I. Chamberlain.

**39/05 Items from members of the public.** There are still problems with overgrown vegetation and hedges in parts of the village and these are to be resolved by Community Services (this will take at least 5 weeks) and the County Council. A request has been made for the hedge at the rear of 21 Church Lane, Morton, which has a boundary on Parish Council land, to be cut back from the Parish Council side.

**RESOLVED** that every attempt will be made to resolve these problems as soon as possible and approval be given for Councillor Darby to liaise with Key Services in order to get the boundary hedge cut at the rear of 21 Church Lane.

**40/05 Police.** PC Jamie Pendrill gave a verbal report on the crime figures for June which comprised just one recorded crime of a theft from a property on Evershill Lane. The removal of one of the dog-waste bins was not in fact a theft as this had been accidentally knocked over by the District Council and they have put it in safekeeping. Also, more recently one of the hanging baskets has been stolen which is a great shame. The main issue discussed was the ongoing problem regarding off the road bikers in Morton and the proposed measures to try and resolve this problem that has been previously discussed. PC Pendrill was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

**RESOLVED** to note the PC Pendrill's report on recorded crime in Morton during the past month and to authorise the Clerk to proceed with the grant application regarding the restriction of access to open land for off the road bikers in order that this work can be carried out as soon as possible.

**41/05 District Council.** Sue O'Donnell (NEDDC Neighbourhood Partnership Officer) and Frank Taylor (Chair of the South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership) attended the meeting; the South Eastern Area covers the parishes of Morton, North Wingfield, Pilsley, Shirland and Higham and Tupton. The main topic of discussion was the operation of the Partnerships in principle but more immediately the proposed closure of the Mulberry Ward at Clay Cross Community Hospital (this is a ward for elderly people with mental health problems) and to move patients to the Bolsover Community Hospital or Walton Hospital.

**RESOLVED** that every effort will be made to ensure that at least 3 Councillors attend the South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership meetings and the Clerk will send details of other local groups who the Parish Council work with in order that Sue can also invite representatives from these to the first meeting in August 2004.

**42/05 County Council.** The hedge, which borders on to the unregistered land near to the pit wheels has still not been cut back and the undergrowth is also getting worse.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will follow this matter up again with the County Council.

**43/05 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

**44/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - 16th June 2004.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

**5/05 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**46/05 Clerk of the Council's Report.**

The signs for the pit wheels are still not in place but they have been received and just need fixing appropriately in place.

The flowers for the area around the Centre of England Tree and the pit wheels area in terms of planting both need finishing off as soon as possible.

The request for a further litter bin near to the Corner Pin is still awaiting implementation.

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerk's report and Councillor Easden agreed to contact a local gardener to see if he can complete the small pieces of planting work which still need carrying out. The Clerk will follow up the request for the litter bin with the District Council again.

There has been no further progress by the solicitors in respect of the proposed acquisition by this Council of the unregistered land near to the pit wheels.

**RESOLVED** to allow the work by the solicitors to continue up to the point where the agreed amount of £1,000 has been spent and at that point no further funds will be committed.

**47/05 Matters for Decision.**

The Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council, Terry Fisher, has written to ask if the Parish Council can offer any assistance towards the 2004/05 Chair's Appeal which is in aid of the British Heart Foundation. This can be in the form of a donation, the use of accommodation or perhaps organizing an event.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £25 should be made to this years Chair's Appeal.

Homestart (Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area) have written to ask for a grant towards the cost of running their Family Group which is held in Bolsover on Thursday afternoons; the Group is available to families throughout the area covered by Homestart and most of these are quite vulnerable people who lack the confidence to access 'open' Parent and Toddler groups.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £25 should be made to this most worthwhile local organisation.

**48/05 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Inland Revenue - tax for April, May and June	000723	450 . 00
NEDDC - grounds maintenance 2004/05	000724	607 . 48
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000725	204 . 45
NEDDC - Chair's Appeal	000726	25 . 00
Homestart - grant	000727	25 . 00
Manor Foundry - plaques (pit wheels and tree)	000728	1,345 . 39
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000729	27 . 85
NEDDC - supply and erect 5 litter bins	000730	977 . 13
Staff Wages for April, May and June	-	675 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 7th July 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £24,352.82  
Current Account £ 1,852.11

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

**9/05 Planning.** The following planning application has now been granted :-

**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.

**50/05 DALC Circulars.** No new circulars were received in time for this meeting.

**51/05 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Letters of thanks were received from both Morton Holy Cross PCC and Morton Cricket Club in respect of the ongoing support that we give both to their organisations and the community as a whole.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above, which is most pleasing.

**52/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - There was no report as Councillor Wilson was not in attendance at the meeting.

**Church** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

**School** – The headteacher, Mr John Harropp, is due to retire at the end of this term after many years service on behalf of Morton Primary School. Those Councillors attending will pass on our best wishes to him in his retirement.

**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, which were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm

Chairman

8th September 2004

