

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 8th September 2004.

53/05 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs G.H. Dyer, Mr B. Darby, and Mrs J. Easden.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Jamie Pendrill and 16 members of the public.

54/05 Apologies. Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr G. Antcliff, Mr M. Wilson.

55/05 Councillors Absent. Mr I. Chamberlain.

56/05 Items from members of the public. The problems with blocked gulleys, surface water drainage and potholes in the roads around Morton were raised again. The roads are a particular problem on Main Road, Higham Lane and Church Lane; on Church Lane the footpath also needs re-surfacing in one place. The conifers on the Parish Council recreation ground have still not been cut back. A long discussion took place with regard to the measures which the Parish Council have agreed in order to try and stop off the road bikers gaining access to the old pit tip in Morton; in particular there were opposing views as to whether the level of expenditure agreed would be money well spent in terms of trying to reduce the major nuisance being caused and the potential serious health risk to local people, in particular younger children. Also, a request for some strategically placed 'no motorcyclists' was made.

RESOLVED to note the points raised and those that relate to County Council highways issues will be followed up by Councillor M. Treweek as our local County Councillor. Councillor B. Darby will chase up the conifer trimming with Key Services as they were asked to carry out this work some time ago.

It was agreed that the District Council should erect some 'no motorcyclists' signs in the most appropriate locations when the other work to install the metal 'A Pillars' is carried out.

7/05 Police. PC Jamie Pendrill gave a verbal report on the crimes that had been committed since the last Parish Council meeting on the 7th July 2004. A request was made for the use of mobile safety camera team in Morton due to the high speeds at which some vehicles are passing through the Village.

RESOLVED to note the written report of the recorded crimes in Morton during the past 2 months and PC Jamie will make a request for the police mobile safety camera team to pay a visit to Morton as soon as possible.

58/05 District Council. There was no report this month as Councillor G. Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting.

59/05 County Council. Councillor M. Treweek reported that the pavements in Morton which require some attention will be re-surfaced in January 2005 weather permitting.

RESOLVED to note the report given by Councillor M. Treweek.

60/05 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

61/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - 7th July 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2004.

62/05 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

63/05 Clerk of the Council's Report.

The Clerk reported that the new litter bin that was requested some time ago for the area near to the Corner Pin has still not been put in place by the District Council. Also, the dog waste bin that was knocked off its post needs to be put back by the District Council.

Work is still ongoing in respect of determining the best material to use to put the pit wheels signs in place.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should now raise these matters again with Councillor Antcliff in an attempt to achieve some progress on these outstanding issues.

64/05 Matters for Decision.

John Hawkins of Banner, Jones, Middleton Solicitors has written to confirm that he is not able to advise the Parish Council to proceed further with the proposed application to the Land Registry for Registration of Title to the pieces of land shown on the plans we supplied. There are a number of reasons for this but primarily it is because the Parish Council has not carried out any activities on the whole of the land by way of maintenance, cultivation, building etc. for the statutory 12 year period. A cheque for £14.87 has been sent as the total charges for the solicitor's work is £385.13 and the amount paid on account was £400.

RESOLVED that there is no further action which can be taken by the Parish Council in this respect at the moment.

65/05 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staff Wages for July, August and September	-	675 . 00
Page Kirk - payroll charges to 30-6-04	000731	17 . 63
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000732	100 . 00
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000733	408 . 90
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000734	213 . 58
Bolsover Nurseries - hanging baskets	000735	2,937 . 50

NEDDC - school milk April to June 2004	000736	71 . 88
J.S. Marriott & Co. - Audit Fee 2003/04	000737	300 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 8th September 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £19,465.47
Current Account £ 2,142.49

J.S. Marriott and Co. Accountants have completed their Internal Audit for the 2003/04 financial year and the Clerk was pleased to present their written report that shows no items of concern have been raised.

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and also to accept the Annual Return prepared by the Clerk for the Audit Commission that was duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk of the Parish Council; this will now be forwarded to the Audit Commission.

66/05 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

04/00980/OL - Proposed outline application for the construction of a new dwelling house (means of access and siting not reserved) at 52 Evershill Lane, Morton DE55 6HA for Mr B. Taylor.

04/00998/FL – Proposed renewal of planning permission **NED/799/0470** for change of use of former hospital ward to day care centre, re-roofing building, alteration to dormers and windows, erection of 2 pitched roofs, erection of conservatory & external alterations at Morton Grange Nursing Home, Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6HD for Mr M. Rye.

The following planning applications have now been granted :-

04/00519/FL - Proposed erection of first floor bedroom extension with en-suite at 19 Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6GW for Mr and Mrs Hardy.

04/00818/FL - Proposed construction of two storey extension to rear to provide kitchen, bedroom and bathroom and alterations to chimney and construction of rear dormer at 36 Main Road, Morton DE55 6GS for Mr and Mrs Foki.

04/00820/FL - Proposed construction of single storey side extensions, extension to existing dormer window and extension to existing detached garage at 85 Stretton Road, Morton DE55 6GW for J. Vardy.

The following planning application has now been refused :-

04/00674/OL - 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.

67/05 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43/2004.

68/05 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area have sent a letter of thanks in respect of the grant of £25 that we recently made towards the running costs of their Family Group.

Councillors G. Dyer and E. Rowarth have written to ask that it be placed on record that they object to the proposed expenditure of approximately £5,000 (minute number 24/05) in respect of measures to stop off the road bikers accessing the old colliery site.

The Chair of the District Council, Councillor Terry Fisher, has sent a letter of thanks in respect of the grant of £25 that we recently made towards the Chair's Appeal that this year is in aid of The British Heart Foundation.

The Annual Parish Council's Evening with the Chief Officer Team of Derbyshire Constabulary and members of the Police Authority will be held on Thursday 23rd September 2004 at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall at the Police Headquarters, Ripley; two places are available at this event for each Parish Council.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and agree that Councillors G. Dyer and E. Rowarth should attend the meeting with the police on behalf of this Council.

69/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - nothing further to report at the moment as Councillor M. Wilson was not in attendance at the meeting.

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

School - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Older People's Welfare Committee - Nothing further to report at the moment.

RESOLVED to await further reports in respect of the above matters in due course.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm

Chairman

13th October 2004

