

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 13th October 2004.

70/05 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs E. Rowarth , Mr B. Darby, Mr G. Antcliff, Mr M. Wilson and Mrs J. Easden.

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

71/05 Apologies. None.

72/05 Councillors Absent. Mr I. Chamberlain.

73/05 Items from members of the public. No items were raised at this meeting.

74/05 Police. PC Jamie Pendrill presented his report that centred around the ongoing issue with off the road bikers and also a reminder for people not to leave Christmas presents, or indeed any other goods, visible in their vehicles for obvious reasons. The safety camera team has not been in Morton recently but the Council's request for action in this respect has been recorded. The only other matter raised was a problem with a prowler being seen around Maltby Avenue and this was noted by the police for further action when they are patrolling around the locality.

RESOLVED to note the report given by PC Pendrill and the Clerk will follow up with the District Council when the work regarding the 'A Pillars' to deter the motor cyclists is likely to be carried out; at the same time a request will be made for 'No Motor Cyclists allowed' to be strategically placed around the perimeter of the land so it is absolutely clear to everyone what the position is.

75/05 District Council. It was reported that the dog waste bin near to the Church has still not been re-fixed, the litter bin requested near to the Corner Pin has not been installed and there has been no news with regard to the installation of the 'A pillars'. A request was also made for the mechanical footpath sweeper to be used around the village.

RESOLVED that Councillor Antcliff follows these matters up with the relevant officers at the District Council as a matter of urgency.

76/05 County Council. There has been no news regarding improved streetlighting in the village and also the issue of possible traffic calming measures in Morton still needs to be resolved. Additional grit bins were requested in five locations namely near to the Post Office, Village Hall, Corner Pin, Maltby Avenue and Sitwell Villas with the Parish Council meeting the full cost of these.

RESOLVED that Councillor Treweek will follow up the issue regarding streetlighting, Councillor Brian Lucas and the relevant officer will attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the traffic calming measures and the Clerk will order the additional grit bins that have been requested.

77/05 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

78/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - 8th September 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September 2004.

79/05 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

80/05 Clerk of the Council's Report.

Following the resignation of Councillor G. Dyer and the absence of Councillor I. Chamberlain for 6 months there are now two vacancies for the position of Parish Councillor in Morton.

Litter bins near to the Corner Pin - Councillor Antcliff will follow this up with the District Council as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to authorise him to advertise the two vacancies with immediate effect.

81/05 Matters for Decision. None.

82/05 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Inland Revenue - tax for July, Aug and Sept.	000738	450 . 00
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000739	185 . 65
Page Kirk - payroll fees to 30-9-04	000740	17 . 63

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 7th July 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £29,575.81
Current Account £ 3,739.21

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

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83/05 Planning. The following planning application has now been granted :-

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 application has now been refused :-

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.

83/05 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 44, 45 and 46/2004.

84/05 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

Councillor Dyer has written to confirm her resignation from the office of Parish Councillor Dyer after around 30 years service in this position. The Clerk will write to Councillor Dyer to thank her on behalf of the Parish Council for all the hard work that she has put in on behalf of the local community over the years.

Mr Chris Mc Dermott has written to introduce himself as the new Footpaths Officer for North East Derbyshire District Council and would like this information passing on to any other relevant parties.

The Government, through the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, has commissioned the University of Derby to carry out some important research on allotments in England and a questionnaire has been received.

North East Derbyshire District Council, in partnership with the Federation of North East Derbyshire Tenants and Residents are currently undertaking an Option Appraisal in relation to the future management and ownership of its housing stock. There are four Stock Option Appraisal Briefings at 9:30 and 2:00 on Tuesday 5th October (Killamarsh Leisure Centre) and Thursday 14th October (North Wingfield Community Centre).

Frances Watt has written to introduce herself as the new Arts Development Officer for both NEDDC and Chesterfield Borough Councils and she is attempting to set up a database of information on all potential venues and facilities in the area as well as all of the artists, clubs societies and groups.

The District Council have written to ask if we would prefer to retain the current system of joint funding dropped kerbs or whether it would be better to allow the County Council to carry out all of this work from their own budgets; the latter option would of course restrict the Parish Council's opportunity to influence the priority sites for any new dropped kerbs.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and after a brief discussion it was agreed that Councillor Easden should be asked to complete the questionnaire regarding allotments on the Parish Council's behalf.

It appears that no Councillors will be able to attend the Stock Option Appraisal Briefing on the Parish Council's behalf.

That the letter from Frances Watt should be given to the Village Hall Management Committee in order that she can be supplied with as much relevant information as possible.

That the Clerk should write to the District Council to confirm that the Parish Council is happy for the County Council to carry out all of the work in respect of the provision of dropped kerbs and that the cost of this will be met in full by the County Council.

85/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Wilson had nothing further to report but he took a copy of the draft lease document with the areas for amendment highlighted and hopefully this matter can now be brought to a conclusion. There is a Christmas Fayre to be held at the Village Hall on the 27th November and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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 other than a dinner/dance was held on the 9th October.

Older People's Welfare Committee - There is a Christmas shopping trip to Harrogate being arranged if anyone is interested.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

17th November 2004

