

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 17th November 2004.

86/05 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby and Mr M. Wilson.

Also in attendance were County Councillor Brian Lucas, Ian Wickham - DCC Road Safety Manager, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Jamie Pendrill and 2 members of the public.

87/05 Apologies. Mrs E. Rowarth, Mrs J. Easden and Mr G. Antcliff.

88/05 Councillors Absent. None.

89/05 Items from members of the public. The hedge on the school side of Main Road has still not been trimmed back.

There is an old dog waste bin, which needs removing from the Bacchus Way play area, and the 'Morton' sign on the approach to the Village from Stonebroom is missing.

RESOLVED that due to the delay involved already Mr G. Whitmore will be asked if he would cut the hedge back on Main Road, Morton and the Parish Council will pay for this work to be done.

The dog waste bin will now be removed from the Bacchus Way play area, the broken seat and concrete bollard will also now be removed by a local contractor by the name of Peter Harkins as he is the only person known to this Council at the moment who is willing to carry out these small pieces of work.

90/05 Police. PC Jamie Pendrill presented his report on the last months recorded crime figures that showed there were no 'crimes of concern' to the wider local public during October. There had been some domestic violence issues but these are contained within particular households and are being dealt with by the police and other agencies.

The possibility of issuing PC Pendrill with his own mobile phone whilst he is on duty was discussed again.

PC Pendrill was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report given by PC Pendrill and it was agreed that a mobile phone will not be purchased by the Parish Council.

91/05 District Council. There are apparently still some problems with fly-tipping in the locations that are well known to the District Council with possibly the worst example being near the bridge on Pilsley Lane. The refuse collection lorry is churning up the grass verge outside number 22 Sitwell Villas due to the small amount of space that is available for it to manoeuvre within

RESOLVED that the fly-tipping problems will be raised again with the District Council and Councillor Antcliff in the hope that some more positive action will now be taken.

That the problems being encountered at number 22 Sitwell Villas be noted and that local people should be encouraged to try and park elsewhere on the refuse collection mornings.

92/05 County Council. Councillor Brian Lucas and Ian Wickham attended the meeting in order to discuss possible traffic calming measures in Morton. A number of possibilities were discussed and an interesting and healthy debate ensued. A number of options were covered including improved signage to create a 'gateway effect' at the entrances to the Village, dragon's teeth and other road markings that would alert motorists to the correct speed limit. Councillor Lucas and Mr Wickham were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at this point.

The extra streetlighting requested is only likely to be provided near to the post office but this is a step in the right direction and of course the Parish Council could also fund an additional streetlighting column with the County Council's approval if it so wishes.

RESOLVED that a site meeting will take place with the County Council and at least two local representatives in order to try and agree reasonable traffic calming measures in Morton that are acceptable to all concerned. This meeting will also consider any other signage requirements such as the 'missing' Morton sign and also the need for some 'No Tipping' signs in strategically placed locations.

A decision regarding additional streetlighting will be made when it is clear what the County Council is willing to provide in Morton.

93/05 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

Notification has been received in writing from the District Council that a request has not been received for an election in respect of the 2 vacancies that were recently advertised. The Council can therefore co-opt people to both of these vacancies and it was unanimously agreed that Andrew David Goodwin, who was present at the meeting, should be co-opted to one of these vacancies. Mr Goodwin was given the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the General Notice of Registrable Interests forms to complete, which he did at the meeting, and the Clerk witnessed these; the latter form will now be copied and forwarded on to the District Council.

It should also be noted that Councillor M. Wilson handed a letter of resignation to the meeting due to the fact that he is moving to Hampshire shortly. Councillor Wilson was thanked for his efforts over the past 20 months and it was agreed that this vacancy should now be advertised.

94/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - 13th October 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2004.

95/05 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

96/05 Clerk of the Council's Report. Grit bins have been ordered from the County Council for five locations namely near to the Post Office, Village Hall, Corner Pin, Maltby Avenue and Bacchus Way with the Parish Council meeting the full cost of these; originally one of the bins was going to be sited on Sitwell Villas but due to the close proximity with the proposed bin on Maltby Avenue it was agreed with the County Council that Bacchus Way would be a more appropriate site. Councillor Treweek is liaising with the County Council regarding the exact positioning of all of these grit bins.

The new litter bin near to the Corner Pin is still not in place and the replacement dog waste bin near to the Church has not been re-fixed.

The 'triangle' of land around the tree adjacent to the Village Hall has been churned up on two corners by the buses again.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to ask Councillor Antcliff to follow up the outstanding issues in respect of the new litter bin, and the re-fixing the dog waste bin, with the District Council as a matter of urgency.

That the 'triangle' of land be repaired again and the County Council will then look at how this can be stopped in the future as clearly the previous measures taken haven't worked.

97/05 Matters for Decision. A request has been received for a grant to assist with the funding of the administration of the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group.

RESOLVED that a grant of £25 should be made to the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group.

98/05 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000741	228 . 21
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000742	34 . 58
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000743	100 . 00
G. Whitmore - cut hedge and skim footpath	000744	63 . 50
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Grant	000745	50 . 00
A. Goodwin - produce 550 newsletters	000746	370 . 00
Clay Cross Comm. Police Consult. Group - grant	000747	25 . 00
Staff Wages for October, November and December	-	675 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th November 2004 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £29,575.81
Current Account £ 2,192.92

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

b). Precept 2005/06. The Clerk presented a draft Precept and a budget comparison based upon recent trends.

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and agree that the Precept should be kept at £22,500 for the year 2005/6. As part of these figures the Clerk's wages were confirmed at £4,700 with effect from the 1st January 2005 and this also includes the office allowance of £540 per annum.

99/05 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

04/01356/FL - Proposed alterations to and change of use of former coach house to single dwelling unit at 94 Main Road, Morton DE55 6HH for Mr V. Gott.

The following planning application has now been granted :-

04/01138/FL - Proposed erection of conservatory to rear at 11 Holland Close, Morton DE55 6HE for Mr K. Barwell.

100/05 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 47 and 48/2004.

101/05 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Minutes of the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group Meeting held on the 19th July 2004 have been received and are available for anyone to read.

A letter has been received from the Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) giving information about their role in the NEDDC Stock Option Appraisal Process including their contact details.

A copy of the consultation draft of the Economic Development Strategy for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire 2005 - 2015 has been received and is available for anyone to read.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above

102/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Chris Milner has replied to the enquiry regarding the purchase of a small strip of land next to the Village Hall in order to provide a ramp access for people with a disability; his reply states "As your offer for the land adjoining Morton Village Hall remains the same I assume the amount of land and your proposed ramp design also remains the same. In which case, as before, I would not be prepared to part with the land."

Church - Councillor B. Darby reported on various proposals for further work in the churchyard including grass cutting and weed treatment of the footpath 3 times a year. Also, the hedge belonging to the Parish Council at the rear of the Morton Manor needs trimming back in 2 locations where the local residents are unable and/or unwilling to carry out the work themselves.

School - A request has been received from the school for funding to purchase an artificial Christmas tree this year due to the length of time it will be on display following the Christmas party.

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 and that the Clerk should write again to Mr Milner stating that less land is now required than was originally anticipated and that the Council is prepared to negotiate further on the price of the land.

It was agreed that the grass cutting will be funded by the Parish Council based upon the proportionate basis already agreed but the weed treatment to the footpaths will have to be paid for by the Church.

A payment of £60 was unanimously agreed in respect of the purchase of an artificial Christmas tree for Morton Primary School.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

Chairman

12th January 2005

