

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 19th January 2005.

103/05 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs E. Rowarth, Mr B. Darby, Mr G. Antcliff Mrs J. Easden, Mr A. Goodwin and Mrs L. Henshaw.

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

104/05 Apologies. Mr B. Darby.

105/05 Councillors Absent. None.

106/05 Items from members of the public. The school safety system warning lights are beginning to become obscured by the nearby hedge and this needs to be kept under observation for action at the appropriate time.

RESOLVED to note the comment made and to ask the landowner to trim the hedge back in the spring.

107/05 Police. PC Jamie Pendrill presented his report on the last 2 months recorded crime figures. One of these was a drugs related offence that is a cause for concern. There is still a major problem with off the road bikers in the Village.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report of the recorded crimes in Morton during the past month and that Councillor Treweek and Councillor Antcliff will follow up with the County Council and District council respectively the urgent need for a meeting to determine the precise location of the 'A' frames and appropriate signage for both bikers and horse riders.

108/05 District Council. There is nothing further to report at the moment other than those issues that have been raised elsewhere in the meeting.

109/05 County Council. Councillor Treweek was pleased to report that the grit bins are now all in place although clarification needs to be sought from the County Council regarding their advice as to how these should be properly used, as the whole intention is for local people and passers by to use these facilities during inclement weather.

RESOLVED that Councillor Treweek will ask Simon Kimmons at the County Council to clarify the advice he has given that the County Council will actually be the main user of the bins.

110/05 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

111/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - 17th November 2004.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2004.

112/05 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

113/05 Clerk of the Council's Report.

Streetlighting - nothing further to report at the moment.

Main Road, Morton pavements - this work should be started during January weather permitting.

New litter bin near the Corner Pin Public House and replacement dog waste bin - Councillor Antcliff will now follow these long outstanding issues up with the District Council as a matter of urgency.

Fly Tipping - some of this was cleared up from Higham Lane but there is now more material to be removed.

Church footpath - deferred until Councillor Darby is in attendance.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and Councillor Antcliff will urgently follow up on the outstanding issues with the District Council.

114/05 Matters for Decision.

Parish Councillor vacancies - Councillor Rowarth has now sent a letter of resignation from the Parish Council that leaves 3 vacancies on the Council with this one still needing to be advertised.

Traffic Calming - Councillor Goodwin gave everyone a copy of the County Council's proposed signage and road marking scheme which has been draw up following a site meeting with himself and a local resident (Denis Cupit). The feasibility of a mini-roundabout is also being considered by the County Council but will not be part of this particular scheme.

Newsletter - there will be four newsletters a year in line with the requirements of any application for quality parish status and Councillor Goodwin will now lead on this matter.

RESOLVED that the additional vacancy caused by Councillor Rowarth's resignation now be advertised and the Clerk will send a letter of thanks to Councillor Rowarth for all of the hard work that she has carried out on behalf of the local community over many years. The other two vacancies have already been advertised and as there was no request for an election these vacancies can be filled by co-opting new members. Lesley Henshaw was duly proposed to be a co-opted member of the Council and this was unanimously agreed; the declaration of acceptance of office was signed and witnessed at the meeting.

That the traffic-calming scheme as submitted be accepted as a positive way forward for the time being.

115/05 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peter Harkins Services - various groundwork	000748	450 . 00
Higham Press Limited - photocopying	000749	117 . 50
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000750	210 . 49
SLCC - Annual Subscription	000751	115 . 00
Morton Primary School - Christmas Tree	000752	50 . 00
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000753	50 . 00
Inland Revenue - tax for Oct. Nov. and Dec.	000754	450 . 00
Staff Wages for January, February and March	-	703 . 20
Key Services - grass cutting	000755	371 . 30
Glossops Solicitors – Village Hall lease	000756	205 . 63

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 19th January 2005 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £27,747.27
Current Account £ 1,512.23

The External Auditor's report from the Audit Commission has been received and the Clerk was pleased to inform the members present that there are no issues arising from this audit.

RESOLVED to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and also the report from the Audit Commission which requires no further action. The Notice of Completion of Audit has been displayed in the Village throughout December.

116/05 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

04/01563/OL - Outline application (all matters reserved) for residential development, revised scheme of NED/00674/OL at land to the west of No. 115 Main Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr J.M. Nicholas.

However, a detailed discussion took place regarding this application and on a majority vote it was agreed that the following comments should be sent to the District Council :-

"The Parish Council do not object in principle to the further development of decent, affordable, innovative housing schemes within the Village and as such they do not wish to object to this outline application for a residential development.

However, in theory, if this application were to be approved a detailed application for one single, extremely expensive dwelling, could be submitted and the Council would not be in support of this. The Council would also strongly advocate that a Section 106 agreement should be approved in respect the application in order that there would be some community benefit derived from any residential development on this site.

Also, the Parish Council currently lease an extremely small strip of land from the applicant on this site at the rear of the pit wheels and as such they would require an absolute guarantee that any future planning application would not result in the cost of re-siting or removing the pit wheels having to be met by this Council.”

The following planning application has now been granted :-

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

117/05 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 52/2004, 1/2005, 2/2005, 3/2005, 4/2005 and 2005/05.

118/05 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

The Derby and Derbyshire Waste Local Plan Proposed Modifications have been issued and are available for anyone to read at nominated sites or via the Derbyshire County Council website.

Chesterfield Community Transport has written to let the Council know that there are some proposed changes to their organisational management structures.

The District Council have written to give details of their Amended Scheme of Delegation for Planning but it should be noted that applications may be presented to Committee if a Parish Council requests this in writing giving planning reasons for wanting an application to be determined in this way; such a request will be considered by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and, where such a request is declined, a written explanation will be given.

Key Services have provided a quote of £160 per cut in respect of the Churchyard grass cutting for 2005 which is an increase of £12; the price for grass cutting around the Centre of England Tree remains at £10 per cut.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and to accept the quote for grass cutting from Key Services for 2005 with the Church being informed that from this year they will be responsible for 30% of the cost of the 8 cuts i.e. £384 for 2005; the Parish Council will pay for the remaining 70% of the cost.

119/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - the Clerk presented two copies of the new lease for the Village Hall that now need to be signed by the relevant parties and returned to the solicitor as soon as possible; the Parish Council copy was signed by the Chair and the Clerk and as soon as the other signed copy is returned to the Clerk he will forwards it on to Glossops Solicitors who hold the original deeds to the Village Hall.

Church - Councillor B. Darby was not in attendance at the meeting.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment other than Councillor Goodwin is now the Parish Council representative in this respect.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

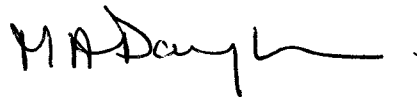
Older People's Welfare Committee - Nothing further to report at the moment.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

16th February 2005

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At a planning meeting held in the Old School Room, Morton on the 19th January 2005 it was resolved that :-

1. Liaison with Key Services will be the responsibility of Barry Darby.
2. Play Area and bus shelters etc will be dealt with by Margaret Treweek and Margaret Daykin.
3. Police Consultative Committee - Lesley Henshaw.
4. Parish Newsletter - Andy Goodwin (first) and Margaret Daykin (second).
5. Community Services - Margaret Daykin.
6. Finance - Margaret Daykin, Margaret Treweek, Barry Darby and Paul Goodwin.
7. Risk Assessments – Margaret Daykin and Paul Goodwin.
8. Training - Paul Goodwin and all Councillors.
9. Morton Primary School - Andy Goodwin.
10. Morton Church - Barry Darby.
11. Village Hall - Margaret Daykin.
12. Cricket Club - Margaret Treweek.
13. DALC - Vacant at present.
14. OAP Group - Margaret Daykin.

The April 2005 Meeting will commence at 6:30pm in the Old School Room to consider feedback from the sub-groups.

The July 2005 Meeting will also commence at 6:30pm.

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Information Packs Issued 19th January 2005 :-

- No. 1 - Margaret Daykin
- No. 2 - Liz Goodwin
- No. 3 - Lesley Henshaw
- No. 4 - Andie Goodwin
- No. 5 - Barry Darby
- No. 6 - George Antcliff
- No. 7 - Margaret Treweek
- No. 8 - Jennifer Easden
- No. 9 -
- No. 10 - Paul Goodwin - Clerk