

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 20th April 2005.

154/05 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mrs J. Easden and Mrs L. Henshaw.

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

155/05 Apologies. Mr A. Goodwin and Mrs E. Goodwin.

156/05 Councillors Absent. Mr G. Antcliff.

157/05 Items from members of the public. There was a problem raised about a vehicle parking across the pavement on Bacchus Way even though the owner concerned has sufficient space on the driveway in which to park the vehicle. The problem with off the road bikers continues every week but it was pleasing to report that the work on the barriers that will hopefully restrict their access to the old pit tip has now commenced.

RESOLVED that PC Jamie Pendrill will follow up on the parking problem that was raised.

158/05 Police. PC Jamie Pendrill presented his report on the last months recorded crime figures that were significantly higher than normal at 6 in total.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report of the recorded crimes in Morton during the past month and to thank Jamie for attending the meeting.

159/05 District Council. There was no report as Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting.

160/05 County Council. Councillor Treweek stated that the work on Gloves Lane or Loves Lane as some people refer to it has now begun and it should be completed and the Lane re-opened in approximately 6 weeks time.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will follow this matter up again

161/05 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

162/05 Non-Exempt Minutes - 16th March 2005.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2005 subject to Councillors Mr B. Darby, Mrs E. Goodwin and Mrs L. Henshaw being entered under 'Apologies' instead of 'Councillors Absent' as all three had properly submitted their apologies in advance of the meeting.

163/05 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

164/05 Clerk of the Council's Report. New litter bin near to the Corner Pin and replacement dog waste bin - Councillor Antcliff has not succeeded in making any progress in respect of either of these long outstanding issues and therefore the Clerk will now take them up with the District Council again.

Streetlighting - there has been no information yet regarding our bid for further streetlighting as part of the 2005/06 programme of works.

Fly tipping - this has still not been removed and in fact there is no some more rubbish on the railway embankment at Pilsley Road. The Clerk will now write to the Chief Executive of Network Rail in order to try and get some progress in this respect.

Evershill Close - the issue of parking on Evershill Close is now part of an overall Scrutiny Review of parking in the District and the Clerk will follow this up again in 3 to 4 months time to ensure that we are kept informed of any progress and developments as they happen.

Village Website - Councillor Henshaw has still yet to follow this matter up and will report on any progress at the next meeting.

Multi-Activities Area - the Clerk reported that he has met with Deborah Fraser from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and he is now aware of all the work that has to be done, and information gathered, before we would be in a position to submit a grant application to them. A key point is the need to engage with the young people of the village and obtain evidence of the demand and need for such a facility. In this respect the Headteacher of the local Primary School and the detached youth worker in Clay Cross would be of great assistance to the whole process. To do this Deborah has suggested setting up a 'youth activities' day in the Village Hall some time in June or July before the school holidays commence and all local young people can then be invited to this.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report and to approve all of the courses of action that he is taking in trying to resolve these outstanding issues.

RESOLVED that Councillor Treweek will contact the detached youth worker in order to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to which the Headteacher will be invited; if possible this will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday 18th May 2005 before the Annual Parish Meeting.



165/05 Matters for Decision. Police presence at the Parish Carnival - the County Council have been out on site with Councillor Daykin to look at the possibility of a road closure and the Clerk will now write to the Section Inspector in order that he is aware of the date and time that the police assistance would be needed if permission to close the road is given.

Childline Midlands & East Anglia - have written to ask that their charity is considered as one of the Chair's preferred charities during 2005/06.

Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living, based at Ripley, Derbyshire, has written to request a donation of £50 towards the costs associated with their volunteers and members.

North East Derbyshire District Council has written with the results of the independent playground inspections that have been carried out in accordance with European Standards EN1176 and EN1177 of all the play areas maintained by the District Council. The total cost of carrying out all of the recommended work, some of which is ancillary work such as seats, signs and litter bins, would be approximately £8,000; the majority of this is in respect of the recommendation to remove the existing swing unit on the Bacchus Way play area and replace it with a new two bay seat swing unit with wet pour safety surfacing. The alternative would be just to install safer surfacing under the existing swing unit and this would cost approximately £4,000; however, in view of the age of the existing equipment and the relatively high cost of £4,000 the District Council are recommending the complete replacement of this unit.

RESOLVED to note the action and progress that is being made in respect of the proposed road closure for the Morton Carnival.

RESOLVED that Childline be given a grant of £25.

RESOLVED that DCIL be given a grant of £25.

RESOLVED that the work to the swings on Bacchus Way be deferred for the time being until sources of possible grant funding have been explored. The District Council will be informed that we would however like to provide a seat and litter bin at the New Street play area and safety signs on both play areas.

166/05 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

| <u>Payee.</u> | <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Inland Revenue - tax for April, May and June | 000767 | 468 . 80 |
| Staff Wages for April, May and June | - | 1,193 . 34 |
| DALC - Annual Membership 2005/06 | 000768 | 183 . 25 |
| Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning | 000769 | 50 . 00 |
| Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC - Annual Premium | 000770 | 1,526 . 31 |
| Audit Commission - balance of 2003/04 audit fee | 000771 | 20 . 00 |
| Key Services - churchyard grass cutting | 000772 | 188 . 00 |
| Morton Carnival Committee - grant | 000773 | 500 . 00 |
| Childline - grant | 000774 | 25 . 00 |
| DCIL - grant | 000775 | 25 . 00 |

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 20th April 2005 were as follows :-

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| Capital Reserve Account | £33,900.23 |
| Current Account | £ 2,368.25 |

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

167/05 Planning. The following planning application has now been granted :-

05/00191/FL - Proposed alterations, extensions and refurbishment of existing public house to provide kitchen/restaurant and disabled access/toilet facilities and a patio at the rear (Conservation Area) at Sitwell Arms, Main Road, Morton for Unique Pub Properties Ltd.

168/05 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in General Circular 15/2005.

169/05 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

The District Council have written to confirm that following the Public Local Inquiry into the North East Derbyshire Local Plan Review which was held between September and December 2004 the Inspector's Report and recommendations into objections to the Local Plan Review has been published. Copies are available to read at libraries (including the mobile service), Housing Offices throughout the district and it can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk; hard copies of the report can be purchased from the Council Offices on Saltergate at a cost of £10 each with a charge of £2 for post and packaging if required.

A cheque for £384 has been received from the Parochial Church Council in respect of their contribution towards the maintenance of the Churchyard during 2004/05; a letter from the Treasurer of the PCC states, "that they are extremely grateful to the Parish Council in respect of this ongoing support and that the churchyard is looking much better now."

A letter has been received from the Chair of the Regional Management Board of the fire and rescue authorities in the East Midlands (EM RMB) informing all Parish Councils of their role which is to help and encourage the fire and rescue services to work closer together to deliver their services more effectively and efficiently across the region to make all our communities safer. The EM RMB is a joint committee of the five fire and rescue authorities in the East Midlands which comprises Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire; it has ten members with each of the five authorities appointing two of its members to the board.

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs has sent a letter and a copy of a press release that highlights many of the current benefits for Parish and Town Councils who obtain 'Quality Status'.

The Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) have written to confirm that the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands (RSS8) was published by the Secretary of State on 17th March 2005 together with the related report "*Summary of Representations and Further Changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy*". Copies are available on the following website: www.go-em.gov.uk and are available to inspect at local planning authority offices and major libraries throughout the region.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above.

170/05 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin presented the signed copies of the revised plans outlining the boundary of the Village Hall and the Clerk will now return these to Glossops Solicitors in order that the lease can be finalised.

Church - Councillor B. Darby reported that the grass has now been cut for the first time and it is looking well. The other area that we agreed to have cut and tidied up has not yet been done and Councillor Darby will follow this matter up if the work has not been done after the second cut.

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.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - There has not been a recent meeting of the Committee.

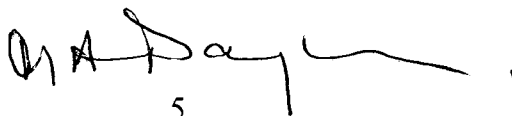
South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting of the Partnership is due to take place in July.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.10pm

Chairman

18th May 2005



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