

# Morton Parish Council

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

**38/06 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs L. Henshaw, Mrs E. Goodwin and Mr S. Plumb. Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 1 member of the public.

**39/06 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs J. Easden and Mr A. Goodwin.

**40/06 Councillors Absent.** Mr G. Antcliff and County Councillor Derek Cotterill.

**41/06 Items from members of the public.** The motorbikes are still accessing the County Council's land via Bacchus Way although the problems on New Street appear to be much better. The hedge below the pit wheels is becoming overgrown again.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will make the County Council aware that there is still a problem with the bikers off Bacchus Way and steps will be taken to ensure that the hedge is trimmed back in due course.

**42/06 Police.** No one from the police was present at the meeting. However, the Clerk has spoken to Inspector Durham regarding the non-attendance of the police on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the highly successful Morton Carnival; the Sunday was the day when the road needed to be closed to allow the Carnival procession through the Village. Inspector Durham has apologised for this but unfortunately he had been called away to Edinburgh that weekend to assist with the policing of the G8 Summit; however, he acknowledged that communication between the police and the Parish Council should have been much better.

**RESOLVED** to note the reasons why the police were not present at the Morton Carnival on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2005.

**43/06 District Council.** There was no report as Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting.

**44/06 County Council.** There was no report as Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting.

**45/06 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

**46/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

**47/06 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**48/06 Clerk of the Council's Report.** New litter bin near to the Corner Pin - this has still not been provided.

Parish Councillor vacancy - Stephen Plumb was proposed and seconded to fill the one remaining vacancy on the Parish Council and this was unanimously agreed. The declaration of acceptance of office form was given to Mr Plumb for completion at the meeting.

Streetlighting - the outcome of our bid to the County Council for additional streetlighting has not yet been determined.

Fly tipping - although some of the material has been removed there is still some more that needs to be dealt with.

Evershill Close - the problems with parking in this location is still subject to a Scrutiny Review alongside other problem areas across the whole of North East Derbyshire.

Village Website - Councillor A. Goodwin has devised a website for the Parish Council and it was agreed that this should be trialled for a year to see how well it is used and what the real value of it will be. The set up costs are £40 and monthly running costs are projected at £15.

Multi-Activities Area - the consultation day for young people has now taken place and around 15 questionnaires have been completed with regard to what facilities youngsters would like to see provided within the Village.

Seats - It would be helpful to have some further seats in the Village and it was agreed that these should now be purchased for the following locations:- Maltby Avenue, near the Corner Pin Public House and Evershill Lane.

Bonfire/Firework Display - it may be necessary to hold this on the Parish Council's land this year and if this proves necessary it was agreed that this can be done and any additional insurance costs will be borne by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerk's report and to approve the action stated against the appropriate items.

**49/06 Matters for Decision.** Bacchus Way play area - local young people have stated that they still value this facility and that they would like to see it remain.

**RESOLVED** that this play area will be retained with its equipment but that the improvements suggested by the District Council will be deferred until after the multi-activities area is completed or it becomes dangerous, whichever is the sooner.

Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area have written to request financial assistance towards their Family Group and they have sent a copy of their latest accounts in support of this; as an organisation they have been operating in the Clay Cross area since 1993.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £25 should be made to this worthwhile local organisation.

A request has been received for a donation to the North East Derbyshire District Council's Chair's Appeal 2005/06 that is in support of the Alzheimer's Society.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £25 Should be made to the Chair's Appeal 2005/06.

**50/06 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Page Kirk - payroll and year end fees	000787	88 . 13
NALC - quality parish application	000788	29 . 38
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000789	40 . 86
Inland Revenue - tax & NI April to June 2005	000790	926 . 43
Peter Harkins - pointing, repairs and stone	000791	1,860 . 00
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000792	388 . 41
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000793	199 . 75
Glapwell Nurseries - hanging baskets	000794	3,055 . 00
J.M. Nicholas - licence fee for colliery land	000795	5 . 00
Mrs E.R. Goodwin - 540 newsletters	000796	422 . 00
NEDDC - Chair's Appeal grant	000797	25 . 00
Homestart - grant	000798	25 . 00
Wages for July, August and September	-	1,212 . 04

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 20th July 2005 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £24,905.26  
Current Account £ 1,001.99

The District Auditor has written to confirm that the date of this year's audit is the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005; the audit return has been completed by the Clerk and this was signed by the Chair of the Council and the Clerk at the meeting. The Internal Audit needs to be completed and a notice will be displayed stating that the accounts can be inspected between the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005. Of course, the account book is available for anyone to read at each of the Parish Council meetings.

**RESOLVED** to authorise the payments listed above, to note the current level of balances and also the date of the External Audit.

**51/06 Planning.** The following planning application has now been granted :-

**05/00499/OL** - Proposed outline application for the construction of a new dwelling house (means of access and siting not reserved) (Revised scheme of NED/04/00980/OL) at 52 Evershill Lane, Morton for Mr B. Taylor.

**52/06 DALC Circulars.** None.

**53/06 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has written to confirm the timetable for implementing the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 that received Royal Assent on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005. This Act will directly impact on Parish Councils in two ways namely:-

- It allows parish councils to issue fixed penalty notices (FPN's) for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog offences.
- It allows parish councils to introduce dog control orders for a range of offences (effectively replacing the current byelaw system).

The Act does not place any new duties on parish councils. The extent to which parishes wish to exercise the new powers will be up to them. It will be the spring of 2006 before the entire Act is fully implemented and all of the measures are in place.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above and to await further information and guidance concerning the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

North East Derbyshire District Council are looking for nominations to be put forward to English Heritage in respect of significant people who may have lived in the area at some point and where it might be appropriate for a 'Blue Plaque' to be placed on the property to denote the fact that they once lived there; there are a number of fairly strict criteria that apply to people likely to be eligible to be recognised with such a plaque.

**RESOLVED** that this information will be displayed locally in case there is anyone who would like to put forward a nomination, the deadline for which is the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee has written to confirm that the Government has introduced a new system of development plan preparation in England and Wales under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Under the new system, planning authorities are required to prepare local development plan documents, DPD's, the land use plans for their areas. They must also publish a "Development Scheme" which sets out a timetable for preparing the documents. For County Councils, the requirement is to produce a "Minerals and Waste Development Scheme". Derbyshire County Council, in its scheme, has identified the Minerals Site Allocations - Aggregates Development Plan Document (DPD) as one of the first that should be prepared and we will have the opportunity to comment upon this up to the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

**RESOLVED** that this information is noted but no comments are to be submitted prior to this matter being given fuller consideration.

Bolsover District Council have written as a neighbouring authority to provide information regarding their proposed Local Development Framework which will replace the previous Bolsover District Local Plan. They are asking for any comments in two respects at the moment, firstly upon their draft Statement of Community Involvement and secondly about their Issues and Options report; to assist people in understanding this there are a series of public meetings due to take place throughout the Bolsover district area.

**RESOLVED** that this information is noted but that no comments are to be submitted in this respect.

The Derbyshire Association of Local Councils has written to confirm receipt of our application for Quality Status and this will be considered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2005.

**54/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

**Church** - There are ongoing concerns with regard to the standard of grass cutting being carried out by Key Services. It was agreed that for the 2006 cutting year it would be preferable if we gave the Church an equivalent cash grant in lieu of the grass cutting, say £1,000, thereby giving them the freedom hopefully to select a more appropriate contractor. This subject will be raised with the Vicar by Councillor Darby.

**School** - the work in connection with the perimeter fencing security is now underway.

**Cricket Club** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

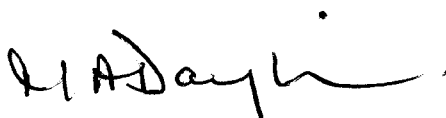
**Older People's Welfare Committee** - a day trip to Skegness has been arranged during the summer.

**Police Consultative Committee** - Councillor Henshaw reported upon the meeting that she had recently attended. Following the problems that arose due to the non-attendance of the police at the parade during the Morton Carnival weekend Councillor Henshaw has obtained Inspector Trevor Durham's assurance on two matters. The local beat officer will attend the sponsored walk on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2005 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm as part of an exercise to build better community relations. Also, at the Carnival Parade on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 the police will attend and they will also bring one of their larger multi-use vehicles that should prove of some interest to local people and the children in particular.

**South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership** - The Chair and the Clerk had both attended the meeting that took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005 but the meeting was not clear about its purpose and it had to be ended early due to the noise emanating from the dance class in the next room. The future role of the Partnership needs to be determined before any constructive dialogue and progress can take place.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm



**Chairman**

21st September 2005