

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 21st September 2005.

**55/06 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mr B. Darby, Mrs J. Easden Mr S. Plumb and County Councillor Derek Cotterill.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Andy Small and 3 members of the public.

**56/06 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Antcliff, Mr A. Goodwin, Mrs L. Henshaw and Mrs E. Goodwin

**57/06 Councillors Absent.** None.

**58/06 Items from members of the public.** A question was raised regarding why there had been no consultation with local people regarding the siting of the 2 new seats in the Village. Councillor Daykin explained that these had been provided due to requests from local people and they are being well used by some of the older people in the Village; Councillor Daykin apologised for the fact that no prior consultation had taken place with all the people living closest to the seats. The pavements need sweeping again due to the amount of leaves and grit on them. There was some concern that alterations are to be made to Evershill Close to alleviate the parking problems and that people living there haven't yet been informed about the proposals. Councillor Cotterill explained that this was just one part of a District wide Scrutiny Committee review of parking issues and that full consultation will be carried out once some proposals have been developed.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Cotterill kindly offered to raise the issue with the District Council regarding the need for the pavements to be swept, particularly around the Church.

**59/06 Police.** PC Small reported that fortunately there had only been one recorded crime during the past month. Unfortunately no action can be taken with regard to the lorries over the weight limit travelling down Higham Lane until a full registration number can be obtained.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and to thank PC Small for his attendance at the meeting and that the Clerk will write to Inspector Durham to ask for permission for PC Small to attend the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October with regard to the development of a Parish Plan.

**60/06 District Council.** There was no report as Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting. However, a representative is needed from the District Council to assist with the development of a Parish Plan for Morton.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the District Council to ask for a representative to be involved with the development of a Parish Plan for Morton.

**61/06 County Council.** Councillor Cotterill reported that there has been a meeting of all interested parties with regard to the old colliery site and in particular the issues of vandalism and water table levels were discussed. Councillor Cotterill will continue to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments in this respect.

There are problems with speeding on New Street and Councillor Cotterill will report this matter to the County Council.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal report given by the County Councillor Mr D. Cotterill.

**62/06 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

**63/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

**64/06 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**65/06 Clerk of the Council's Report.** New litter bin near to the Corner Pin - this has still not been provided and the Clerk will follow this up again with the District Council.

Streetlighting The County Council have still not yet made a decision regarding the priorities for the 2005/06 financial year in respect of streetlighting.

Fly tipping - Railtrack are taking steps to deal with the fly tipping on Pilsley Road but they have stated that they do not own any of the land around the bridge on Higham Lane. There is some confusion as to who does own the land although the Clerk felt that this had been the subject of a compulsory purchase order by the District Council some years ago and Councillor Cotterill will raise this matter again with the District Council.

Evershill Close - The site has been visited as part of the District Council's Scrutiny Review and we now await the outcome of this review.

Village Website - A site has been developed by Councillor A. Goodwin and the Clerk will liaise with him regarding the loading of relevant information on to the site.

Multi-Activities Area - The questionnaires from young people have now been returned and we are now waiting for further information and the photographs from the detached Youth Worker Janice Hacz.

Seats - The 2 new seats are now fitted in place.

The Clerk reported that he had followed up the request for Adult Education classes to be held in Morton but Chesterfield College have informed him that this will not be happening as the number of course being run are reducing not expanding.

Parish Plan - Councillor Daykin has met with a representative from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and the first meeting of interested local people and organisations is due to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005. The Clerk has obtained the application form and guidance in respect of possible funding for the development of a Parish Plan.

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

**66/06 Matters for Decision.** The Sustainable Communities Bill - this is a Campaign to end Ghost Town Britain and promote sustainable communities led by a cross party group of MP's.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors will read the material that has been sent to the Parish Council before any decision is made with regard to whether or not to support this proposed legislation.

**67/06 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Derbyshire County Council - Superannuation	000799	129 . 47
Page Kirk - payroll fees to 30-6-05	000800	18 . 80
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000801	100 . 00
Fireworks International Limited - fireworks	000802	491 . 50
Key Services - churchyard grass cutting	000803	199 . 75
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000804	444 . 71
SLCC - the Clerk's Manual 2005	000805	35 . 00
Marmax Products Ltd. - 2 seats and fixings	000806	576 . 93
Derbyshire County Council - Superannuation	000807	129 . 47
Peter Harkins - install two seats	000808	180 . 00
J.S. Marriott & Co. - Internal Audit Fee 2004/05	000809	310 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000810	52 . 01
Mrs E.R. Goodwin - printing of newsletters	000811	216 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 21st September 2005 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £32,905.26  
Current Account £ 1,786.65

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

**RESOLVED** to note the Internal Auditor's Report and the date of the External Audit.

**68/06 Planning.** None.

## **69/06 DALC Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** to note the information contained in Circulars **21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26** (General), **27/2005** - Training Circular and **28/2005** - The Electoral Commission Periodic Electoral Review - Consultation Paper

**70/06 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service have sent a copy of their Draft Integrated Risk Management Action Plan for 2006/07; they would like our views on the proposals and a questionnaire is available for anyone to complete. Home-Start have sent a letter of thanks in respect of the £25 grant that we recently made towards the running costs of their Family Group. The Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council, Councillor George Antcliff, has sent a letter of thanks in respect of the £25 donation that we recently made to his 2005/06 appeal in aid of 'The Alzheimers Society'. The CHART LSP Community Representatives Group met on the 12<sup>th</sup> September and the next meeting is due to be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 2pm in Committee Room 3, Chesterfield Town Hall on Rose Hill if any councillors would like to attend.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence received and also the proposals as outlined in the Draft Integrated Risk Management Action Plan.

Derbyshire Constabulary has sent a copy of the Policing Plan for Derbyshire 2005-06 and if anyone would like to comment upon this there is a feedback section at the rear of the document. In future copies of this plan will only be available electronically unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

**RESOLVED** to note the Policing Plan for Derbyshire 2005-06.

The Countryside Agency has sent a copy of the conclusive map of registered common land and open country for West England (Area 7) in respect of this Parish; the maps can be made available to the public but it must be understood that a). They are not walking maps and must not be used as definitive evidence about where people can walk and b). The new access rights will not come in to force until the Secretary of State has made a commencement order for West England; the current expectation is that this will be made in late October 2005.

**RESOLVED** that the map should be made available to the public and in this respect it will be retained in the Village Hall for future reference.

## **71/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - nothing further to report at the moment other than the fact that the firework display is to be held on the Parish Council's land at the rear of the Morton Manor building this year and the Management Committee will be notifying all nearby residents of this fact.

**Church** - Councillor Darby has not yet raised the proposal to give grant to the Church in respect of the churchyard grass cutting to enable them to arrange for the work to be carried out by their own contractor; however, Councillor Daykin has spoken to Mrs Rosemary Taylor about this and she will be raising this suggestion with the Church. the churchyard.

**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.

**Police Consultative Committee** - Nothing to report as Councillor Henshaw was not in attendance at the meeting.

**South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership** - The next meeting is due to be held at Shirland Miner's Welfare at 6:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm

**Chairman**

19th October 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. A. Day', with a stylized flourish at the end.