

Morton Parish Council

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

72/06 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Antcliff, Mrs J. Easden, Mrs L. Henshaw and Mrs E. Goodwin.

Also in attendance was Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk.

73/06 Apologies. Mr B. Darby, Mr A. Goodwin, Mr S. Plumb and PC Andy Small.

74/06 Councillors Absent. Councillor D. Cotterill.

75/06 Items from members of the public. None, as there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

76/06 Police. PC Small had sent his apologies and the Clerk presented a written report from the police in respect of the recorded crimes for the past month. PC Small had verbally reported that there had been a recent arrest for drugs related issues in the Village and this will be taken to court in due course.

RESOLVED to note both the verbal and the written report.

77/06 District Council. Councillor Antcliff had nothing further to report at the moment. The litter bin requested near to the Corner Pin has still not been provided. The fly tipping on District Council land around the bridge on Higham Lane has still not been removed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Antcliff should take this matters up again with the District Council on the Parish Council's behalf.

78/06 County Council. Councillor Cotterill was not present at the meeting. The vandalism on the old colliery site is still a problem and as the County Council has now taken responsibility for this land they need to take appropriate action as soon as possible. The pavements around the Church are ready for sweeping again as they are covered in wet, slippy leaves.

RESOLVED that Councillor Cotterill should take this matters up again with the County Council on the Parish Council's behalf.

79/06 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

80/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 21st September 2005.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st September 2005.

81/06 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

82/06 Clerk of the Council's Report. New litter bin near to the Corner Pin - this matter is being followed up again by Councillor Antcliff.

Streetlighting - confirmation has been received by e-mail that our request for additional streetlighting is being held in the County Council's list of proposed work.

Fly tipping - there is still a problem around the bridge on Higham Lane and this will be pursued with the District Council as a matter of urgency.

Evershill Close - to date there is still no news on the outcome of the District Council Scrutiny Review regarding parking and therefore no consultation has yet taken place with local people.

Multi-Activities Area - further questionnaires have now been received and a letter of support has been sent by Janice Hacz (Detached Youth Worker). The Coalfields Regeneration Trust require some further evidence in respect of community involvement and the Clerk will contact LINKS, the District Council and the County Council in order to try and find out how the grant application can best be moved forward.

Quality Parish Council application - at the beginning of the meeting the formal presentation of the Certificate confirming the award of Quality Council status was made to Morton Parish Council by Councillor Derek Orchard - Chairman of the Accreditation Panel, Alan Cooke from the Panel and Brian Wood Secretary/Treasurer of DALC.

Parish Plan - the first meeting of interested parties has taken place and local community groups are now beginning to take part in the process. The grant application form has been completed and the Clerk will check that this is still in the possession of Frances Ashfield from DRCC.

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

83/06 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 Morton Parish Council expresses its concern at :-

- the decline of local services and facilities which affects local communities and in particular the elderly and people on the lowest incomes;
- the resulting decline of local jobs and local economies and the resulting extra traffic and pollution caused by the need to travel further

(ii) and notes that this combination of factors increases people's feelings of exclusion and lack of involvement; and so

(iii) supports measures to reverse this process and

(iv) supports the concept of local sustainability as envisaged in the Sustainable Communities Bill, namely;

- the promotion of local economies
- the promotion of local services and facilities
- the protection of the environment
- the reduction of social exclusion and
- measures to increase involvement in the democratic process

(iv) and accordingly resolves to support the Sustainable Communities Bill which

- requires the government to assist councils and communities in promoting local sustainability in ways decided by them; and
- sets up a participative process whereby councils and communities can drive the way in which government uses its power and influence to assist with the promotion of local sustainability; and
- notes that this Bill is therefore fully in accord with current thinking in local government in that it impacts on central authorities and does not impose any new duties on councils but instead enables them to influence how government uses its resources and influence to help councils and communities; and
- specifically provides that where councils themselves decide to take action to promote local sustainability that they should be given the resources to do so; and so

(v) resolves to write to

- local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and sign EDM (Early Day Motion) No. 641; and
- Local Works, the campaign behind the Bill, (at 94 White Lion St, London N1 9PF) expressing its support.

Repairs to vandal damage to the slide on the Bacchus Way Play Area - North East Derbyshire District Council has written to confirm that to replace the support bar on the slide will cost approximately £120.

RESOLVED that the District Council be asked to carry out the repairs to the slide as described.

84/06 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Inland Revenue - tax & NI July to Sept. 05	000812	855 . 79
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000813	129 . 47
NEDDC - supply of school milk (Apr-July 05)	000814	83 . 30
Page Kirk - payroll fees to September 2005	000815	18 . 80
DALC -Chair's Training	000816	40 . 00

Mr S. Gough - notice board	000817	15 . 00
DCIL - grant (original cheque-000775 was lost)	000818	-
Wages for October, November and December	-	1,202 . 69

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 19th October 2005 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £30,013.89
Current Account £ 2,441.60

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

85/06 Planning. None.

86/06 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 29 (General) and 30/2005 - Chairmanship Training Circular.

87/06 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The minutes of the Clay Cross Police Community Consultative Group held on the 18th July 2005 and also the agenda for the meeting held on the 17th October 2005 have been received and are available for anyone to read. North East Derbyshire District Council has written to confirm that following the Local Plan Review it has resolved that no further modifications materially altering the content of the Plan are necessary and therefore it intends to adopt the Plan after the 10th November 2005; one hard copy of the documents can be acquired free of charge by the Parish Council or alternatively they are available to view on the Council's website at www.nederbyshire.gov.uk. The County Council has sent out two executive summary consultation documents in respect of the Provisional Derbyshire Local Transport Plan and the Environment Report; comments must be submitted to the County Council by Monday 7th November 2005 at the latest and a response form has been supplied for this purpose. The Chief Executive of NEDDC has sent a letter of congratulations to Morton Parish Council in respect of this Council achieving the status of 'Quality Parish Council'.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence received and Councillor Easden took the Provisional Derbyshire Local Transport Plan and the Environment Report to read and any comments will be submitted by them within the required timescale.

North East Derbyshire District Council are trying to develop a District wide Recreational Standard in terms of the quality, quantity and accessibility of recreational land throughout the District; they now require our views on this subject particularly in respect of what type of recreational land there is a shortage of, any excess recreational land and are there any areas of poor quality that are in need of improvement or replacement?

RESOLVED that the Clerk will reply to North East Derbyshire District Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

The annual meeting of Parish Council's with the Chief Constable, the Chief Officer Team and members of the Police Authority is to be held on Thursday 3rd November 2005 at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall, Police Headquarters, Ripley.

RESOLVED that Councillor Henshaw will attend this event on the Parish Council's behalf.

The County Council has written to ask about the Parish Council's views on the Derbyshire Statement of Community Involvement as part of the Derbyshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework; a full copy of the document is available free of charge from the County Council upon request. Enclosed to assist with this process is a questionnaire for completion and return between the 21st October 2005 and Friday 2nd December 2005.

RESOLVED that Councillor Daykin will complete the questionnaire on the Parish Council's behalf.

88/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin reported that there has been no progress in respect of the purchase of a small piece of land in order to enable proper access for people with disabilities and there is no immediate prospect of this happening. The firework display organised by the VHMC is taking place on the Parish Council's land this year and Mr S. Gough is taking responsibility for informing all the neighbouring properties about what is happening.

Church - Councillor B. Darby was not in attendance at the meeting but Councillor Daykin confirmed that the Church is still trying to obtain its own contractor for the churchyard grass cutting during 2006.

School - Councillor E. Goodwin confirmed that the school perimeter security fencing has now been completed. Also, that the school will ensure that the children are involved with the process of developing the Parish Plan as obviously they will be the most affected by this in the future.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

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

Police Consultative Committee - Councillor Henshaw reported on the last meeting that was mainly taken up by a visit to the CCTV central station in Chesterfield, which was most interesting.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Daykin reported on the AGM of the various Partnerships which she had attended and commented upon the fact that the South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership is much larger in terms of population than all of the other Partnerships. Councillor Daykin and the Clerk will attend the next meeting of the SENP, which is due to be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 9th November 2005 at Shirland Miner's Welfare.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

16th November 2005