

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 18th January 2006.

## **Informal Session.**

**Items from members of the public.** A question was raised regarding the outstanding work in respect of the proposed traffic calming measures in Morton and once the full details have been ascertained this matter will be raised again with the County Council.

**Police.** PC Small reported that unfortunately there had been a number of thefts recorded during the past two months and there is also a current problem in respect of one individual in Morton regarding drugs. There are still problems with off the road bikers on the old pit tip and this situation will require ongoing monitoring and attention. In terms of the damage being caused this needs to be addressed by both British Coal and the County Council as landowners and clearly the whole site needs making more secure.

**District Council.** Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting. However, Councillor Cotterill reported upon the findings of the Scrutiny Review of parking issues across the whole District and the fact that the situation on Evershill Close is the worst in North East Derbyshire. When the report has been before Cabinet at the District Council it will be referred to the County Council as the Highways Authority and hopefully the work required on Evershill Close will be authorised. Councillor Cotterill agreed to keep the Parish Council informed of any progress in this respect.

**County Council.** Councillor Cotterill was asked about the fly-tipping material that still remains on the land near to the old railway bridge on Higham Lane which has been there for well over a year now; the other waste that was dumped on land belonging to Railtrack has now been removed. Councillor Cotterill agreed to raise this matter again with Dennis Skinner MP as no action has been taken by either the District Council or the County Council in order to resolve the problem.

**106/06 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr A. Goodwin, Mrs L. Henshaw and County Councillor Derek Cotterill.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Andy Small, Susan Brighthouse - DRCC, Paula Baran - NEDDC Emergency Planning Officer and 1 member of the public.

**107/06 Apologies.** Mr B. Darby, Mrs E. Goodwin, Mr S. Plumb and Mrs J. Easden.

**108/06 Councillors Absent.** Mr G. Antcliff.

**109/06 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

**110/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005.

**111/06 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**112/06 Clerk of the Council's Report.** Streetlighting - funds are now being allocated for the upgrading of existing pylons and the provision of new facilities but it is not yet known what will be provided in Morton.

Fly tipping - this matter will now be taken up again with Dennis Skinner MP by Councillor Cotterill.

Evershill Close - a final decision regarding whether or not this will be included in the scheme of works by the District Council should be made in the next 3 to 4 months.

Village Website - this is still in its infancy but it was agreed that the provisional minutes from this meeting will be sent to Councillor A. Goodwin for posting on to the website prior to their formal approval in February.

Multi-Activities Area - Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council had met with Councillors prior to the formal part of tonight's meeting; it was agreed that a meeting should take place at 4:30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January with Susan and relevant local people in order to try and progress this matter further.

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

**113/06 Matters for Decision.**

a). **Paula Baran - DCC Emergency Planning Officer for NE Derbyshire.** An interesting discussion took place regarding how best to deal with and record key local contacts and appropriate information about vulnerable people in order that effective measures can be taken in the case of an emergency. The Clerk's contact details are already held by the County Council's Emergency Planning team and also at the District Council.

**RESOLVED** to note the information provided by Paula and to develop all relevant local information within the framework available as soon as possible.

b). **Payment for the use of the Old School Room.**

**RESOLVED** to make a payment of £40 towards the heating and lighting used when Parish Council meetings are held in this building.

c). **Request for financial assistance - Safe @ Last.** A request has been received for a grant of £60, or as much as considered reasonable, towards this charity for people under 16 who have run away from or been forced to leave the place where they usually live or are at risk of doing so.

**RESOLVED** that no grant is to be made to this organisation at the moment.

**114/06 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000825	129 . 47
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000826	100 . 00
SLCC - Annual subscription	000827	118 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000828	77 . 54
NEDDC - repair to Bacchus Way slide	000829	71 . 17
Inland Revenue - tax and N.I. to December	000830	891 . 11
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000831	129 . 47
Shelter Maintenance Co. - repair broken shelter	000832	340 . 75
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000833	50 . 00
Old People's Welfare Committee - grant	000834	40 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th January 2006 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £27,143.21  
Current Account £ 1,793.86

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

**5/06 Planning.** The following planning application has now been granted :-

**05/01225/FL** - Proposed application to vary conditions 5 and 7 of NED/02/00631/FL relating to the parking scheme and access to enable conversion of the garage space to living accommodation (Amended Title) at 81 Stretton Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mrs M. Daykin.

**116/06 DALC Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** to note the information contained in **34** and **36/2005** General Circulars, **35/2005** Indemnities for Members and Officers, **37/2005** CiCLA Training, **38/2005** Chairmanship Training, **39/2005** Clerk and Councillor Training Day, **40/2005** Training Seminar for Clerks, **1/06** Index for 2005, **2/06** General Circular, **3/06** The Church of England Parochial Fees from 01/01/06, **4/06** National Salary award for Clerks, **5/06** Meetings of Local Councils, **06/2006** Clerk and Council of the Year, **07/2006** CiCLA Training and **08/2006** General Circular.

**117/06 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the eight Waste Collection Authorities have developed a draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy & Strategic Environmental assessment; this Strategy and associated documents are on the council's website under [http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish\\_waste/consultation\\_onwaste/](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish_waste/consultation_onwaste/). The Councils would welcome any comments on the Strategy either by e-mail to [waste\\_man@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste_man@derbyshire.gov.uk) or by writing to Philippa Roine in the Environmental Services Department, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG. The consultation period will extend until 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

The minutes of the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 have been received and are available for anyone to read.

The Chief Constable has sent a copy of the comments and questions raised at the Parish Council's Evening that was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005; also available is a copy of all the PowerPoint presentations together with a contact list for the Section Inspectors.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has sent a copy of a discussion paper entitled "Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future" and this is available for any councillor to read and comment upon. This document covers a conduct Regime for local government employees in addition to local councillors.

Councillor Daykin has won the ballot to be a representative of Parish Councils in North East Derbyshire on the DALC Executive Committee and congratulations were given to her on this success.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above but that no comments will be submitted for the time being in respect of the Waste Management Strategy & and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

**118/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - There is nothing further to report at the moment and unfortunately there has been no success with purchasing a narrow strip of land from the owner of Morton Manor in order to provide a proper access to the building for disabled people.

**Church** - Councillor B. Darby was not in attendance at the meeting but Councillor Daykin read out a thank you letter in respect of the Parish Council's contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

**School** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

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

**Older People's Welfare Committee** - A grant of £40 towards the costs associated with the Parish Council using this building on a regular basis for meetings was agreed.

**Police Consultative Committee** - Councillor Henshaw gave a brief report on her attendance at the last meeting and in particular the budgetary constraints that are currently affecting the police like many other public sector organisations.

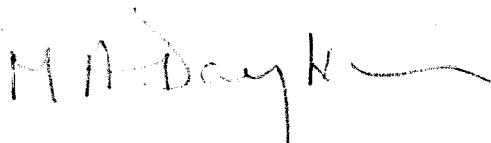
South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting is due to take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm in North Wingfield and this meeting will focus solely on local Highways issues with the County Council having a good officer representation at the meeting.

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

15th February 2006

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