

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 22nd February 2006.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. Concern was raised that the Parish Council were proposing to ban dogs altogether from the Bacchus Way play area. This is not the case but it is in everyone's interest if dogs are kept on a lead at all times in this area and that any dog faeces are removed by the dog's owner. Also, the hedge at the bottom of Main Road towards Tibshelf needs cutting back again and as the County Council cannot ascertain the owners of the land in question this work will have to be carried out by the Parish Council.

Police. PC Small was not in attendance at the meeting but the Clerk was asked to report to him a problem with vehicles parking fully on the pavement on the corner of Penfold Way and Bacchus Way in the evenings and at weekends; this is causing pedestrians to walk in the road at this point that is quite dangerous. The crime statistics for the Clay Cross Section were distributed for everyone to read.

District Council. Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting and there were no new issues raised for the attention of the District Council.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting but it was reported that there has been some damage to the bridge that forms part of the boundary between Morton and Stonebroom and there are also a lot of bottles and cans strewn around in this area. These matters will be reported to the County Council by the Clerk.

119/06 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs L. Henshaw, Mrs E. Goodwin and Mr S. Plumb.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 2 members of the public.

120/06 Apologies. Mr G. Antcliff, Mr B. Darby and Mr A. Goodwin.

121/06 Councillors Absent. Mr D. Cotterill.

122/06 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

123/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 18th January 2006.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th January 2006.

124/06 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

125/06 Clerk of the Council's Report. Streetlighting - funds still 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 - there has been no further news from Councillor Cotterill in this respect but the Clerk has notified the relevant officer at the County Council that Dennis Skinner MP has been informed that this problem has still not been fully resolved.

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.

Multi-Activities Area - Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council had met with Councillor Daykin and the Clerk prior to this evening's meeting; good progress is being made and a small 'project' team is in the process of being formed. A consultation day event will be held for all young people in the Village with a range of activities on the day; this will take place on Saturday 24th June 2006 in the Village Hall. The next meeting with Susan is due to take place at 6pm on the 22nd March 2006, which is also the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

Parish Plan - The second meeting of the steering group has taken place and a quiz night has been arranged for Monday 27th March 2006 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Councillor Henshaw is also compiling a questionnaire for all residents in Morton as part of the process of developing a Parish Plan for Morton. A camera needs to be purchased to assist with the work that is being carried out and the members present approved this.

Casual Vacancy - the District Council have written to confirm that a request has not been received for an election to be held to fill the casual vacancy that has arisen on Morton Parish Council; the Parish Council can now co-opt a member to the Council in due course.

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

126/06 Matters for Decision.

a). Request for financial assistance - Skylarks. Skylarks, Nottingham is one of 5 Vitalise (formerly the Winged Fellowship Trust) holiday centres that provide holiday breaks for people with disabilities. The Vitalise Charity currently subsidises the cost of each holiday by £342 in order to make sure that they are affordable for their guests. Any sort of donation towards the service that is accessed by many Derbyshire people would be greatly appreciated.

RESOLVED that no grant will be made to this organisation as there are many other demands on the Parish council's budget from worthwhile voluntary organisations that are much more local.



127/06 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wages for January, February and March	-	1,202 . 69
Page Kirk - payroll fees to 31-12-05	000835	18 . 80
NEDDC - empty dog bins & repairs to play area	000836	546 . 29
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000837	129 . 47
NEDDC - supply of school milk & repair New St.	000838	280 . 26
Mrs E.R. Goodwin - 540 newsletters	000839	240 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 22nd February 2006 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £27,143.21
Current Account £ 1,336.35

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

128/06 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

CD4/0106/167 - Proposed provision of a temporary portaloos toilet for use by a specific pupil at Morton Primary School, School Hill, Morton, Alfreton for Derbyshire County Council.

06/00079/RM - Proposed approval of Reserved matters for erection of one chalet style bungalow on garden land at 52 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr B. Taylor.

06/00081/FL - Proposed erection of one dwelling (Departure from Development Plan) at 16 Sitwell Villas, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr & Mrs Northedge.

129/06 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circular **9/2006** - General Circular.

130/06 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Nottingham East Midlands Airport has sent a copy of its Draft Master Plan for consideration during the consultation period that runs from the 10th February 2006 to the 14th May 2006; this is also available in CD format.

Richard Oliver, Head of Housing Services at NEDDC, has written to confirm that following the consultation regarding the proposal to bring in Introductory Tenancies for new tenants of the Council and Demotion Orders for those existing tenants who act in an anti-social manner, the Council will now be bringing in these two types of tenancies.

The Clerk has now received responses from all the other Parishes in the South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership Area regarding the idea of employing a 'Parish Warden' who would be able to carry out the powers given to Parish Councils under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. Tupton and North Wingfield have expressed an interest but Pilsley and Shirland and Higham are not interested in this idea.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence that has been received and the Clerk will follow up the possibility of a Parish Warden scheme with the District Council in the first instance.

The County Council has issued a comprehensive leaflet regarding the responsibilities of Parish Council wishing to place hanging baskets on streetlighting columns including the need for a survey of all columns by an engineer. The Clerk has obtained details of an engineer who is going to carry out this work in Tupton.

RESOLVED that consideration will be given to the possibility of alternative floral displays in the Village this summer together with appropriate costings before any final decision is taken on this matter. If the hanging baskets are not required this year then the brackets fixed to the streetlighting columns will need to be removed.

131/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin reported that 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. Also, Councillor Daykin has attended the recent Management Committee meeting and apparently the Committee has not yet received its copy of the new lease agreement. The Clerk will follow this up with Glossops Solicitors.

Church - The Church have requested written confirmation regarding the arrangements for the churchyard grass cutting during the 2006 season and the Clerk confirmed that he has already done this.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment other than the Parish Council is to purchase a digital camera for use in producing the Parish plan and the school will also be allowed to use this whenever possible .

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

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

Police Consultative Committee - There has not been a recent meeting and unfortunately Councillor Henshaw is away when the next meeting is due.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Daykin was unable to attend the last meeting but in any case this was only focusing on Highway related issues.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

22nd March 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Daykin', followed by a long horizontal flourish.