

Morton Parish Council

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

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. A number of points were raised regarding official bridleways in Morton, the access from Stonebroom to Morton, access on Pit Lane and the current condition of the old colliery yard. It was confirmed that there is only 0.8 miles of official bridleway in Morton and this does not include Pit Lane that is apparently owned by the District Council and so any questions in this respect need to be directed to them in the first instance. In terms of the colliery yard all of this land is now in private ownership but any environmental concerns can be addressed to the District Council.

Police. There was no report as PC Small was not in attendance at the meeting.

District Council. Councillor Cotterill reported that the issue of fly tipping on Higham Lane is still being followed up by the District Council. It was reported that the refuse collection teams are not always returning the wheelie bins to their original kerbside position and Councillor Cotterill agreed to take this matter up with the District Council.

The dog waste bin on the pavement leading up to the Bacchus Way play area should ideally be moved to a new location somewhere on Evershill Lane and the Clerk will ask the District Council to contact Councillor Daykin in order to ascertain whether or not this would be feasible. The reason for this is the fact that there is also a dog waste bin actually on the play area on Bacchus Way.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill reported that he had given the contact name of the officer who the Clerk needed to contact in order to gain permission for the Morton Carnival to be held on the County Council's land off New Street. It was agreed that in the medium term it would be more beneficial if the Parish Council leased the whole of this piece of land from the County Council rather than just the area where the young children's play area is situated; the Clerk will also raise this with the officer concerned.

132/06 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs L. Henshaw, Mrs E. Goodwin and County Councillor Derek Cotterill.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 5 members of the public.

133/06 Apologies. Mr G. Antcliff and Mr B. Darby,

134/06 Councillors Absent. Mr A. Goodwin and Mrs E. Goodwin.

135/06 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

136/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 22nd February 2006.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22nd February 2006.

137/06 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

138/06 Clerk of the Council's Report. Streetlighting - funds are 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 - this matter is now being pursued with Railtrack by Ms S. Verovkins at the District Council and the Clerk handed all of his related correspondence to Councillor Cotterill to pass on to her in case it will be of any assistance.

Evershill Close - the outcome of the NEDDC Scrutiny review has not yet been confirmed but no work will be carried out until all the affected local people have been consulted about the proposals.

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is now progressing well with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and an activities/consultation day with young people in the Village is being planned.

Parish Plan - good progress is being made in conjunction with local people and organisations and meetings are scheduled on a regular basis.

Bridge repairs - there was no news as to whether or not this work has been carried out and it was agreed that this needed checking out before further contact is made with the County Council.

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

139/06 Matters for Decision.

The Morton Carnival has requested a grant of £500 towards the summer 2006 Carnival and this is the same amount as in 2005.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £500 towards the 2006 Morton Carnival which will be paid early in the 2006/07 financial year.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group has written to request a grant towards the administration costs of running the group.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £25 towards the administration costs as in previous years.

Rainbows Children's Hospice in Leicestershire (which also serves Derbyshire) has written to ask for a grant and any publicity that we could give to their organisation.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £25 towards this most worthwhile organisation and to request a small supply of publicity material that could be distributed within the Parish.

There have been a number of requests for additional seats in the Village following the two that were provided last year.

RESOLVED that two more seats will be purchased for this summer with one being sited near to the pit wheels and the other at the end of New Street.

140/06 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk's expenses	000840	40 . 32
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000841	129 . 47
NEDDC - signs and litter bin	000842	862 . 05
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000843	100 . 00
Clay Cross Police Consultative Group - grant	000844	25 . 00
Rainbows - grant	000845	25 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 22nd March 2006 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £27,143.21
Current Account £ 538.51

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

141/06 Planning. The following planning application has now been granted :-

06/00005/FL - Proposed demolition of existing garage and workshop and construction of two storey extension to side/front and single storey extension to side at 34 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr C.M. Riley.

142/06 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **10/2006** - Local Council Review Subscriber Form and General Circular **11/2006**.

143/06 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. NEDDC has sent a copy of draft joint Arts Development Strategy for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire and would welcome any comments about this by the 24th March 2006.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above.

144/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin reported that Mr C. Milner, who owns the Morton Manor building, may now be prepared to gift a small strip of land next to the Village Hall to the Parish Council in order that a proper access can be created for people with a disability. This matter is being followed up by Councillor Daykin.

Church - Councillor B. Darby was not in attendance at the meeting but there is nothing further to report at the moment. The Clerk read out a thank you letter in respect of the Parish Council's contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

School - The Headteacher, Edward Dunleavy, is due to retire in May of this year.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Older People's Welfare Committee - It is the Annual General Meeting of the Committee in the near future and a decision will have to be made as to whether it is viable for the Committee to continue to run the building or whether the Church will have to take this responsibility back on again.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - there has not been a recent meeting of this Group but the previous minutes have been distributed. Unfortunately Councillor Henshaw is on holiday when the next meeting is due to take place.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Daykin had not been able to attend the last meeting although it had focused specifically on highways issues and none of these had a direct bearing on Morton.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

Chairman

19th April 2006

