

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Room on the 19th April 2006.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. It was reported again that there is flooding on Stretton Road, Morton and speeding traffic on New Street, Morton was raised as an ongoing concern still. Also, a question was raised regarding why the footpath leading to Stretton on the B6014 is not fully joined up; Councillor Cotterill kindly agreed to take up these issues with the County Council.

The status of Pit Lane was brought up again and Councillor Cotterill categorically confirmed that this is a public footpath and is therefore shown as such on the Definitive Map.

Finally, the future use of the pit tip area was raised again and Councillor Daykin stated that no decision will be made in this respect until the outcome of the Parish Plan is known when all interested local people will have had the opportunity to put forward their opinions and ideas on this important subject.

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 and he distributed a copy of the most recent correspondence on the matter from the District Council to the private landowners of the area in question; this will be followed up again by Ms. S. Verovkins at the District Council in due course. There are still problems with the local refuse collection team who are not always returning the wheelie bins to their original kerbside position and this matter will be raised again with the District Council.

County Council. The Clerk had written to the County Council regarding the possibility of putting a directional sign for local amenities such as the recreation ground and the Rectory Rooms, on the 'triangle' of land adjacent to the Village Hall; however, the County Council have replied stating that they do not sign local village amenities unless there are significant numbers of visitors from outside the area. It was agreed that a suitable sign will be purchased locally to depict the whereabouts of the Rectory Rooms and this will be discreetly located on nearby private land.

The Clerk has received a positive reply from the County Council in respect of the possible future use of their 'football field' area of land off New Street; they are in agreement that it would be reasonable for the Parish Council to lease 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 now progress this issue as a matter of urgency.

145/06 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr G. Antcliff, Mr A. Goodwin, Mrs E. Goodwin and County Councillor Derek Cotterill.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, Mrs J. Easden and 3 members of the public.

146/06 Apologies. Mrs L. Henshaw and Mr B. Darby.

147/06 Councillors Absent. Mr S. Plumb.

148/06 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

Mrs Jennifer Easden was in attendance at the meeting despite the fact that she only resigned from the position of Morton Parish Councillor on the 18th January 2006. The vacancy has been advertised but an election was not requested and no-one has expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council. Under the circumstances it was agreed that Mrs J. Easden should be co-opted back onto the Parish Council and the Clerk will arrange for all the necessary documentation to be completed at the next meeting.

149/06 Non-Exempt Minutes - 22nd March 2006.

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

150/06 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

151/06 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. A further request has been made for additional lighting, this time on Evershill Lane and Councillor Cotterill agreed to bring this to the attention of the officer concerned.

Fly tipping - this matter is now being pursued with the private landowners by Ms S. Verovkins at the District Council and she will be following this up in the near future if an acceptable response has not been received.

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 has been planned for Saturday 24th June 2006.

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.

152/06 Matters for Decision.

Childline Midlands & East Anglia has written to request financial assistance towards the cost of the work that they carry out with young people.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £25 towards this most worthwhile organisation.

153/06 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000846	129 . 47
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000847	39 . 25
DALC - Annual membership 2006/07	000848	207 . 31
Inland Revenue - Tax and NI to March 2006	000849	891 . 11
Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC - annual premium	000850	1,533 . 68
Morton Carnival Committee - grant	000851	500 . 00
Mrs M. Daykin - reimbursement of costs incurred	000852	39 . 37
Childline - grant	000853	25 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 19th April 2006 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£24,264.82
Current Account	£ 173.32

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

154/06 Planning. The following planning applications have now been granted :-

06/00082/FL - Proposed erection of two storey side extension and garage at 16 Sitwell Villas, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Mr Northedge and Miss Bromley.

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

The following planning application has now been refused :-

06/00081/FL - Proposed erection of one dwelling (Departure from Development Plan) at 16 Sitwell Villas, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Mr Northedge and Miss Bromley.

155/06 DALC Circulars.

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RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **12, 14** (General), **13/2006** - What does your Council do for you? and **15/2006** - Local Vision Conference.

156/06 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Highways Agency has written to seek our views on the information provided in respect of the proposed widening of the M1 from Junctions 21-30.

Rainbow's Hospice has sent a letter of thanks in respect of the £25 donation that we recently made to their organisation.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence received as listed above and that no formal submission will be made to the Highways Agency regarding the proposed widening of the M1 from Junctions 21-30.

The County Council has sent a copy of the Submission Statement of Community Involvement in respect of the Derbyshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework; comments on this document are now invited and need to be with the County Council by 5pm on Friday 26th May 2006.

RESOLVED to note this correspondence but no comments will be submitted to the County Council.

The County Council has written to ask that all concerned bodies should write to their local MP regarding the Government's proposed amalgamation of the 5 police forces in the East Midlands namely Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire as part of a major reorganisation throughout the country.

RESOLVED that this issue be noted but no submission is to be made by this Council to Mr D. Skinner MP in respect of this proposal.

157/06 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin reported that Mr C. Milner, who owns the Morton Manor building is now 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 and the Village Hall Management Committee in order that the legal transfer of the ownership of the land in question can be put into effect.

Church - Councillor Daykin reported that the lease of the Old School Room from the Church to the Older People's Welfare Committee has not been renewed and as such future meetings of the Parish Council will take place in the Rectory Rooms that also have proper access for people with disabilities.

School - The Headteacher, Edward Dunleavy, is due to retire in July of this year at the end of the summer term.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Older People's Welfare Committee - Nothing further to report at the moment other than the fact that the lease for the Old School Room has not been renewed and the responsibility for this building will therefore revert back to the Church.

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 still on holiday when the next meeting is due to take place on Monday 24th April 2006.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership – Nothing further to report at the moment and the date of the next meeting has not yet been confirmed.

DALC - Councillor Daykin reported that she would be attending the next meeting of the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership in her capacity as an Executive Committee member of DALC and will report back to the Parish Council in due course on any issues of relevance.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

17th May 2006

