

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 17th May 2006.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. The fly-tipping on Pilsley Road is getting worse again and this problem needs following up with the District Council who have been trying to sort this out for some time now. The occupant of 2 Pit Lane, Morton can no longer maintain the grassed area in front of his bungalow and this matter needs raising with the District Council for them to action.

A long discussion took place regarding the new seat that has now arrived and eventually it was agreed that councillors would consult with the nearby occupants at both of the proposed sites before a final decision is made

Police. There was no report as the police were yet again not in attendance at the meeting.

District Council. Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting. However, the outstanding issues which still require following up are the parking arrangements on Evershill Close, fly-tipping on private land on Pilsley Road (Network Rail land also again now unfortunately), a new dog waste bin on Evershill Lane and the incorrect placing of refuse bins when they have been emptied.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting. However, the outstanding issues which still require following up are the vandalism on the old pit tip, provision of additional streetlighting in Morton and the 'filling-in' that is required at the access to the County Council's land off New Street where the 2006 Morton Carnival is due to be held.

1/07 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mrs J. Easden, Mrs L. Henshaw, Mr A Goodwin and Mrs E. Goodwin.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 1 member of the public.

2/07 Apologies. Mr S. Plumb.

3/07 Councillors Absent. Mr G. Antcliff and Mr D. Cotterill.

4/07 Election of Chair for the year 2006/07. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs M. Daykin was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2006/07.

RESOLVED that as there were no further nominations received for the position Councillor Mrs M. Daykin was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

5/07 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2006/07. Mrs Daykin asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Councillor Mrs M. Treweek was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2006/07.

RESOLVED that as there were no further nominations received for the position Councillor Mrs M. Treweek was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

6/07 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

Mrs J. Easden signed the declaration of acceptance of Office and Registration of Member's Interest's forms and was welcomed back on to the Parish Council by the Chair.

7/07 Non-Exempt Minutes - 19th April 2006.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 2006.

8/07 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

9/07 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 will be reminded that this needs bringing 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. Unfortunately there has been some further tipping on the Network Rail land at this location and the Clerk will bring this to the attention of the District Council.

Village Website - the Clerk will liaise with Councillors A. Goodwin and E. Goodwin with regard to trying to get more material onto the website and any other ideas for suitable material likely to be of interest should be sent in Word format to Councillor A. Goodwin.

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. An activities/consultation day with young people in the Village has been planned for Saturday 24th June 2006 from 1pm to 6pm and the local MP, Dennis Skinner, will be in attendance for part of the afternoon.

Parish Plan - good progress is being made in conjunction with local people and organisations and meetings are scheduled on a regular basis. It is hoped that all of this work can be completed and the plan produced by Christmas 2006.

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.

10/07 Matters for Decision. None.

11/07 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

| a). <u>Payee.</u> | <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Wages for April, May and June | - | 1,235 . 04 |
| Marmax Products Ltd. - 3 seater seat | 000854 | 344 . 28 |
| Neil Shacklock Limited - service boiler and cooker | 000855 | 259 . 64 |
| Mr P. Goodwin - expenses | 000856 | 86 . 88 |
| Derbyshire County Council - superannuation | 000856 | 133 . 27 |
| Peter Harkins - groundwork and planting | 000858 | 2,140 . 00 |
| NEDDC - supply of school milk Jan to March 2006 | 000859 | 70 . 73 |
| SLCC - Regional Conference | 000860 | 40 . 00 |
| Mrs E.R. Goodwin - produce 540 newsletters | 000861 | 422 . 00 |

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th May 2006 were as follows :-

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| Capital Reserve Account | £32,264.82 |
| Current Account | £ 1,036.00 |

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

12/07 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

06/00418/FL - Proposed first floor rear extension over existing single storey at 36 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton Derbyshire for Stephen and Bessie Sterland.

13/07 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **16, 17, 18** and **19/2006**.

14/07 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. A thank you letter has been received from the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group in respect of the recent £25 donation that we made to them.

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The licence for the use of the County Council's land off New Street, Morton for the 2006 Morton Carnival has now been received and the Clerk has returned a signed copy to the County Council; there will be a charge of £25 for the County Council's surveyors fees.

Derbyshire County Council has written to confirm that the final Derbyshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) covering the period 2006-2011 was published at the end of March 2006 and submitted to Government; copies of this document are available from the website <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk> on CD and a limited number of hard copies are available.

RESOLVED that no copies of this document are to be requested at the moment.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has sent a copy a discussion paper entitled "Local Authority Byelaws in England" and any comments submitted before June will help to inform the Government's White Paper on the future of Local Government which will be published later this year.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above but no comments will be submitted regarding the Local Authority Byelaws in England: A Discussion Paper document

15/07 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. Councillor Daykin and the Village Hall Management Committee are following up this matter and at the moment they are waiting for details on the design of the access from the architects before any further progress can be made.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment.

School - Councillor E. Goodwin reported that the Headteacher, Mr Dunleavy, is very supportive of all local groups and initiatives and he is well aware of the Morton Carnival weekend.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

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

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - The next meeting is due to take place on Monday 17th July 2006 but unfortunately no one will be available to attend on this night.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 7th June 2006 Councillors Daykin and the Clerk will both endeavour to attend this on the Parish Council's behalf.

DALC - Nothing further to report at the moment.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. A. Day', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Chairman

21st June 2006