

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Rectory Rooms, Morton on the 17th May 2006.

Present. Councillors 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.

Apologies. Mr S. Plumb.

Absent. Mr G. Antcliff and Mr D. Cotterill.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2005 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Councillor Mrs M. Daykin, stated that this had been another busy year and she thanked the Clerk for his support, guidance and commitment. The last year had been one of planning as well as achieving with some developments being ongoing over a longer period. Thanks were also due to Frances Ashfield and Sue Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council for their help and support with the Parish Plan and the multi-activity area respectively.

With regard to the Parish Plan work is now well underway and hopefully this will be completed by Christmas 2006. No new objectives have been set this year as priorities need to be determined when the views of local people have been established. This work has been led by the Parish Council but with the involvement of a number of other local interested parties and with a view to the whole process being as inclusive as possible; again, thanks are due to everyone who is assisting with this process.

The following matters documented by the Clerk for the 2005/06 year are worthy of note and hopefully they should all be self-explanatory :-

Parish Council Newsletters have been regularly distributed to every household in the Village.

Morton Parish Council achieved 'Quality Parish Council' status in 2005.

Work is still under way to try and progress towards a multi-use hard standing area for young people in the Village to use all year round including raising the necessary funds. In this respect we are now receiving assistance from Derbyshire Rural Community Council and an activities day has been planned for the summer in order that as many views as possible can be obtained on the best way forward with this project. It is also planned to hold an activity day for young people on one day per week throughout the school holidays.

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The hanging baskets will not be provided this year due to the stringent health and safety guidelines now in place and the associated costs that this brings about; also, several baskets were stolen last year, complaints were received from some local people about the siting of the baskets and 2 had to be removed for that reason. Instead, large planters with floral displays will be put in various locations throughout the Village.

The Parish Council gave financial support to the Morton Carnival that was a major success last summer and as such will be repeated again in 2006.

The Parish Council continues to give financial support to the provision of school milk at Morton Primary School.

Two new seats have been provided in the past year as part of the Council's aim to continually improve the Village.

Motorcycle barriers were erected in an attempt to stop the illegal use of bikes on the old colliery site.

Maintenance work has continued to be undertaken in the churchyard.

The Parish Council has obtained a community safety grant and work has now commenced in respect of the erection of barriers in order to restrict access to the old colliery site by off the road bikers. The noise nuisance and potential hazards caused by this illegal activity has been the main source of complaints received by the Parish Council from local people and we have reacted accordingly.

Attendance at Parish Council meetings during the year has been as follows: -

Out of a possible 10 meetings

M. Daykin	10
L. Henshaw	8
E. Goodwin	7
M. Treweek	6
B. Darby	3
G. Antcliff	3
A. Goodwin	2

Out of a possible 8 meetings

S. Plumb	4
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Out of a possible 7 meetings

J. Easden	5
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Matters Raised by 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.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 8:00pm.

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

Chair 16th May 2007