

Morton Parish Council

At meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 18th October 2006.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. A question was raised as to whether the planting of trees on both sides of Stretton Road had reduced the toxic levels in the land at all and the Clerk will raise this matter with the County Council and hopefully report back to the next meeting.

Police. There was no report as PC Small was not in attendance at the meeting and the police are currently encountering some difficulties in producing their normal monthly statistics.

District Council. Councillor Antcliff was not in attendance at the meeting.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting.

55/07 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mrs J. Easden and Mrs L. Henshaw.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 6 members of the public.

56/07 Apologies. Mr B. Darby and Mrs E. Goodwin.

57/07 Councillors Absent. Mr G. Antcliff and Mr D. Cotterill - County Councillor.

58/07 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

59/07 Non-Exempt Minutes - 20th September 2006.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2006.

60/07 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

61/07 Clerk of the Council's Report. 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; the likely timescale for the determination of priority locations for action is later in 2007.

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is still progressing with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and the next meeting is due to take place on the 22nd November 2007.

Parish Plan - good progress is being made and a meeting has been arranged for the 3rd November 2006 in order to draw up an action plan from the results of the consultation that has taken place; the County Council and the District Council will both be invited to send a representative to this meeting.

Bridge repairs - apparently the work has not yet been carried out and the Clerk will follow this up again with the County Council.

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

62/07 Matters for Decision. There is one vacancy on the Parish Council that can be co-opted to and a further one that is currently being advertised. Mr A. Southey has written to the Clerk in order to express his interest in becoming a Morton Parish Councillor and Mr W. Edson similarly wishes to be co-opted on to the Council.

RESOLVED that informal interviews will be held on the 3rd November in order to determine who should fill the vacancy that is currently available.

63/07 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - supply of school milk (April to July 06)	000891	79 . 95
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000892	50 . 00
HM Revenues & Customs - tax and NI	000893	914 . 01
Page Kirk - payroll fees to 30-6-06	000894	18 . 80
Mr P. Goodwin - clerk's expenses	000895	68 . 20
DCC - superannuation	000896	133 . 27

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th October 2006 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £28,435.26
Current Account £ 1,249.64

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

64/07 Planning. The following planning applications have now been approved :-

06/00900/FL - Proposed construction of garage extension at 4 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Mr T. Oldfield and Miss Spafford.

06/00894/FL - Proposed creation of new vehicular access at 34 Stretton Road, Morton, Alferton for Mr P. & Mrs J. Wheeldon.

65/07 DALC Circulars. Circular 34/2006 - General, 35/2006 - Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils' Evening (15th November 2006) and 36/2006 - Training.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **34/2006 - General, 35/2006 - Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Council's Evening (15th November 2006) and 36/2006 - Training.**

66/07 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. NEDDC has arranged a meeting at 6:30pm on the 19th October 2006 in the Council Chamber, Council House, Saltergate to give information to Parish Council's about the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 and also Street Scene Access.

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice has written to thank the Parish Council for the recent donation of £25 that was made to their organisation but also stressing the need for ongoing fundraising in order to meet their revenue costs.

A detailed response has been received from the District Council regarding the Parish Council's complaint about the length of time that it has taken to try and resolve the fly-tipping problems on Pilsley Road, Morton and this was made available for anyone to read.

Frances Watt, Arts Development Officer for Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council, has sent a copy of the Autumn edition of 'Arts Connections' and this is available for anyone to read.

The County Council has written in response to the Parish Council's Tree Warden's report about the Lime trees on the B6014 in Morton; the Highways Manager has arranged for the epicormic growth to be removed by their Technical Services Department as recommended in the report. Repairs will then be carried out to the footway where any damage has occurred but it is not intended to undertake any major works to the footway such as widening or re-routing because of the trees.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and the Clerk will attend the meeting with the District Council on the 19th October.

NEDDC has sent a copy of the North East Derbyshire Development Framework 'Recreation and Open Space' - Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Scoping Document and a questionnaire regarding the content of the document.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will complete the questionnaire on the Parish Council's behalf.

A letter has been received to confirm that SureStart information sessions are being held on the 18th and 31st October 2006 regarding phase 1 of the implementation of Children's Centres across the whole of Derbyshire.

RESOLVED that this information should be noted but it is not necessary for anyone to attend these sessions.

The East Midlands Regional Assembly has sent a copy of the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan that is now open to public consultation and any comments must be submitted by the 20th December 2006.

RESOLVED that the Chair will take this document to look through in the first instance before discussing it with other councillors; at the end of this process a decision will be made as to whether or not the Parish Council will submit any comments in this respect.

NEDDC has sent a copy of the North East Derbyshire Development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement (Submission Version) and a comments form is included for use if required; any comments must be submitted during the statutory 6 week consultation period which runs from Thursday 12th October 2006 to Thursday 23rd November 2006.

RESOLVED that the Chair will take this document and discuss it with other members if it is felt necessary to submit any comments to the District Council.

67/07 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin reported that the Village Hall Management Committee are still trying to reach agreement with Chris Milner regarding the possible purchase from him of a strip of land at the side of the Village Hall in order that a proper access for disabled people could be formed.

Church - Councillor Daykin stated that the Archdeacon is coming to talk to the Parochial Church Council regarding the fact that there is no Rector for Morton Church at the moment.

School - Councillor Daykin has met with the new Headteacher, Lyn Charles, who seems very enthusiastic and committed to local communities so hopefully the Parish Council's positive relationship with the school can continue and perhaps even improve.

Cricket Club – Councillor Treweek stated that the Cricket Club Annual Dinner had taken place on Saturday 14th October 2006 and this had been excellent.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - Councillor Henshaw attended the meeting on the 16th October and Inspector Trevor Durham confirmed that he would be leaving the Clay Cross Section at the end of this month; he will be replaced by Inspector Mark Bates. Apparently after 3 months non-attendance at Parish Council meetings by the local officer a letter needs to be sent to the Inspector and the clerk will now do this. At the same time the Inspector's support in writing will be requested for the proposed 'health' fun run next summer as part of the Carnival celebrations.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Daykin had attended the recent Partnership meeting on the Parish Council's behalf and amongst the items discussed were the additional £500,000 investment by NEDDC into the adaptations to disabled people's property, the anticipated completion of the new M1 Junction 29A slip road by November 2007, re-cycling proposals and the police 'Safer Neighbourhoods Team' briefing paper; a copy of this briefing paper will be distributed to all councillors. At the meeting Councillor Daykin had also raised the question as to why Morton never appeared to receive a fair allocation of resources from the District Council and the County Council across most of their service areas; there was no satisfactory outcome from this discussion and in that respect the meeting had not been at all helpful.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm



Chairman

13th December 2006