

# Morton Parish Council

At meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 17th January 2007.

## **Informal Session.**

**Items from members of the public.** Complaints were made about the poor state of the pit yard in the area that is occupied by Maun Motors and also the fact that the owner of 68 New Street has extended the boundary of his land onto the County Council's land. Councillor Cotterill will raise these issues with the District Council and the County Council respectively.

It was confirmed that there have been no objections to the proposed road race as part of this year's Carnival and the police will attend the event this year that is essential in order that the necessary insurance cover can be arranged. Once the details have been sent to the Clerk he will pass these on to the Council's insurance company, (Cornhill Insurance), in order that the appropriate cover is in place for the event.

**Police.** There was no verbal report as PC Small was not in attendance at the meeting but the Clerk distributed the crime statistics that are supplied on a monthly basis. The problem with off the road bikers has unfortunately started again and all local people should be encouraged to pass any relevant details on to the police wherever possible and in particular any vehicle registration numbers.

**District Council.** Councillor Cotterill was asked about the latest position in respect of the parking problems on Evershill Close, Morton and the details of this were reported and discussed under the Clerk's Report on the main agenda.

**County Council.** The flooding on Stretton Road was raised again and although the County Council are clearly aware of the problem, due to the 'flood' signs that are in place, it is not clear what action is being taken; this problem will be raised with the County Council again by Councillor Cotterill and the Clerk.

Councillor Cotterill was asked about the fly-tipping material that still remains on the land near to the old railway bridge on Higham Lane which has been there for well over a year now; the other waste that was dumped on land belonging to Railtrack has now been removed. Councillor Cotterill agreed to raise this matter again with Dennis Skinner MP as no action has been taken by either the District Council or the County Council in order to resolve the problem.

**81/07 Members Present.** Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs L. Henshaw, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mrs C.E. Kozlowski and Mr A. Southey.

Also in attendance were Mr D. Cotterill - County Councillor, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 6 members of the public.

**82/07 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby and Mr G. Antcliffe - District Councillor.

**83/07 Councillors Absent.** Mrs J. Easden.

**84/07 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

The Clerk reported that the result of the election called by Mr A. Southey, in respect of the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr A. Goodwin, is that Mr Southey has been elected to the position of Morton Parish Councillor unopposed.

**85/07 Non-Exempt Minutes - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

**86/07 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**87/07 Clerk of the Council's Report.** Fly tipping - the private landowners have now been identified and contacted by Ms S. Verovkins at the District Council but unfortunately their response is not positive and would suggest that no further progress will be made on this issue without further pressure from the District Council. There is now also some fly tipping at the bottom of the pit tip which UK Coal are aware of but this will also require some action by the County Council

Evershill Close - the outcome of the District Council's application for funding to the Government in respect of the management of Council properties is not known; however, Councillor Cotterill stated that if the application is successful, and subject to the consent of the people most directly affected by the proposed works, there should be no reason why this priority scheme cannot be completed during 2007/08.

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is now progressing well with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and the next meeting is due to take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007. When more information is available about the proposed scheme a letter will be sent to all residents on New Street informing them about what is being planned.

Parish Plan - the plan needs word processing before being sent to the printers and Mrs E. Goodwin will be approached to see if she is able to do this, as the person who was going to carry out the work is no longer in a position to do so.

Bridge repairs - the Community Services have put the handrails back in position but these now need permanently fixing by the County Council and/or the district Council.

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

**88/07 Matters for Decision.** None.

**89/07 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr P. Goodwin - clerk's expenses	000907	33 . 68
Audit Commission - audit fee 2005/06	000908	293 . 75
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000909	50 . 00
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins (Oct.-Dec.06)	000910	292 . 58
DCC - superannuation	000911	133 . 27
HM Revenues & Customs - tax and NI	000912	914 . 01

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th January 2007 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £23,559.22  
Current Account £ 2,302.84

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

**90/07 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning application :-

**06/01383/OL** - Proposed outline application for the erection of two dwellings (siting and means of access not reserved) at land immediately adjacent to 1 The Laurels, Station Road, Morton, Alfreton for Mr J.W. Farley.

**The following planning applications have now been approved :-**

**06/01130/FL** - Proposed resubmission application for the retention of one single storey dwelling (with rooms in the roof space) as approved under NED/03/00562RM (with amended position of vehicular access) including modification and conversion of existing outbuilding to form ancillary gym at land to the rear (Amended Title) (Amended Details) at 26 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton, for Mr D. Mowbray.

**06/01265/FL** – Proposed construction of first floor extensions to rear/alterations to existing building and installation of external staircase to rear at Morton Post Office, 92 Main Road, Morton, Alfreton for Mr Frank Howie.

**91/07 DALC Circulars.** Circulars **41/2006** - Training, **42/2006** - General and **01/2007** - Index.

**RESOLVED** to note the information contained in Circulars **41/2006** - Training and **42/2006** - General.

**92/07 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Derbyshire County Council has sent a copy of Derbyshire's Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2006 to 2011 which is open to consultation until the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007; comments can be submitted by using the freepost questionnaire at the back of the leaflets provided or on line at :- [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/consultation](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/consultation).

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**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above and to make the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2006 to 2011 questionnaires readily available for completion.

The Chief Executive of Derbyshire County Council has written to all Parish Councils asking for their support in opposing the Government's proposals to reorganise the Probation Service; this is similar to the recent campaign against the regionalisation of local police forces and in essence it means that the current local service would disappear and be replaced by a regional commissioning regime.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will support any campaign against the proposal to move away from the provision of a local Probation Service.

**93/07 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - Councillor Daykin reported that the Architect's drawings have not yet been received but as soon as they are discussion will take place with the landowner again, Chris Milner, with regard to using a small strip of his land to enable a proper access to the Village Hall for disabled people to be created.

**Church** - Councillor McCullough stated that the Rector, the Reverend Mary Jacques, will be licensed on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and a reception service will be held afterwards.

**School** - Councillor Edson reported that the Friends of Morton Primary School are trying to purchase some audio-visual equipment for the school and any grant applications in respect of this scheme need to be submitted in writing and sent to the clerk.

**Cricket Club** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

**Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group** - Councillor Henshaw had attended the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and the new Inspector confirmed then that there should be a police officer present at each Parish Council meeting. If this is not the case in February then this ongoing problem will be reported to the Inspector again.

**South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership** - Councillor Daykin stated that in future Councillor Southey would represent the Parish Council at these meetings the next of which is due to take place sometime during February.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm

**Chairman**

21st February 2007

