

Morton Parish Council

At meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 21st February 2007.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. A question was raised regarding the possibility of a good standard hard surfaced trail being introduced between Morton and Stonebroom; this would be particularly helpful in respect of people attending the Doctor's Surgery and also for encouraging exercise and less use of motor vehicles for relatively short journeys. The Clerk will write to the County Council to arrange a site meeting of the relevant parties in order that all appropriate routes can be considered in detail.

Police. The police were not in attendance at the meeting but the Clerk circulated the crime figures for January that showed that there was just one recorded crime in Morton during the month. The problems with off the road bikers on the old pit tip are increasing again and Councillor Southey is in consultation with the County Council's rangers in order to look at how this situation can be improved upon further.

District Council. Councillor Cotterill had nothing further to report from the District Council at the moment.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill reported that a County Council 'warning cone' had been found as the cause of the blockage in the drain on Stretton Road that has resulted in the severe flooding of the road since last October. This matter will be followed up again with the County Council in order to try and ascertain when this problem is likely to be resolved.

The County Council has contacted the Sitwell Arms and their temporary advertising sign on the 'triangle' of land adjacent to the Village Hall has now been removed.

The County Council has looked at the complaint regarding the owner of the house on New Street who has reportedly extended his boundary onto County Council and this appears to be the case; this will now be followed up and steps taken to ensure that the proper boundary is reinstated.

94/07 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, 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 2 members of the public.

95/07 Apologies. Mr B. Darby.

96/07 Councillors Absent. Mrs J. Easden.

97/07 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

98/07 Non-Exempt Minutes - 17th January 2007.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2007.

99/07 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

100/07 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. In respect of the recent fly tipping in the Village the local offender has been identified and a prosecution is now taking place.

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. Councillor Cotterill was asked to report back on this issue at the March Parish council meeting.

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is still in progress with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council; the next project meeting is being held on Thursday 23rd February 2007 at 6:00pm in the Rectory Rooms.

Parish Plan - the plan has now been given to someone else to word process, put into an appropriate format and print sufficient copies for the local community; this should be completed within the next month or so.

Bridge repairs - this work has still not been carried out and the Clerk will follow this up with the County Council as a matter of urgency.

Parish Council Website - this has now lapsed and a small fee in the region of £25 would be needed to register the site again. It was agreed to reinstate the site and any information for posting should be sent to Andie Goodwin who originally set it up. Once this is established it will be possible to have a static page linked to the District Council's website.

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

101/07 Matters for Decision.

a). Toxic waste site. A discussion took place regarding the work that is needed in order to ascertain what is happening in terms of the pollution of land and watercourses; tasks for individuals were allocated with Councillor Henshaw taking an overall lead on the subject.

RESOLVED that expenditure in the region of up to £2,000 is authorised in order that the appropriate expertise can be purchased from outside agencies where necessary.

b). St. John Ambulance. A request for financial assistance has been received either in the form of fund raising or a donation.

RESOLVED that this request should be noted but no grant is to be paid at the moment.

102/07 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wages for January, February and March	-	1,235 . 04
NEDDC - supply of school milk (Sept.-Dec.06)	000913	92 . 40
DCC - superannuation	000914	133 . 27
Mrs E.R.Goodwin - 240 newsletters	000915	240 . 00
Friends of Morton Primary School - grant	000916	180 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 21st February 2007 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £23,559.22
Current Account £ 1,657.17

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

103/07 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

07/00065/FL - Proposed construction of a two lane practice net cage within a palisade fenced compound at Cricket Ground, Back Lane, Morton, Alfreton for Morton Colliery Cricket Club.

The following planning application has now been granted :-

06/01380/FL - Proposed construction of two-storey side extension and canopy to front at 17 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton for Mr and Mrs B. Britland.

The following planning applications have now been refused :-

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.

06/01326/FL - Proposed construction of a two-storey side extension/single storey side extension/single storey rear extension/front porch and a detached garage (Revised scheme of NED/06/00082/FL) at 16 Sitwell Villas, Morton, Alfreton for Mr C. Northedge.

06/01409/FL - Proposed erection of single storey extensions at Springwell Cottage, Pilsley Road, Morton, Alfreton for Mr & Mrs Hadfield.

104/07 DALC Circulars. Circulars **02/2007** and **04/2007** - General and **03/2007** - Keeping of Documents.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **02/2007** and **03/2007**.

105/07 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The District Council has sent a copy of a consultation paper on the proposed Revised Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members; any comments are needed as soon as possible as the District Council has to co-ordinate a response to the Department of Communities and Local Government.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above but no comments are to be submitted in respect of the consultation paper on the proposed Revised Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.

The District Council has arranged a meeting with Parish and Town Councils on Saturday 17th March 2007 from 10:00am to 3:00pm with three representatives from each Council able to attend.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Councillors will not be attending this meeting due to the fact that it is all day on a Saturday. Alternative times that are more suitable to this Council have been submitted to the District Council for their consideration.

Derbyshire County Council has sent a copy of the Derby and Derbyshire Waste Sites Development Plan Document and in particular details of more possible sites for new waste management development; the preferred method of response is by using the form on the County Council's website by the 30th March 2007 at the latest. As this is not a statutory consultation, comments will preferably be in the form of helpful information, advice and/or expressions of concern rather than formal objections or representations by statutory bodies.

RESOLVED that the consultation document will be distributed amongst councillors and anyone not able to respond by the preferred method should contact the Clerk who will arrange for their comments to be submitted.

106/07 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin reported that the drawings for the proposed ramped access have now been completed and it was agreed that as the owners, the Parish Council would meet the cost of this work. During the meeting Mr Chris Milner, the owner of the adjacent land, called into the meeting with a letter detailing the conditions upon which he would agree to 'gift' the small strip of land required for this work to be carried out, to the Parish Council. The Clerk will write to the Parish Council's Solicitors in order that this process can now be started and one of the conditions is that this Council meets the cost of all the legal fees that are incurred to enable the transfer of this land.

Church - Councillor McCullough stated that the new Parish Priest, the Reverend Mary Jacques, would soon now be in place.

School - Councillor Edson reported that the Friends of Morton Primary School are trying to purchase some audiovisual equipment and a letter was presented requesting a grant of £180 towards the cost of this equipment, which was unanimously agreed.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - Councillor Henshaw reported that the next meeting is due to take place on Monday 16th April 2007.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Southey will represent the Parish Council at the next meeting that is due to take place on Wednesday 21st February 2007.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M A Daykin', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Chairman

14th March 2007