

# Morton Parish Council

At meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 18th April 2007.

## **Informal Session.**

### **Items from members of the public.**

**Police.** PC Cathie Copestake introduced herself to everyone present and gave an outline of her role and the area that she covers. There are problems again with off the road bikers and PC Copestake stated that there would be a co-ordinated effort between the police and the countryside ranger's service in order to try and apprehend some of the main culprits in this area.

PC Copestake was also made aware of the concerns of some local residents regarding a planned 'bikers event' at the Sitwell Arms this summer that will include a barbecue and a discotheque; PC Copestake kindly offered to make some discreet enquiries in this respect and report back to the next meeting.

PC Copestake was thanked for her attendance at the meeting and left at this point.

**District Council.** There was no report as Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting. However, it was agreed that the District Council should be approached for support to assist local residents in organising a 'Village litter-picking event' and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**County Council.** There was no report as Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting.

**120/07 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 P. Goodwin - Clerk, PC Cathie Copestake and 5 members of the public.

**121/07 Apologies.** Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby and Mr D. Cotterill - County Councillor.

**122/07 Councillors Absent.** Mrs J. Easden.

**123/07 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.



**124/07 Non-Exempt Minutes - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

**125/07 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**126/07 Clerk of the Council's Report.** Fly tipping - there has been some further fly-tipping in the Village and this will be reported to the District Council in order that they can try and improve the situation.

Evershill Close - a site meeting including the District Council, County Council, Parish Council and local residents is still to be arranged in order that consideration can be given to the best way forward in respect of this ongoing problem of access and a lack of road space for all the vehicles to park. It was suggested that the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007 was sufficiently beyond the elections on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 to be a realistic target date for the meeting and the Clerk will now report this back to the District Council and ask them to arrange for all the relevant parties to be represented at the meeting i.e. police, other emergency services and Highways Authority; when this date has been confirmed all of the residents on Evershill Close will be informed about the date and time of the 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 6:00pm in the Rectory Rooms.

Parish Plan - this should be completed and ready for distribution by the time of the next Parish Council meeting.

Bridge repairs - this work is due to be completed by the end of May or early June 2007.

Parish Council Website - the Clerk has sent copies of the minutes and Parish Council contact details to Mr A. Goodwin and these are now on the website. However, he has still not received any further information from anyone else.

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

**127/07 Matters for Decision.**

**a). Toxic waste site.** The request for information from the County Council has now been answered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The non-statutory public inquiry report that was produced in 1981 runs into many thousands of pages and if access to this document is required an appointment to visit County Hall will have to be made together with details of more specific information that is required. However, the County Council has sent a copy of the report of the Tribunal held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1981 together with a copy of the report in respect of the water sample that was taken from Morton tip on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**RESOLVED** that the information received will be kept by Councillor Henshaw who is co-ordinating the work around this particular project.



**128/07 Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Neil Shacklock Limited - service boiler and cooker	000922	75 . 91
DCC - legal fees for lease of land	000923	350 . 00
DCC - superannuation	000924	133 . 27
Inland Revenue - tax & NI Jan. to March 2007	000925	913 . 97
DALC - annual subscription	000926	233 . 43
Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC - annual premium	000927	1,583 . 27
NEDDC - replace 2 flat seats (Bacchus Way)	000928	116 . 40

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£18,559.22
Current Account	£ 2,381.74

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

**129/07 Planning.** The following planning applications have now been granted :-

**07/00056/FL** - Proposed extension to increase size of garage and extension to and conversion of roofspace to form guest room at Pine Lodge, Back Lane, Morton, Alferton for Mr & Mrs Guest.

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

**130/07 DALC Circulars.** None.

**131/07 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. North East Derbyshire District Council has sent a copy of the recent independent playground inspection reports for the Bacchus Way and New Street play areas. There is no urgent work to be carried out although in respect of the New Street play area some risk has been identified with the Playdale Junior Multi Unit; however, although the equipment does not meet the requirements of European Standards EN1176 and EN1177 it was installed prior to the introduction of these standards and it did meet the requirements of the previous British Standards BS5696. Compliance with the standards is not a legal requirement but does represent good practice in the event of an accident claim.

NEDDC has sent a copy of a Contractor Licence for the use of Ordnance Survey Data that is needed in order that Selwyn Gough can gain access to the appropriate maps that will enable him to audit the predominant trees within Morton Parish. The Ordnance Survey Licence Agreement must be signed by a representative of the Parish Council and the Clerk has therefore signed the document and returned it to the District Council.

The signed lease in respect of the piece of land off New Street, Morton has been received from the County Council.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence but no action is currently to be taken in respect of the independent playground inspection.

NEDDC and Rykneld Homes have sent information regarding the introduction of the new Choice Based Lettings allocation system and have asked if this Council is interested in receiving further information about this.

**RESOLVED** that further information in respect of the Choice Based Lettings allocation system should not be requested at the moment.

NEDDC has sent a copy of their Draft Gender Equality Scheme and any comments about this need to be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

**RESOLVED** to note the Draft Gender Equality Scheme but no comments are to be submitted to the District Council.

NEDDC has sent a copy of their 'Affordable Housing' Supplementary Planning Document and any comments or suggestions about this need to be submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

**RESOLVED** to note the 'Affordable Housing' Supplementary Planning Document but no comments or suggestions are to be submitted to the District Council at the moment.

Following a recent serious injury to a football player that was incurred during a game on the Parish Council's land at the rear of the Morton Miner's Welfare, it has become apparent that an ambulance cannot access the playing area in order to deal with this type of situation. The Live & Let Live F.C. has written to ask if it would be possible to lay a sufficiently good surface along both Red lane and the public footpath approaching the field in order to prevent this problem from arising again.

**RESOLVED** to inform the Live & Let Live F.C. that the Parish Council will take this matter up with the County Council but in the short term the only solution is to switch any home games to the smaller pitch off New Street.

#### **132/07 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - Councillor Daykin stated that progress towards the transfer of the small strip of land required to enable the creation of a proper access for disabled people from Chris Milner to the Parish Council is now underway; the Clerk will ascertain the exact position from Glossops Solicitors as soon as possible.

**Church** - There is an issue relating to the collection of both the black and green bins from the Church and the Clerk will follow this problem up with the District Council.

**School** - Nothing further to report at the moment.

**Cricket Club** - It was agreed that Councillor Southey would be the Parish Council link with the football Club now that Councillor Treweek has stood down from the Parish Council with effect from the election day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007.


**Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group** - Councillor Edson attended the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> April as Councillor Henshaw was on holiday. There were no new major issues raised at the meeting although Councillor Edson did manage to ascertain that Inspector Mark Bates is not due to leave the Clay Cross Section at the moment.

**South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership** - The date of the next meeting has not yet been fixed.

**DALC** - Councillor Daykin has received a copy of the summary of recommendations from the Lyons Inquiry into Local Government - Final Report and a copy of this will be made available to each councillor.

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm



**Chairman**

16th May 2007