

Morton Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 16th May 2007.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. There were no issues raised as these had been discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting that had immediately preceded this meeting.

Police. After the meeting the Clerk had received an e-mail from P.C. Cathie Copestake stating that there had been 3 crimes during April and these were 3 thefts from sheds and one theft from a motor vehicle. There are ongoing difficulties with off the road bikers on the old pit tip in Morton and hopefully a concerted effort will be made in the near future by all of the relevant agencies in order to try and address this longstanding problem.

District Council. There was no report as none of the 3 District Councillors were in attendance at the meeting. Councillor Cotterill agreed to pass the Clerk's contact details onto his three colleagues at the District Council and once they have made contact with him they will be given details of the planned dates for the Parish Council meetings throughout the rest of the year.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill reported that an officer from the County Council has been to look at the property at the end of New Street where it is alleged that the occupier had encroached his boundary onto County Council land; the outcome of this investigation is not yet known.

1/08 Members Present. Mrs M. Daykin, Mrs M. Treweek, Mr B. Darby, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mrs C.E. Kozlowski and Mr A. Southey.

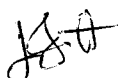
Also in attendance were Mr D. Cotterill - County Councillor, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 7 members of the public.

2/08 Apologies. Mrs L. Henshaw and P.C. Cathie Copestake (message giving apologies for not being able to attend was left on the Clerk's mobile phone which was switched off during the meeting).

3/08 Councillors Absent. None.

4/08 Election of Chair for the year 2007/08. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs M. Daykin was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2007/08.

RESOLVED that as there were no further nominations received for the position Councillor Mrs M. Daykin was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.



5/08 Election of Vice-Chair for the year 2007/08. Mrs Daykin asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year. Councillor Mrs L. Henshaw was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2007/08.

RESOLVED that as there were no further nominations received for the position Councillor Mrs L. Henshaw was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

6/08 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

The members present signed both the declaration of acceptance of office forms and the register of members interests forms and all of the signatures were witnessed.

7/08 Non-Exempt Minutes - 18th April 2007.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April 2007.

8/08 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

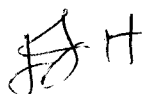
9/08 Clerk of the Council's Report. Fly tipping - this matter is now being pursued with the private landowners by Ms S. Verovkins at the District Council and she will be following this up in the near future if an acceptable response has not been received. In respect of the latest problem at the rear of the small new housing development off Main Road photographs have been sent to the District Council and costings for a joint plan of action between the District Council and the Parish Council is being worked upon.

Evershill Close - a site meeting including the District Council, County Council, Parish Council and local residents is being arranged for the 30th May 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. The Clerk will follow this up with the District Council as a matter of urgency as the planned meeting date is now only a couple of weeks away

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is still in progress with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and possible bids for grant assistance towards the scheme are now being explored.

Parish Plan - this should be completed and ready for distribution within the next two weeks with an executive summary available for wider distribution shortly afterwards.

Bridge repairs - it was pleasing to report that this work has now been completed.



Parish Council Website - the Clerk has sent copies of the minutes and Parish Council contact details to Mr A. Goodwin and he is currently working on setting the site up again. 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.

10/08 Matters for Decision.

a). **Toxic waste site.** Councillor Henshaw was not in attendance at the meeting and as she is taking a lead on this issue there is nothing further to report at the moment.

RESOLVED that Councillor Henshaw is to be asked to give an update report at the next Parish Council meeting on the 20th June 2007.

b). **Litter picking around the Village.** No progress has been made in respect of organising a date for this event but interest is gathering and a lot of the information required has now been received.

RESOLVED that Councillor Edson keeps the Council informed of any press and the date of the litter pick once this is known.

c). **Morton Carnival Committee - request for financial assistance.** The Carnival will take place again this summer and a request for an increase in the amount of grant made has been received; the grant in 2006 was £500.

RESOLVED that a grant of £750 should be made towards this year's Carnival. Councillor Southey asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he did not agree with this increase in the amount of grant made to the Carnival Committee.

d). **Vitalise - request for financial assistance.** This voluntary group provides vital care breaks for disabled people and their carers; in 2006 256 weeks of breaks were provided for people from Derbyshire at a subsidy cost of £359 per week.

RESOLVED that the request is noted but no grant is to be made primarily because there is no direct evidence of the possible benefit to anyone in Morton at the moment.

e). **Home-Start Family Group - request for financial assistance.** This voluntary group provides volunteers who offer support, friendship and practical help to families with at least one child under five who are experiencing stress and difficulties.

RESOLVED that a grant is not to be made to Home-Start on this occasion.

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11/08 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wages for April, May and June	-	1,235 . 55
NEDDC - supply of school milk (Jan-March 07)	000929	56 . 60
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000930	133 . 27
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000931	42 . 63

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 16th May 2007 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £30,659.97
Current Account £ 4,306.73

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

12/08 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

07/00422/OL - Proposed outline application for the erection of one dwelling (siting and means of access not reserved) (revised scheme to NED/06/01383/OL) at land adjacent to 1 The Laurels, Station Road, Morton, Alfreton for Mr J.W. Farley.

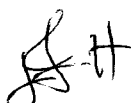
13/08 DALC Circulars. Nominations for the DALC Executive Committee (2007 to 2011) are required by Friday 29th June 2007. Nominations are also required for one Parish Council representative and one substitute Member to serve on the District of North East Derbyshire Standards Committee and these must be at the DALC Office by noon on Friday 22nd June 2007.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **10/2007** - Model Contract of Employment Revisions, **11/2007** - Training - Summer/Autumn 2007, **12/2007** - General Circular, **13/2007** - Satellite Navigation Systems and **14/2007** - Election for Executive Committee and that this Council is not nominating anyone to serve on either of these bodies.

14/08 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

A copy of The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI No. 1159) has been received and is available for all councillors to read as this will apply to all councillors in England with effect from the 3rd May 2007.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence received and that this Council adopts the Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI No. 1159) including paragraph 12(2) which gives members with a prejudicial interest the same rights as members of the public to speak at a meeting on the issue and then leave before the main discussion and vote. A copy of the Model Code of Conduct will be distributed to all members of this Council.



15/08 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - Councillor Daykin presented a copy of a bill for £135 that the Management Committee had paid in respect of the planning application for the ramp to provide a proper access for disabled people to the Village Hall.

Church - The issue regarding the refuse bin and the re-cycling bin has now been resolved and the Church have both of these with no charge being made for the collection of either of them.

School - A request for financial assistance towards a piece of equipment has been received and the Clerk advised that this cannot be done as this would be one statutory body giving funds directly to another statutory body who will already have received a budget for this type of expenditure. The Clerk will speak to the Headteacher to regarding the role and responsibilities of the Parish Council for future reference and the benefit of both parties.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - The next meeting is due to take place in July.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting is not due to take place until later this year and following the recent meeting of the District Council and Parish Councils the role and format of the Partnerships is to be reviewed.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received and to approve the reimbursement of £135 to the VHMC for the planning application fee that they have paid..

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

20th June 2007

J. Henslow