

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 11th July 2007.

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. The footbridge over the brook, which forms the boundary between Morton Parish Council and Shirland and Higham Parish Council, is in urgent need of repair and the Clerk will report this to the County Council.

The hedge around the bus stop near the Corner Pin Public House is overgrown and it is now affecting the visibility of the people waiting at the bus stop; this will also be reported to the County Council.

Some work has been carried out to clear the gulleys near the back of the 5 new houses on Station Road where the pavement and road was covered in silt but it is felt that further work is required to clean out the drainage that runs adjacent to the highway.

Police. PCSO Gary Green gave a report on the crime figures during the past month and regrettably there had been one incident of violence included within these. There have been two mini-mopeds seized recently and the police ensured that the skip that was causing a potential hazard on Main Road, Morton was removed before an accident occurred. It was reported that youngsters are congregating late at night around the play area on Bacchus Way, drinking alcohol and using abusive language. This was noted for future action by PCSO Gary Green.

A request was made for a speed camera warning sign to be erected at the approach to the Village from both Tibshelf and the A61; it was agreed that this issue would be raised at the police consultative committee meeting that is due to take place on the 18th July 2007.

Before he left the meeting PCSO Green was thanked for his attendance and also the excellent work that he and his colleagues are now carrying out in and around the Village.

District Council. Councillor Cooper attended the latter part of the meeting but there was nothing new to report at the moment.

County Council. There was no report as Councillor Cotterill was not in attendance at the meeting. The issue concerning the encroachment onto County Council land by the owner of 68 New Street was raised again and the Clerk will attempt to find out what the latest situation is in this respect.

29/08 Members Present. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mrs C.E. Kozlowski, Mr A. Southey, Mrs G. Dyer, Mr C. Parkin and Mrs B. Roe.
Also in attendance were Mr A. Cooper - District Councillor (latter part of the meeting), Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 3 members of the public.

30/08 **Apologies.** Mrs L. Henshaw.

31/08 **Councillors Absent.** Mr D. Cotterill - County Councillor and Mrs A. Holmes - District Councillor.

32/08 **Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

33/08 **Non-Exempt Minutes - 20th June 2007.**

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2007 subject to cheque no. 000942 (grant to NEDDC Chair's appeal) being amended to read £25.00 and not £250.00.

34/08 **Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

35/08 **Clerk of the Council's Report.** Fly tipping - this matter was now being pursued with the private landowners by Ms S. Verovkins at the District Council; the Clerk will follow this up again and it was agreed that some photographs depicting the severity of the problem will be supplied in order to try and ensure that some further action is taken.

Evershill Close - a progress report is due to be issued at the end of July and a decision will be taken at the September meeting to decide what further action is necessary at that point if a clear way forward to resolve this longstanding problem is not in place.

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is still in progress with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council; there was a project meeting on the 5th July 2007 and work on preparing grant applications will hopefully commence in September. In the meantime the area will be examined in order to determine the best exact location for the activities area.

Parish Plan - the Clerk was asked to send a copy of the Parish Plan to John Harrop, retired Headteacher from Morton Primary School, for his help with proof reading the document; a copy will also be sent to the District Council and the County Council for their information.

Parish Council Website - the Clerk has sent copies of the minutes and Parish Council contact details to Mr A. Goodwin now that the site has been set up again. However, he still needs further information about the Village to put on the website.

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

36/08 Matters for Decision.

a). **Children's Summer Activities.** A request has been received for assistance towards the cost of a variety of activities for children and young people in the Village during the summer holidays.

RESOLVED that a grant of £2,000 should be made towards this range of activities for all children and young people in Morton who wish to attend.

37/08 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Morton PCC - grant in lieu of room hire	000945	100 . 00
J.S. Marriott & Co Accountants - audit fee	000946	319 . 00
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000947	133 . 27

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th July 2007 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £27,803.36
Current Account £ 1,138.92

The District Auditor has written to confirm that the date of this year's audit is the 31st July 2007; the Clerk has completed the audit return and John Marriott, Internal Auditor, has also signed off the section of the return that is relevant to his review of the records. Notices have been appropriately displayed informing local people of the availability of the accounts for inspection but of course the account book is available for anyone to read at every Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED that the accounts are unanimously approved and the Chair and the Clerk duly signed the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2007 to confirm this. The payments listed above were authorised and the current level of balances noted together with the date of the external audit.

38/08 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

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

07/00615/FL - Proposed construction of a disabled access ramp and single storey front extension and other alterations (Conservation Area/within 50m of a listed building) at Morton Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, Alfreton c/o Mr Gough.



39/08 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in General Circular **17/2007**.

40/08 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Scott Wilson Ltd., on behalf of NEDDC, has sent a copy of the Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Developer contributions under S.106, Town and Country Planning Act 1990 together with a Sustainable Appraisal Report. Any comments on these documents need to be submitted on the Representation Form supplied.

RESOLVED that this document is noted but that no comments need to be submitted from this Council.

41/08 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - The Clerk has re-submitted all of the relevant information to the solicitor as the first copy was lost somewhere in transmission following their accommodation move and he will follow this up with them during August. Once completed the Parish Council will be the legal owner of the small strip of land next to the Village Hall, (on the Morton Manor side), and a proper ramped access for disabled people will be created. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr C. Milner for his generous offer to donate the strip of land to the Parish Council free of charge.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment.

School - A number of designs have been received from pupils at the school in respect of the ant-litter campaign that is being planned; the winning design was selected on a straight majority vote.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - The next meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 18th July 2007.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting is due to take place sometime in the autumn.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

17th September 2007

