

Morton Parish Council

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

Informal Session.

Items from members of the public. It was reported that the hedge on Main Road below the school is overgrown again and the Parish Council's contractor will cut this back as soon as possible.

When the blue box glass collection is made there are quite often pieces of broken glass left behind; Councillor Cooper and Councillor Holmes will raise this problem with the District Council.

Police. PCSO Gary Green reported that the crime figures for Morton are fairly stable and at a relatively low level. However, there has been a recent spate of thefts of lead and copper throughout the area and this has affected Morton. There are a number of under age young people drinking within the Village at night and any information regarding this problem should be passed on to the police as a matter of urgency.

PCSO Green was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

District Council. Councillor Cooper and Councillor Holmes had nothing new to report to the meeting.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill stated that a proposal was being put forward to replace some of the 'A' frames that were installed to stop off the road bikers accessing the old colliery site and causing a nuisance to local people as well as a potential risk; although the problem has not been removed altogether the current situation is now much better. The Clerk will contact Angela Stanfield at the County Council in order to make it clear that the Parish Council would not be able to support any proposal that increases the likelihood that more of the road bikers would return.

42/08 **Members Present.** Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mrs C.E. Kozlowski, Mrs G. Dyer and Mr C. Parkin.

Also in attendance were Mr A. Cooper and Mrs A. Holmes - District Councillors, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 6 members of the public.

43/08 **Apologies.** Mrs L. Henshaw, Mrs B. Roe and Mr A. Southey.

44/08 **Councillors Absent.** None.



45/08 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

46/08 Non-Exempt Minutes - 11th July 2007.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2007.

47/08 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

48/08 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.

Evershill Close - The Deputy Chief Executive of NEDDC has written to say that there is no short term prospect of addressing any of the parking problems on Evershill Close; this is because neither the District Council or Rykneld Homes are currently able to commit financial or staffing resources to the extensive task of prioritising parking problems on estates across the District or to the costing of options that may resolve these. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council expressing the Parish Council's extreme disappointment at this situation; also, to ask why the review was carried out when no resources were available to support its recommendations, will a further review be needed because of the length of time that has now elapsed and what was the approximate cost of the initial review? The Clerk will write to seek permission for the Parish Council to employ a contractor to remove the bollards, drop the kerb and tarmac part of the area in order to provide some relief for pressure on available parking space at this location. Local residents were advised by the Chair of the Council to write to their local MP if they are not satisfied with the response from the District Council as the Parish Council has pursued this matter with them as far as it can.

Multi-Activities Area - work on this project is still in progress with the assistance of Susan Brighthouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council; the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Susan for all of the hard work that she and her colleagues have put into this project so far. The last meeting took place on the 13th September and hopefully in the near future a funding application will be drawn together for the proposals. The possibility of a 5-a-side football area with changing rooms was raised and the Clerk will now write a letter for distribution to all of the residents on New Street asking for their opinions on the proposals; these would also include lighting of the whole area and some improvements to the car parking situation.

Parish Plan - this has now been completed and distributed throughout the Village; an update will be needed in approximately 6 months time in order that people can see where any progress is being made.

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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.

49/08 **Matters for Decision.**

a). **Victim Support Derbyshire - Request for financial Assistance.** This voluntary organisation has written to ask for a grant towards their work in supporting the victims of crime across Derbyshire.

RESOLVED that a grant of £25 should be made to this worthwhile charitable organisation.

50/08 **Finance.** The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wages for July, August and September	-	1,235 . 55
Inland Revenue - tax and NI April to June 2007	-	506 . 65
Powrie-Smith - professional fees	000948	811 . 92
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000949	133 . 27
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000950	150 . 00
Page Kirk - payroll and year end fees	000951	43 . 48
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000952	269 . 17
NEDDC - supply of school milk	000953	67 . 60
J.M. Nicholas - licence fee (pit wheels land)	000954	5 . 00
Peter Harkins Services – repairs to guttering	000955	68 . 00
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	000956	133 . 27
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	000957	50 . 00
Victim Support Derbyshire - grant	000958	25 . 00
Express Coaching Services - summer activities	000959	1,830 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	000960	45 . 97

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th September 2007 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£34,803.36
Current Account	£ 2,109.54

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

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The Parish Council's Internal Auditor, John Marriott, has sent a copy of the schedule of audit work for the attention of the Internal Audit working party; if there are any other areas that, in the opinion of the working party require attention in the audit, details of these need to be sent to John Marriott in order that he can prepare a work plan to cover them in detail.

RESOLVED that no additional areas of work need to be covered by the internal Auditor at the moment..

51/08 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

07/00772/FL - Proposed conversion of former meeting house to a single dwelling (Conservation Area) (Amended Plan) at 1 Stretton Road, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Melanie Barratt.

The following planning applications have now been granted :-

07/00410/FL - Proposed construction of a two storey side and rear extension/single storey rear extension/front porch and a detached garage (Revised Scheme of NED/06/01326/FL) at 16 Sitwell Villas, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Mr C. Northedge.

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, Alferton c/o Mr Gough.

07/00685/FL - Proposed construction of two storey rear extension and creation of vehicular access (Amended Plan) (Amended Title) at 1 Sitwell Villas, Morton, Alferton Derbyshire for Ms S. Bramley.

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, Alferton for Mr J.W. Farley.

07/00772/FL - Proposed conversion of former meeting house to a single dwelling (Conservation Area) (Amended Plan) at 1 Stretton Road, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Melanie Barratt.

The Clerk will follow up with the District Council the lack of any details about the proposed parking arrangements for this property as if vehicles are parked on the road directly outside this will cause an accident risk which is a view also shared by the police.

52/08 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in General Circulars **19, 21, 23/2007, 18/2007** - Clerks Training Winter 2007, **20/2007** - Revenue & Customs Advice Team, **22/2007** - Clerks and Councillors Training Winter 2007 and **24/2007** - DALC President 2007-08.

53/08 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The minutes of the Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group have been received together with an agenda for the next meeting that is due to take place on Monday October 15th 2007. The District Council is organising a second major event with Parish/Town Councils on issues of mutual interest (Streetscene). The meeting will be held on the 19th September and will cover Neighbourhood Partnerships, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, Grounds Maintenance arrangements and the Development of the District's Children's Play Strategy to secure Big Lottery Funding. In respect of the proposals for changes to the grounds maintenance arrangement, if approved this would result in an increase in the gross cost to Morton Parish Council from £663 in 2007/08 to £1,579 in 2010/11.

RESOLVED that due to the importance of the issue the Clerk should attend the meeting with the District Council and he will report back to the October Parish Council meeting.

The County Council has written to confirm that for various safety and access issues it would not be possible to put a signal controlled crossing point near to the current Morton Primary School crossing point. However, a capital bid is being put forward in the 2008/09 financial year to improve the existing crossing point.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the County Council again around November 2007 in order to ascertain if the bid for capital funding has been successful.

The Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee is now consulting on the Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan Document (Aggregates Preferred Options Consultation Stage) and also the Sustainability Appraisal reports that have been prepared. Any comments need to be submitted by Friday the 12th October 2007. Copies of all the relevant documents can be found on the County Council's website or they can be obtained by ringing Call Derbyshire on 08456 058058.

RESOLVED that this information is noted but that no comments need to be submitted by this Council at the moment.

NEDDC has written to confirm that under the Representation of the People Act 1983 it is required to complete a full review of all polling districts and polling places by the end of 2007. Prior to the new requirements being introduced the District Council had a policy of fully reviewing electoral arrangements as an ongoing exercise before major elections. For that reason, it has been agreed that the general principle underpinning this review is that of minimal change. Within our Parish the site designated for these purposes is Morton Primary School; where possible appropriate alternative locations will be identified as part of this process.

RESOLVED to note this information and to suggest to the District Council that the Rectory Rooms are suggested as a possible reserve venue in case the school is not available for any reason; comments need to be submitted before the deadline which is the 25th September.



54/08 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - The Clerk stated that planning permission for the construction of a disabled access ramp and a single storey front extension and other alterations has now been granted and the architects are preparing an application for the approval of building regulations; the estimated price for this, and the remainder of the work to be carried out by the Architects is £2,700. Throughout the project this needs to be agreed by the Parish Council and the VHMC in order that we can ensure that sufficient funds are available at each stage of the project and that potential grant applications are not jeopardised by this work being completed and paid for in advance of the grants being approved.

Church - There has been as recent sponsored bike ride in the Village and the Bishop of Derby and the High Sheriff of Derbyshire both attended this followed by a breakfast in the Village Hall that was extremely well received.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Cricket Club - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group - The next meeting is due to take place on Monday 15th October 2007.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting is due to take place until later this year.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

Chairman 17th October 2007

