Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Rectory Rooms, Morton on the 21st May 2008.

Present. Councillors Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E. McCullough, Mrs B. Roe, Mr W. Edson and Mrs C. Kozlowski.

Also in attendance were County Councillor Mr D. Cotterill, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 1 member of the public.

Apologies. Mrs L. Henshaw, Mr C. Parkin and District Councillors Mr A. Cooper and Mrs A. Holmes.

Absent. None.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2007 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Councillor Mrs M. Hawkins, stated that she felt that less progress has been made than in previous years for a variety of reasons and this had been very frustrating. Thanks were due to Sue Brighouse from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council for her ongoing help and support with the multi-activity area project.

The following matters documented by the Clerk for the 2007/08 year are worthy of note and hopefully they should all be self-explanatory:-

Parish Council Newsletters have been regularly distributed to every household in the Village.

Work is still under way to try and progress towards a multi-use hard standing area for young people in the Village to use all year round. In this respect we are continuing to receive assistance from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

The development of a Parish Plan for the Village of Morton has been completed and the final version distributed throughout the Village. Outstanding issues have been reviewed and will continue to be monitored.

The hanging baskets will be provided this year as these were identified as a priority for local people when developing the Parish Plan. The large planters will also contain floral displays again this summer.

The Morton Carnival and fun run will again be taking place this summer.

The Parish Council continues to give financial support to the provision of school milk at Morton Primary School.

Maintenance work has continued to be undertaken in the churchyard.

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The following list details the attendance rates in respect of parish councillors for attending Parish Council meetings during the past year:

Out of a possible 10 meetings

M. Hawkins	7
L. Henshaw	6
E. McCullough	10
W. Edson	10
C. Kozlowski	10
B. Roe	8
G. Dyer	9
A. Southey	9
C. Parkin	5

Matters Raised by members of the public. The problem with flooding and subsequent blocked gullies on Station Road continue and it is also felt that the boundary wall to the County Council's land may be unsafe as it is being gradually pushed over. Also, the trees at the side of the highway beyond the bus stop looking towards Tibshelf need pruning back again as the visibility is very poor. Councillor Cotterill agreed to follow these issues up on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 8:00pm.

Chair 20th May 2009

Margaret J Hawkins