

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 21st January 2009.

Informal Session.

Police. The crime figures and a written report have been received from PCSO Gary Green and it is pleasing to report that there was no recorded crime in Morton during December and only one problem of nuisance in respect of an unknown person (s) ringing door bells in the early hours of the morning.

The other relevant matters to report from the supplementary information provided were as follows:-

“During November, Derbyshire Constabulary ran a seat belt campaign to pursue, offer advice and where necessary, enforce legislation regarding the wearing of seat belts.

In December the annual drink/drive campaign was initiated and again officers were engaged in the advice and enforcement of drink related legislation. Posters were positioned at various locations throughout the area (off licences, garages etc) warning motorists of the consequences should they consider drinking and driving.

With winter well and truly upon us can we ask that all drivers ensure their vehicles are well maintained, paying particular attention to tyres, lights, brakes, windscreen and wiper wash.

Although the Christmas/New Year period is over can we also remind drivers that drink/driving still carries a severe penalty, is dangerous and ruins lives, be alert to the fact that driving to work after having a drink the night before can result in the driver being over the legal limit and subsequently ending up in court. Also driving whilst using a mobile phone is a serious and dangerous offence, when observed the Police can and will use their powers.

Don't forget that up to date information is regularly being given out in your area by our Ringmaster system, a FREE service offered to you and your parishioners. Can we ask that you contact your local residents who may benefit from this worthwhile messaging service. If you know of anyone who may be interested, PCSO Gary Green would only be too happy to attend with all the information and sign up for

District Council. Councillor Cooper has been following up the Evershill Close proposals with Alan Riley on the Parish Council's behalf and he will continue to do so until all of the necessary information is made available. There was a vehicle fire recently on this road and the Fire Brigade struggled to get to the incident because of the parked cars on the road; whilst this is worrying hopefully it will give some more urgency to the successful completion of this project.

A fence that has been erected around land outside the Old School Room that does not belong to the property has still not been removed; however, the District Council has asked that the height of that fence is lowered at the point where it meets the Highway boundary.

Councillor Cotterill reported that the problem with leaking water just on the land that was the former Morton Colliery Yard land is currently being investigated by the District Council.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill reported on the new arrangements to transfer the responsibility for the traffic enforcement, parking offences from the Police to the County Council who in turn have appointed a company to carry this work out on their behalf; it is likely that the enforcement will be much more rigorous than in the past.

A suggestion was made that double yellow lines should be put in place on the difficult bend near to the Old School Room and Councillor Cotterill agreed to take this matter up with Simon Kimmons at the County Council.

87/09 Members Present. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough and Mr C. Lawton.

Also in attendance were Mr D. Cotterill - County Councillor, Mr A. Cooper - District Councillor and Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk.

88/09 Apologies. Mr W. Edson, Mrs C. Kozlowski, Mrs B. Roe, Mr C. Parkin and District Councillor Mrs A. Holmes.

89/09 Councillors Absent. None.

90/09 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

There is still one vacant seat on the Parish Council that was advertised last year following two resignations as only one of these has been filled. Councillor Cotterill was asked if he would like to join the Parish Council as he attends most of the meetings in any case; Councillor Cotterill accepted this offer. He then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and completed the General Notice of Registrable Interests.

91/09 Items from members of the public. None, as there were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

92/09 Non-Exempt Minutes - 12th November 2008.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2008.

93/09 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

94/09 Clerk of the Council's Report. Evershill Close - Councillor Cooper, Councillor Cotterill and the Clerk will continue to follow this long outstanding issue up on the Parish Council's behalf at every opportunity until the position is reached when the project can be brought to fruition.
Toxic Waste Site - the testing of the site will take place before the 31st March 2009 but to date no further information has been received in this respect.

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

95/09 Matters for Decision. None.

96/09 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SLCC - annual membership	001054	167 . 50
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	001055	62 . 85
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins (July to Sept. 08)	001056	301 . 60
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	001057	162 . 32
NEDDC - replace cradle swing (Bacchus Way)	001058	136 . 45
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	001059	162 . 32
Wages for January, February and March	-	1,499 . 71
Civic Pride - winter planting	001060	287 . 50
D.J.'s Alfreton - artificial Christmas trees	001061	44 . 85

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 21st January 2009 were as follows :-
Capital Reserve Account £14,577.94
Current Account £ 1,032.35

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

97/09 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

08/01072/FL - Proposed Conversion and extension of existing two storey building at 94 Main Road Morton Alfreton Derbyshire Mr M Foki.

08/01144/LDC - Proposed Lawful Development application for the retention of a balcony over an existing garage at 584 Pilsley Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr Raymond Mansfield

The following planning applications have now been granted :-

08/00908/FL - Proposed erection of a conservatory to side at 67 Main Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr David Higgon.

08/00925/FL - Proposed construction of porch/wc to side at 17 Penfold Way, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr P. Onion.

08/00968/FL - Proposed construction of a single-storey kitchen extension, two-storey dining room and bedroom extension and a rear porch (Conservation Area) (Affecting Setting of a Listed Building) at 3 Stretton Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr P. Hallam.

08/01072/FL - Proposed conversion and extension of existing two storey building at 94 Main Road Morton Alfreton Derbyshire Mr M Foki.

98/09 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in **56/2008** - Training, **57/2008** - Derbyshire County Training Partnership (Certificate in Local Council Administration - CiLCA), **58/2008**, **59/2008** and **2** and **3/2009** - General Circulars, **60/2008** - Derbyshire Transport Group, **01/2009** - Index of Most Important 2008 DALC.

99/09 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Department for Communities and Local Government has sent a consultation document entitled "Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity" and any comments need to be submitted by Thursday 12th March 2009.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above and that no comments are to be submitted in response to the Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity consultation document.

A letter has been received from The Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee regarding the Derby & Derbyshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework; the letter reads as follows:-

"As you will be aware, the city and county councils consulted on "preferred options" for the Minerals Site Allocations (Aggregates) Development Plan Document (DPD) and the Waste Site Allocations DPD in August and September 2007, respectively. At that time it was our intention to submit both a revised Aggregates Minerals Sites DPD and Waste Sites DPD to the Secretary of State in September 2008, in line with the councils' "development schemes", approved by the Government in 2005.

A key aspect of the new planning system is the need for plans to pass a series of "soundness" tests before they can be adopted. As a number of other authorities had failed these tests, and so were unable to adopt their submitted DPDs, the councils commissioned a review of the "soundness" of the emerging documents. This review was carried out by Planning Officers' Society Enterprises (POSE).

Contrary to the advice given to us by GOEM during the preparation of the 2005 development scheme, the review concluded that if the DPDs were to be submitted to the Secretary of State, there would be a very high risk that they would be found to be “unsound” by the appointed Government Inspector. The prime reason given for this risk was the absence of suitable adopted Core Strategy DPDs. However the report did not find any material weakness in the technical site selection and evaluation processes, which it considered to be rigorous and effective.

The report recommended that the councils should stop work on the Site Allocations DPDs and instead bring forward work on Minerals and Waste Core Strategies. Having carefully considered the report, and having had also the benefit of independent legal advice, the councils have accepted this recommendation and are preparing reviews of their development schemes.

Therefore, we will not be progressing the proposals on which we consulted in 2007.

The Councils are, though, keen to make the best use of the valuable evidence base that they have assembled in the work on the evaluation of sites and, on the basis of legal advice, are:

- Firstly, publishing two statements concerning aggregate minerals and waste to assist applicants in preparing planning applications for future minerals and waste developments. These planning statements are available at

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning_policy/minerals_waste_development_framework

- Secondly, carrying forward the site information into the evidence base for the new core strategies – which we anticipate will include strategic sites for minerals and waste developments.

We will write to you again in the New Year, to seek your involvement in the process of producing core strategies for minerals and waste developments.

In the mean time, if you would like to discuss any of these matters further please contact either Brian Smart on 01629 580000 extension 3320 or Ken Acons on 01629 580000 extension 3321.

Brian Smart,

Development Plans Team Leader, on behalf of Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED to note the contents of this letter and

100/09 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - The Clerk reported that progress is now being made by the two sets of solicitors in respect of 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.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment other than a big thanks to the Parish Council for providing the 15 small artificial Christmas trees for the Church and for helping to decorate them.



School - Councillor Lawton was pleased to report that the work on the two new classrooms for Morton Primary School is due to commence in May 2009 with an anticipated completion date of December 2009.

Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group/Safer Neighbourhood Team - The next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team is Monday 26th January 2009 at 6pm in the Doctor's Surgery at Stonebroom; it seems unlikely that anyone will be available to attend from the Parish Council on this occasion.

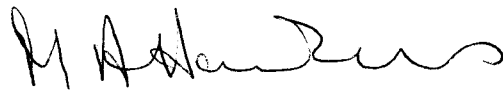
South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - There was no report as both Councillor Hawkins and Councillor McCullough were unable to attend the last meeting in December.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

Chairman

18th February 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. A. Hawkins', written in a cursive style.