

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 18th March 2009.

Informal Session.

Police. The crime figures and a written report have been received from PCSO Gary Green and there were 3 recorded crimes in Morton during February that consisted of 2 of criminal damage and one of a burglary from a non-dwelling. It was also stated that there were no reports of nuisance made within Morton during February.

District Council. Councillor Cotterill and Councillor Cooper had nothing new to report other than the information that was provided under the specific agenda items.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill had nothing new to report other than the information that was provided under the specific agenda items.

116/09 Members Present. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mrs C.E. Kozlowski, Mr C. Lawton, Mrs B. Roe and Mr D. Cotterill (Parish and County Councillor).

Also in attendance were, Mr A. Cooper - District Councillor, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 2 members of the Public (including Councillor elect Anthony Sams).

117/09 Apologies. Mr C. Parkin and District Councillor Mrs A. Holmes.

118/09 Councillors Absent. None.

119/09 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

The District Council has written to confirm that there has not been a request for an election in respect of the recent vacancy that was advertised following the resignation of Councillor Lesley Henshaw. District Councillor Andrew Cooper stated that he was prepared to be co-opted into the vacancy; however, as a local resident by the name of Anthony Sams was keen to join the Parish Council Councillor Cooper was glad to allow Anthony Sams to be co-opted in to the vacant position.

Anthony Sams accepted the invitation to join the Parish Council and he was then unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council by the members present; Councillor Sams then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed the General Notice of Registrable Interests form.

120/09 Items from members of the public. The speed warning traffic sign on the approach to the Village from Tibshelf is still not working and Councillor Cotterill agreed to follow this up again with the County Council together with the problem of standing water on Station Road, Morton that has still not been resolved.

The County Council has inspected the fence that has been erected around land outside the Old School Room that does not belong to the property; it has been ascertained that this land does not form part of the highway nor does it belong to the County Council. This matter will now be raised at the Parochial Church Council as it is most likely that the land still belongs to the Church.

Councillor Cotterill reported that the problem with leaking water that is just on the land that was the former Morton Colliery Yard land is in fact the responsibility of Severn Trent Water; the District Council are now going to carry out the necessary repairs and re-charge the cost of the work to Severn Trent Water.

There are some conifers obstructing a street light on Penfold Way, Morton but unfortunately the adjacent property is empty; if the details of the owner of the property can be found a letter will be sent to them otherwise the matter will be raised with the County Council who would carry out the work and then attempt to charge the cost of this to the owner.

121/09 Non-Exempt Minutes - 18th February 2009.

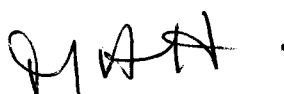
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2009.

122/09 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

123/09 Clerk of the Council's Report. Evershill Close - the County Council has now provided details of the technical specification required for the work and it was agreed that a minimum of 3 quotes would now be sought for this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

New Street car park and Back Lane road surface - the Clerk has written to the County Council to ask if a scheme for this area could be drawn up at the same time as the one for Evershill Close. This would include clearing an area around the perimeter of the existing car park in order to make more space available for local residents to park their vehicles; the County Council and the District Council have both confirmed that they don't own the land in question and provided that the necessary tests are carried out in respect of any services that may run under this piece of land they are happy for the work to be carried out. The technical specification required for the work has now been provided and it was agreed that a minimum of 3 quotes will be sought for this work to be carried out as soon as possible provided that sufficient funds are available following the work to Evershill Close.

New seat for the village - the Clerk will continue to pursue this matter on the Parish Council's behalf with Karen Perkins at the District Council.



Toxic Waste Site - apparently the water sampling has now been carried out and this has not shown any problem with the quality of the water; soil sampling is also taking place and the full results will be given to the Parish Council in an easily understandable format in due course.

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

124/09 Matters for Decision.

a). **Setting up of a local bridleway club - request for financial assistance.** This voluntary group has requested a grant in respect of setting up a local bridleway club.

RESOLVED that this request is noted but that no grant is to be made at the moment until further information is received in respect of what the group hopes to achieve and also the level of funding that is likely to be needed.

125/09 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	001070	162 . 32
Mr P. Goodwin - expenses	001071	53 . 34

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 18th March 2009 were as follows :-
Capital Reserve Account £12,577.94
Current Account £ 1,436.59

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

126/09 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

09/00141/FL - Proposed application for the construction of a two-storey extension to rear erection of 54 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr Simon Mark Taylor.

09/00154/CM - Proposed County Council application for erection of a single temporary classroom unit to facilitate the extension of the existing school building at Morton Primary School, Main Road, Morton, Alfreton for Derbyshire County Council.

09/00213/CM - Proposed County Council application for demolition of kitchen, corridor and office extensions and removal of temporary terrapin teaching accommodation. Construction of new extension to existing school comprising of new kitchen, staff room, head's office, general office, accessible wc and 2 replacement teaching rooms (County Matters Application CD/0209/214) at Morton Primary School, Main Road, Morton for Derbyshire County Council.

The following planning application has now been withdrawn :-

09/00200/OHLN - Proposed application to rebuild approximately 2,400m of 11KV overhead line on new wooden poles at the overhead line east of the rail line between Morton Lodge Farm and Old Pit Lane, Pilsley Road, Morton, Alfreton for Central Networks East.

127/09 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **6** and **10/2008** - General Circulars, **07/2009** - Training Update, **08/2009** - Conservative Party Green Paper on Local Government and **09/2008** - Local Council Review Subscriber Form.

128/09 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. Inspector Waterfall has written about the Community Involvement Scheme that is run by Derbyshire Constabulary; the scheme gives key partners and members of the community the opportunity to work alongside the police for the day in order to gain an improved understanding of how our area is policed.

The scheme is open to anyone over the age of 16, a few security checks are carried out for all candidates and the application process takes approximately eight to ten weeks. Anyone interested needs to send their details to Inspector Waterfall at the Clay Cross Section either by post or e-mail and the Clerk holds all of the relevant contact information.

Derbyshire Environmental Trust has written to confirm that we were not successful with our grant application for funding in respect of a CCTV camera for the New Street Play Area; the Clerk will now contact the North East Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership regarding the £1,000 grant that they had already made towards this project.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above but

A letter regarding the possible formation of a local bridleway club has been received and was circulated to the members present.

RESOLVED that the letter be noted but that there was no particular interest from this Council in respect of any direct involvement in the proposed formation of a local bridleway group.

129/09 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - The Clerk reported that progress is still 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.

Councillor Hawkins reported that the local person who may have been able to provide the assistance that is needed both in terms of drawing up an effective business case for the project and also trying to secure the necessary funding is not able to carry out the work at the moment; Councillor Cooper offered to raise this issue with an officer at the District Council as they may be able to provide details of at least one person who could undertake this task on our behalf.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment.

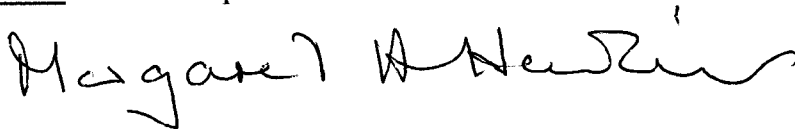
School - Councillor Edson reported that there is to be a textile re-cycling event at the school on Thursday 30th April and everyone is encouraged to take part s this will raise a small amount of funding for the school if it is successful.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - The next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 24th March at Tupton Junior School and Councillor Hawkins and Councillor McCullough will be attending this on the Parish Council's behalf.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm

Chairman 15th April 2009

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