

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 15th April 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 March that consisted of 2 thefts from motor vehicles and one burglary from a non-dwelling. It was also stated that there were no reports of nuisance made within Morton during March.

PCSO Green has also submitted a comprehensive update report on local issues and the main two of these that are of interest to Morton relate to the purpose and operation of Safer Neighbourhood Teams and also the ongoing concern regarding distraction burglaries in the area.

District Council. Councillor Cotterill reported that work is still being carried out by North East Derbyshire District Council to try and resolve the problem of water running from the services cover which is just on the old colliery yard piece of land; the cost of the work will be met by Severn Trent Water who are the responsible body in this respect.

County Council. Councillor Cotterill reported on the work that was carried out near to the highway on Station Road where there has always been a problem with silt on the road and flooding. Councillor Cotterill stated that the County Council had investigated the problem of water escaping onto the highway from the former pit tip and, as a result of this, they agreed to clean out the interceptor that is supposed to disperse the draining water; if this hasn't resolved the problem satisfactorily it will need to be replaced altogether.

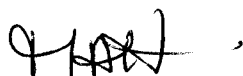
At an earlier meeting it had been reported that a number of the roads and pavements in Morton are now in a poor state of repair and it was agreed that a member of the Area Highways Team should review all of these issues in conjunction with at least one representative from the Parish Council in order that these can be put into some priority order for repair; upon investigation it appears that some work may be carried out in August or September this year and the Clerk will check again regarding whether or not this has actually been agreed.

130/09 Members Present. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mr C. Parkin, Mr C. Lawton, Mr D. Cotterill and Mr A. Sams.

Also in attendance were - Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 1 member of the public.

131/09 Apologies. Mrs B. Roe, Mrs C.E. Kozlowski and District Councillors Mr A. Cooper and Mrs A. Holmes.

132/09 Councillors Absent. None.



133/09 Declaration of Members' Interests. Councillor Parkin declared an interest in the item regarding the issue of a Contract for work on Evershill Close and New Street car park as he had submitted a tender for this work. This matter was dealt with at the end of the meeting with only the other Parish Councillors present excluding Councillor Parkin.

134/09 Items from members of the public. A question was raised regarding when the bus shelters were last cleaned and the Clerk reported that this was on the 5th February 2009 and therefore they are due to be cleaned again soon.

The conifers that are obstructing a streetlight outside number 16 Penfold Way, Morton have still not been cut back and the Clerk will now raise this with the County Council who are the responsible authority in this respect.

135/09 Non-Exempt Minutes - 18th March 2009.

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

136/09 Items in Exclusion. It was determined that the item regarding the issue of a Contract for work on Evershill Close and New Street car park would be discussed without members of the public present.

137/09 Clerk of the Council's Report. 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.

138/09 Matters for Decision.

a). **Issue of Contract for work on Evershill Close and New Street car park.** Four competitive quotes have been received for this work to be carried out and the Chair of the Council Margaret Hawkins, Councillor Walter Edson, Councillor Ruth McCullough, Councillor Clive Lawton and Councillor Anthony Sams considered these.

RESOLVED that following careful consideration of all the tenders, and the information contained therein, it was unanimously agreed that the contract for both pieces of work should be awarded to Johnson Surfacing Limited.

139/09 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NEDDC - New Street play area inspections	001072	69 . 28
Derbys. & Notts. Chamber of Commerce - refund	001073	1,000 . 00
DALC - annual subscription	001074	291 . 85
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	001075	168 . 20
SLCC - regional conference	001076	56 . 35
Allianz Insurance PLC - annual premium	001077	2,107 . 17
Gary Wilkes - bus shelter cleaning	001078	50 . 00
Civic Pride - replacement 1 metre square planter	001079	327 . 75

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 15th April 2009 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£ 9,581.10
Current Account	£ 315.99

The District Auditor has written to confirm that the date of this year's audit is the 20th July 2009; the Clerk has completed the audit return although John Marriott, Internal Auditor, still needs to complete the internal audit and sign off the section of the return that is relevant to his review of the records. Notices will be appropriately displayed informing local people of the availability of the accounts for inspection but the account book is available for anyone to read at every Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED the payments listed above were authorised and the current level of balances noted together with the date of the external audit.

140/09 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

09/00246/OHLN - Proposed application to rebuild 11,000 volt overhead electrical line up to 60m south of existing line at O H Line from track between 68 & 70 In SW direction & South of Morton Nurseries, Main Road, Morton, Alfreton for Central Networks East.

The following planning applications have now been approved :-

09/00011/FL - Proposed construction of new rear extension at The Brambles, Church Lane, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6GU for Mr Martyn Morris.

09/00154/CM - Proposed County Council application for the erection of single temporary classroom unit to facilitate the extension of the existing school building at Morton Primary School, Main Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6HH for Derbyshire County Council.

141/09 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **11/2009** and **13/2009** - General Circulars, **12/2009** - UK Consultation on European Commission Proposal on Bus and Coach Passenger Rights, **14/2009** - The Power of Well Being, **15/2009** - Training and **16/2009** - Derbyshire County Training Partnership (Certificate in Local Council Administration - CiLCA).

142/09 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The Derbyshire & Derby Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee has sent information relating to the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Plan.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above but that no comments need to be submitted by this Council in respect of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Plan

143/09 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 and he will now follow this up again as a matter of urgency.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment.

Safer Neighbourhood Team - Councillor McCullough stated that there was nothing new to report from this meeting in respect of Morton although it should be noted that the new Police Constable for this area is PC 2940 Callum Marrow's.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Hawkins reported about the last meeting and in particular her frustration about the lack of equity in terms of the knowledge of available grants across the District for various projects. The Clerk was asked to contact Clive Marshall at Rykneld Homes regarding the possibility of any funds that may be available from that organisation for local developments.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Chairman 20th May 2009

