

Minutes of the Morton Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Morton Annual Parish Meeting held on **Wednesday 20 May 2015** at 7.00 pm at the Rectory Rooms, Church Lane, Morton, DE55 6GU

PRESENT

Cllr J Browne, Cllr A Coates (Chair), Cllr S Cashin, Cllr J Funnell, Cllr S Pleming, Cllr B Roe, Cllr C Lawton, Cllr R Martin, members of the public (Morton electors)

IN ATTENDANCE

L Ghent, Cllr K Gillott, Cllr G Butler, Cllr A Cooper

1. Clerk to the meeting

L Ghent was appointed as the clerk to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3. Chairman's Report 2015/16

The Chair of Morton Parish Council gave his report for the year, which is attached to these minutes.

4. Any other business

It was agreed that the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting will be held in April 2016 so as to be on a different date to the 2016 Annual Parish Council Meeting, which will be held in May 2016. Invitations will be sent to all village organisations asking them to attend the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting and giving them an opportunity to do a short presentation at that meeting.

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm.

Chair's Report at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May 2015.

Election

Following the parish council election on 7th May we now have 5 new councillors. May I start by extending a warm welcome to our new councillors.

Only two parishes across the whole of North East Derbyshire had enough candidates to require a poll to be taken, Morton and Dronfield. We should be very proud of ourselves as a village that we had so many candidates - people willing to contribute towards making a real difference to our village.

Our objectives

At the January 2013 meeting of the Parish Council, the following objectives were set:

1. To improve village facilities.
2. To improve the village's appearance.
3. To encourage and support an active event /activities programme.
4. To represent the Village's interests.

During the last 12 months, we have:

- Installed 8 items of outdoor gym equipment, paid for by The Big Lottery Fund
- Installed a new larger swing at Bacchus Way playground
- Installed 3 new village notice boards
- Further improved and maintained the area around the Pit Wheels
- Placed an order for a picnic bench to be installed at the Bacchus Way playground
- Further improved the website

The newly elected parish council will be considering what objectives to set for the next four years.

Communication

News stories and photos of village events are posted to the website regularly. In addition Parish Council Newsletters are produced and distributed to every household in the Village.

Chairman

Date 26th April 2016

Hanging baskets

The hanging baskets were again provided by the Parish Council in 2014 and looked fantastic. The large planters contained floral displays last summer, planted and maintained by volunteers, for which we are very grateful.

Morton Gala, Fun Runs, Morton Events

There have been several successful village events held throughout the year including the Morton Gala, the Ghost Walk and the Christmas Parties in the Village Hall.

The Morton Challenge runs did not take place in 2014, but will take place again this year.

In addition a scarecrow competition was run last Autumn with many taking part.

Thanks to all those involved in organising and running these events.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme meets regularly and there are guest speakers on some occasions.

Precept

We have set a precept for 2015/16 of £33,000. The precept per resident has not increased during the last 6 years.

Attendance rates

The following list details the attendance rates in respect of Parish Councillors attending

Parish Council meetings during the year ended 31 March 2015:

Andrew Coates – 6 possible, attended 6

Ruth McCullough – 6 possible, attended 5

Walter Edson – 6 possible, attended 6

Betty Roe – 6 possible, attended 5

Clive Lawton – 6 possible, attended 6

Sean Cashin – 6 possible, attended 3

Andrew Cooper – 6 possible, attended 4

Martyn Morris – 6 possible, attended 5

Elizabeth Taylor – 3 possible, attended 0

Chairman

Date 26th April 2016