

Morton Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Wednesday 22 February 2017** at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS

PRESENT

Cllr J Browne, Cllr J Funnell (Chair), Cllr C Lawton, Cllr L Rodgers, Cllr B Roe.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr G Butler – N E Derbyshire District Councillor
 Cllr A Cooper – N E Derbyshire District Councillor
 Cllr K Gillott – Derbyshire County Councillor
 Tina Frost Morris – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
 Members of the public

01/02/17- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Dean

02/02/17 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

03/02/17 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

None

04/02/17 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council was noted.

05/02/17 - PUBLIC SPEAKING

Matters raised by members of the public and by councillors: concerns regarding the HS2 line were discussed.

06/02/17 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Gillott updated Councillors regarding the delay in repairs to street lighting and urged members of the public to report any extinguished bulbs, but warned that it could take 2 to 3 months for the repairs to take place due to budget cuts in the Derbyshire County Council maintenance teams. Cllr Gillott answered questions from members of the public regarding the HS2 line and urged those concerned to lobby their local MP who would have more influence over the government proposal. Cllr Gillott also presented a cheque for £300 to help fund Morton Gala and was thanked for his contribution.

07/02/17 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllrs Cooper and Butler updated Councillors regarding the approval of the NEDDC council tax increase of 2.8%, which equated to £4.98 extra per Band D property. The district council were also required to make £500k worth of savings over each of the next four years.

08/02/17 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 January 2017 be approved as a true record.

09/02/17 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

10/02/17 - MATTERS TO REPORT

- a) Crime figures – The report was noted which included two anti-social behaviour incidents at Maltby Avenue and Pit Lane and a violence/sexual offence at Maltby Avenue during December 2016.
- b) Receipt of funding from Averill Solar Farm – an amount of £4,997.90 had been received.
- c) Morton Messenger update – The articles for the next issue in April were presented.

11/02/17 - MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a) Proposal & quotations for village housekeeping – Three quotations from local contractors were reviewed in relation to grounds maintenance services throughout the village for 2017/18. A quotation for the cleaning of bus shelters was also presented.

RESOLVED – To approve the quotation from C Ochel for £2,020.00 for grounds maintenance service during 2017/18.

RESOLVED – To obtain further quotations for the cleaning of the bus shelters.

- b) Tidying and cleaning of the war memorial – The outcome of the TPO planning application from Derbyshire County Council was still awaited. The item was therefore deferred until the next meeting.
- c) Defibrillators – The potential for the purchase of a defibrillator for the village was discussed but it was felt that the responsibility, location and cost were prohibitive.

RESOLVED – Not to pursue the purchase of a defibrillator.

- d) Sign Village Hall lease and approve legal costs – The new 25 year lease for the Village Hall along with the legal cost for drawing up the lease of £540 (plus VAT) from Clayton Mott and Lawton solicitors were presented to Councillors.

RESOLVED – To approve the new 25 year lease for the Village Hall which was duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

RESOLVED – To approve the legal costs for drawing up the lease which amounted to £540 (plus VAT) from Clayton Mott and Lawton solicitors.

- e) Funding options for Village Hall refurbishment – A number of funding options were available including applying for further grants, a loan from the Public Works Loan Board, a contribution from reserves or a combination of all three. An estimate of the refurbishment cost was required before any funding decision could be made.

RESOLVED – To agree in principal to a loan from the Public Works Loan Board subject to accurate refurbishment costs being provided and the application for alternative grant funding being submitted.

- f) Footbridge Signs – Shirland and Higham Parish Council had requested a financial contribution towards the signs on the footbridge between Morton and Stonebroom of £30.

RESOLVED – To approve the payment of £30 towards the cost of signs on the footbridge between Morton and Stonebroom.

- g) DALC subscription – Two options were available for the renewal of the DALC subscription for 2017/18

RESOLVED – To approve the payment of £447.85 for the DALC subscription including Group 1 training for 2017/18.

- h) Posters for new Councillors – Proposed designs for a new poster to advertise the three Councillor vacancies.

RESOLVED – To approve the design with the wording “Your Village Needs You” for the new Councillor Vacancies poster.

- i) Meeting Dates - Proposal to change the dates of the Parish Council meetings in March and May 2017.

RESOLVED – To approve a change to the Parish Council meeting date in March to 22nd and May to 24th 2017 due to unavailability on the original dates.

- j) Annual Parish Meeting – The date of the meeting was required to take place between 1 March and 1 June. The format of the meeting would be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – To agree the date of the Annual Parish Meeting for Monday 8 May 2017 at 7.30pm.

- k) Preparations for Tidy Day on 1 April 2017 – The tidy day would commence at 10am and be advertised on the website, noticeboards, Facebook and in the Morton Messenger.

RESOLVED – To request litter pickers, refuse sacks and collection of the waste by NEDDC.

- l) HS2 consultation response and public meeting – The HS2 Blackwell Group were holding sessions for residents in local villages and people from Morton were encouraged to attend and complete the consultation documents by the deadline of 9 March 2017.

RESOLVED – To write a letter of support to HS2 Blackwell Group from Morton Parish Council.

- m) Appointment of Internal Auditor – John Marriott, Auditor, had submitted a quotation for £175 to undertake the audit of the 2016/17 accounts.

RESOLVED – To appoint John Marriott as the internal auditor for the 2016/17 accounts at a cost of £175.

- n) Hanging baskets order – A quotation had been requested from Woolley Moor Nursery but was still awaited. The item would be deferred until the next meeting.

- o) Purchase of reference books – 2 reference books had been requested by the Clerk which were available at a discounted price from the Society of Local Council Clerks.

RESOLVED – To approve the purchase of “The Local Council Clerks Guide” for £15.20 (plus P&P) and “Local Council Administration 10th Edition” for £73.60 (plus P&P).

12/02/17 - FINANCE

- a) Payments

Payments listed on the agenda

Cheque Number	Supplier	Description	Net Amount	Gross Amount
001528	T Frost Morris	Clerk's salary (01 Jan–31 Jan)	£356.21	£356.21
001528	T Frost Morris	Clerk's expenses (01 Jan–31 Jan)	£15.00	£15.00
001528	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd extra email storage to 10GB Dec 16	£2.99	£3.59
001529	HMRC	PAYE tax (01 Jan–31 Jan)	£89.05	£89.05
001530	Shirland and Higham Parish Council	Contribution towards warning signs for footbridge between Morton & Stonebroom	£30.00	£30.00
001531	Clayton Mott & Lawton	Legal cost for drawing up of lease & surrender of old lease	£540.00	£640.00
DD	NEDDC	Emptying dog bins Oct – Dec 2016	£405.60	£486.72

Late Payments and payments approved during the meeting

001532	DALC	Annual Subscription for period 1/4/17 to 31/3/18	£447.85	£447.85
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RESOLVED – to approve the above items for payment and these were signed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllrs Funnell, Roe and Lawton.

- b) The budget monitoring for the period ended 31 January 2017 was noted and approved.
c) The petty cash reconciliation for period ended 31 January 2017 was signed and approved.

13/02/17 - PLANNING

- a) According to the NEDDC website the planning application by Harron Homes for the original 81 new houses had been withdrawn and would be resubmitted for 42 houses, although no official notification had as yet been received by Morton Parish Council regarding the changes.

14/02/17 - DALC CIRCULARS

Noted.

15/02/17 - CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NEDDC – Invitation to an information event regarding the North East Derbyshire Draft Local Plan on Thursday 2 March 2017. Cllr Funnell agreed to represent the Council at the event.
b) Mr & Mrs Gladwin – Report of overhanging trees requiring attention.

16/02/17 - REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lawton reported on activities at the Church and School. Cllr Funnell reported on activities at the Village Hall and Cllr Roe reported on activities at the Neighbourhood Watch.

17/02/17 - ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 22 MARCH 2017

- a) Tidying and cleaning of the war memorial
- b) Format of Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May 2017
- c) Hanging baskets order
- d) Quotation for pruning of trees to rear of Morton Manor

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS