

Morton Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Monday 24 July 2017** at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS

PRESENT

Cllr J Browne, Cllr A Dean, Cllr J Funnell (Chair), Cllr C Lawton, Cllr R Martin and Cllr B Roe.

IN ATTENDANCE

Tina Frost Morris – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

PCSO Kate Hodnett

Members of the public

01/07/17- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Rodgers

02/07/17 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

03/07/17 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

Cllr Martin declared an interest with regard to the item under Planning b) "The Sitwell Arms, Main Road".

04/07/17 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

05/07/17 - PUBLIC SPEAKING

Matters raised by members of the public and by Councillors: a member of the public raised the issue of the planning application at Oak View Gardens which was due to be presented to the Planning Committee at NEDDC on 2nd August 2017. An issue of bonfires was raised which were causing a nuisance during the day with excessive smoke preventing people opening their windows. A complaint was made regarding individuals making too much noise in the early hours of the morning and waking residents whilst using the seat outside Morton Grange Nursing Home. Individuals were also seen urinating in the bus shelter at Sitwell Villas and the Council agreed to send a letter of complaint to the nursing home. The additional car parking on New Street was raised and it had been established that NEDDC owned the grassed area adjacent to the car park and would be approached to request the work to create the additional parking. The position of the dog bin situated on the driveway to Morton Grange Nursing Home would be reviewed by Cllrs Browne and Roe with a view to being relocated.

06/07/17 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

None

07/07/17 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

None

08/07/17 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 June 2017

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 June 2017 be approved as a true record.

09/07/17 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

10/07/17 - MATTERS TO REPORT

- a) Crime figures - The crimes statistics for May 2017 were unavailable on the Police website. PCSO Kate Hodnett reported that there had not been any reported crimes in the village in the past month. Parking on New Street would continue to be monitored by the Police, information leaflets would be posted through doors on the street and parking tickets would be issued as necessary.
- b) PKW Kickboxing letter – A letter making negative comments about the kickboxing club had been received by the Parish Council and the issues had been investigated and found to be unfounded.

11/07/17 - MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a) Assets of community value – Assets could be purchased by the Parish Council in order to protect them for the community.

RESOLVED – To investigate further into the process for acquiring assets of community value.

- b) Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) – A new funding application had been submitted to the Big Lottery for the village hall refurbishment, however if this was unsuccessful then the Council would consider taking out a loan with the PWLB. A loan would mean that an increase in the precept was likely and subsequently an increase in council tax for Morton residents.

RESOLVED – That Cllrs Funnell, Dean and Lawton would investigate the PWLB loan options for funding the village hall refurbishment.

- c) Options for field to rear of Morton Manor – this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- d) Extra village seats – proposals for additional seats and planters were brought forward.

RESOLVED – To remove the planter in front of Paul Cupit Motors and replace the two other wooden planters with the black type of planter prior to the winter season. Cllrs Browne and Roe to obtain quotations for planters.

RESOLVED – That no additional seats were required.

- e) New Councillors - Following a presentation by each of the two candidates, Victoria Lawrence and Jayne Hollingworth, Councillor's had a show of hands with a majority vote being cast in favour of both candidates being co-opted.

RESOLVED – To offer Victoria Lawrence and Jayne Hollingworth the vacant Councillor positions.

- f) Cleaning of war memorial – The process of cleaning used by the selected supplier had been queried as it could potentially damage the stone. Other quotations ranged from £1,450 to £1,750 for the cleaning of the memorial stone and plinth.

RESOLVED – To attempt hand cleaning, with water, a section to the rear of the war memorial.

RESOLVED – To obtain further quotations for the cleaning of the war memorial.

- g) Building regulation services for village hall – A full bat survey was required for the village hall refurbishment in order to proceed with the planning application.

RESOLVED – To approve the quotation from JT Ecology for the full bat survey at a cost of £825.00.

RESOLVED – To approve additional expenditure of up to £5,000 for building regulations services and detailed drawings for the village hall refurbishment. Quotations would be obtained for the work.

12/07/17 - FINANCE

a) Payments

Payments listed on the agenda

Cheque Number	Supplier	Description	Net Amount	Gross Amount
001567	T Frost Morris	Clerk's salary (01Jun–30 Jun)	£260.21	£260.21
001567	T Frost Morris	Clerk's expenses (01Jun–30 Jun)	£15.00	£15.00
001567	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd extra email storage to 10GB June 17	£2.99	£3.59
001568	HMRC	PAYE tax (01Jun–30 Jun)	£65.05	£65.05
001569	Chris Ochel Design	Grounds Maintenance to 29 June17	£90.00	£90.00
001570	J Funnell	Reimbursement for Discount Banner Printing of planter stickers	£174.94	£209.92
001571	Trueman Tree Services	Pruning of tree overhanging war memorial	£220.00	£264.00

Late Payments and payments approved during the meeting

001572	Cavhil Ltd	CCTV supply and fitting for village hall	£1,110.00	£1,332.00
001573	Special Branch Tree Services	Remove branches of tree on field boundary to rear of Morton Manor	£260.00	£260.00
001574	Woolley Moor Nurseries	Summer planting of hanging baskets and planters	£2647.50	£3,177.00
001567	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd extra email storage to 10GB July 17 and additional domain	£16.97	£20.36
DD	NEDDC	Emptying dog bins April – June 17	£483.63	£580.36
001575	Chris Ochel Design	Grounds Maintenance to 19 July17	£175.00	£175.00

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) Petty cash reconciliation for period ended 30 June 2017 was signed and approved.
c) Bank reconciliation for period ended 30 June 2017 was signed and approved.

d) Budget Monitoring for period ended 30 June 2017 was noted and approved.

13/07/17 – PLANNING

Open for Consultation

- a) 2 Holland Close - Demolition of existing garage and erection of new detached double garage 17/00677/FLH – No objections raised.
- b) The Sitwell Arms, Main Road - change of use from A4 (public house car park) to mixed use A4 (public house car park) and A1 (retail) with the erection of a portable building to form a shop (Conservation Area) 17/00689/FL – No objections raised.

Presentation to Planning Committee

- c) Land South and East of Oak View Gardens - 45 new dwellings 16/00661/FL. Cllr Dean agreed to address the Planning Committee at NEDDC on 2 August 2017 with the Parish Council's concerns regarding the development that had been raised in a letter of objection.

14/07/17 - DALC CIRCULARS

Noted

15/07/17 - CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NEDDC – Chair's Charity Appeal
- b) NEDDC – District, Town and Parish Council Conference 5th September 2017. The Parish Clerk would attend the meeting.

16/07/17 - REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lawton reported on activities at the Church, School and Morton Events Committee. Cllr Roe reported on activities at the Neighbourhood Watch.

17/07/17 - ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2017

- a) Options for field to rear of Morton Manor

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS