

# Morton Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Wednesday 26 June 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 L Rodgers and Cllr B Roe.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

## **01/06/17- APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Nominations were requested for the position of Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr J Funnell was proposed and seconded.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr J Funnell be appointed as Chair for the year 2017/18.

## **02/06/17-APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Nominations were requested for the position of Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr C Lawton was proposed and seconded.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr C Lawton be appointed as Vice Chair for the year 2017/18.

## **03/06/17 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Funnell and Cllr Rodgers be appointed as representatives to the Village Hall Management Committee for the year 2017/18.

## **04/06/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk gave her apologies as she would be absent for the first part of the meeting.

## **05/06/17 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

None

## **06/06/17 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST**

Cllr Funnell declared an interest with regard to the item under Matters for Decision I) "War Memorial Tidying" as the trees overhanging the War Memorial were on land owned by Cllr Funnell.

## **07/06/17 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

## **08/06/17 - PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Matters raised by members of the public and by Councillors: a member of the public raised the issue of barriers adjacent to the wall on Main Road that had been there for some time as they were causing an obstruction. Cllr Gillott agreed to look into the matter. Planning permission had

been requested for a convenience store in the grounds of the Sitwell Arms public house. CCTV for the village was requested but the high cost of purchase, maintenance and monitoring was prohibitive. A query regarding the large number of police motorbikes during the women's cycle race was raised, plus a complaint regarding individuals causing a noise disturbance with a boom box on New Street late at night which had been reported to the Police.

#### **09/06/17 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllr Gillott raised the issue of the Speedwatch campaign with Morton being one of only a small number of villages that are actively involved. An initiative with surrounding villages to try and address the issue of speeding has commenced with the first meeting scheduled for 12 July.

#### **10/06/17 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllr Cooper updated Councillors regarding the planning application at Oak View Gardens.

#### **11/06/17 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2017**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 May 2017 be approved as a true record.

#### **12/06/17 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

None

#### **13/06/17 - MATTERS TO REPORT**

- a) Crime figures - The report was noted which included 3 incidents of antisocial behaviour on Back Lane, Pit Lane and Penfold Way during April 2017. There were 19 reported crimes within a miles radius of Morton.
- b) Feedback from village hall questionnaire – 150 questionnaires had been returned with a broader spread of age groups than previously. The results of the survey would appear in the Morton Messenger.
- c) Public Inspection Period – The period for the exercise of public rights had commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and would end on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017. During this times members of the public had a right to inspect the Council's accounting records.

#### **14/06/17 - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

- a) Potential for extending the car park on New Street – The grassed area adjacent to the car park would be investigated as to ownership, planning permission, feasibility and cost with a view to tarmacking over the area.

**RESOLVED** – To investigate whether the grassed area adjacent to the car park on New Street could be tarmacked over.

- b) Application for position of Councillor - Russell Martin was in attendance at the meeting and expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. A majority of Councillor's voted in favour of Mr Martin becoming a Councillor.

**RESOLVED** – to offer Russell Martin the vacant Councillor position.

- c) Marking of football pitch at New Street – Mr Russ Cole had kindly marked out the football pitch and had agreed to continue doing so for the remainder of the season. A junior football team had showed an interest in using the field at New Street which was welcomed.

- d) Tesco Funding Application – Cllr Dean and Roe had completed the funding application for the purchase of a planter and plaque at the Pit Wheels, as a submission for the village hall was not possible within the funding guidelines.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the Tesco ‘Bags of Help’ grant funding application.

- e) Photography Competition – the details of the competition were finalised.

**RESOLVED** – To advertise the photography competition in the Morton Messenger with a closing date of 31 December 2017, to be judged by Cllr Cooper.

- f) Community Grant application – A Community Grant application had been received from Morton Colliery Cricket Club for £750.

**RESOLVED** – To approve a payment of £500 for the upgrading of kitchen facilities in support of the Community Grant application from Morton Colliery Cricket Club.

- g) Centre of England tree TPO – A request had been received for the placing of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the Centre of England tree.

**RESOLVED** – To apply for a TPO to be placed on the Centre of England tree.

- h) Bench plaque to commemorate miners – Mr Paul Mulliss had kindly funded the purchase of a brass plaque to be placed on the seat on the pit tip. Mr Mulliss was thanked for his generosity.

- i) Plaque for planters – A quotation for vinyl stickers that could be attached to the planters was presented which included the name and a picture of the Centre of England tree.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the quotation from Discount Banner Printing for the printing of 28 vinyl stickers at a cost of £209.92 (incl VAT)

- j) Internal Control Procedures – the procedures were recommended in the 2015/16 internal audit report to ensure a continuation of reporting in the absence of a clerk.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the Internal Control Procedures.

- k) CCTV – Quotations for CCTV systems had been received from 4 suppliers for HD dome cameras able to record on a continuous cycle and to be situated inside and outside the village hall.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the quotation from Cavhil for the supply and fit of CCTV cameras inside and outside the village hall at a cost of £1,110.00 (plus VAT)

- l) War Memorial tidying – Cllr Lawton took the item with Cllr Funnell declaring an interest. Permission had been granted by Derbyshire County Council to remove the diseased horse chestnut tree and reduce the size of the sycamore which were overhanging the war memorial. The trees were on land owned by Cllr Funnell and were subject to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO). Three quotations had been obtained for the tree pruning and

removal of the diseased tree with quotes of £520 (plus VAT), £700 (plus VAT) and £950 (plus VAT).

**RESOLVED** – To approve that the Parish Council would pay for the cutting back of the Sycamore tree back to the boundary at a cost of £220 (plus VAT) with Truman Tree Services.

## 15/06/17 - FINANCE

### a) Payments

Payments listed on the agenda

Cheque Number	Supplier	Description	Net Amount	Gross Amount
001559	T Frost Morris	Clerk's salary (01 May–31 May)	£260.21	£260.21
001559	T Frost Morris	Clerk's expenses (01 May–31 May)	£15.00	£15.00
001559	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd website basic fee, domain and extra email storage to 10GB May 17	£71.27	£85.52
001560	HMRC	PAYE tax (01 May–31 May)	£65.05	£65.05
001561	Cash	Reimbursement of petty cash (May 2017) Lever Arch Files	£33.72	£37.72
001562	Chris Ochel Design	Grounds Maintenance May 17 and cleaning of 3 bus shelters	£270.00	£270.00
001563	JS Marriott & Co	Internal Audit services for year ended 31 March 2017	£175.00	£175.00
001564	DALC	Community Planning training course for J Funnell	£40.00	£40.00
001565	Derbyshire County Council	Lease of play area at former colliery site	£60.00	£60.00
DD	NEDDC	Annual grounds maintenance charge for 2017/18	£287.87	£345.44

Late Payments and payments approved during the meeting

001566	Morton Colliery Cricket Club	Community grant for upgrading of kitchen facilities	£500.00	£500.00
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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 and Lawton.

- b) The budget monitoring for the period ended 31 May 2017 was noted and approved.
- c) Petty cash reconciliation for period ended 31 May 2017 was signed and approved.
- d) The Internal Auditor's Report 2016/17 was noted.

## 16/06/17 - PLANNING

### Open for Consultation

- a) 3 Stretton Road – Replace existing single storey timber and block stable/garage with a new timber 2 bay garage/carriage house 17/00473/FLH – No objections raised.
- b) Morton Village Hall - Proposed extension, alternations and construction of ramped access to side elevation 17/00557/FL – No objections raised.
- c) 11 Stretton Road – Two storey side extension with Juliet balcony and single storey rear extension 17/00570/FLH – No objections raised.

### **Delegated Decisions**

- d) Hawthornes Back Lane – discharge of condition 3 (Walling and Roofing materials) of planning application 15/00960/FL – noted.
- e) 14 Sitwell Villas – two storey side extension with single storey rear extension 17/00415/FLH – noted,

### **Street Naming**

- f) 6 new properties called 1-6 Clayton Close, Morton – noted.

### **17/06/17 - DALC CIRCULARS**

Noted

### **18/06/17 - CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Calm traffic 4 us – Sharing of Speedwatch resources and knowledge.
- b) HMRC – requesting payment of PAYE electronically.
- c) Morton Merlen's Table Tennis Club – responding to the Parish Council's letter regarding the Community Grant application conditions that they would be unable to comply with, but thanked the Council for considering the application.

### **19/06/17 - REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

### **20/06/17 - ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 24 JULY 2017**

None.

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS