

# **Morton Parish Council Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Wednesday 24 May 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 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

## **01/05/17- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

## **02/05/17 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

None

## **03/05/17 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST**

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

## **04/05/17 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

## **05/05/17 - PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Matters raised by members of the public and by Councillors: a member of the public raised the issue of inconsiderate car parking along the Main Road and on New Street and a request for double yellow lines in certain areas was made. The Council agreed to write to the Safer Neighbourhood Team expressing their concerns about the dangerous parking on New Street. The inconsiderate flying of drones close to homes and power lines was raised, along with graffiti to a home at Sitwell Villas and vandalism at the play area and allotments which would all be raised with the Police by the Neighbourhood Watch. A complaint of excessive noise from the village hall was made and the Council confirmed that the usage by the customer in question was currently subject to a review. A concern rather dog fouling was raised and the dog warden at NEDDC would be contacted again to request signs and pavement stencils.

## **06/05/17 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllr Gillott had been re-elected for the Morton area and there had been a change in leadership at Derbyshire County Council with the Conservative Party taking over control. Cllr Gillott agreed to pursue the issue of a damaged pavement at Maltby Avenue.

## **07/05/17 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllrs Cooper and Butler updated Councillors regarding the NEDDC Local Plan and the revised planning application at Oak View Gardens.

**08/05/17 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 April 2017**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 April 2017 be approved as a true record.

**09/05/17 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

None

**10/05/17 - MATTERS TO REPORT**

- a) Crime figures - The report was noted which included an incident of criminal damage, a theft and antisocial behaviour on or near Sitwell Villas during February 2017. There were reports of anti-social behaviour on Evershill Close and New Street along with a vehicle crime on Main Road during March 2017.
- b) The Women's Tour cycle race – the Women's Tour cycle race would be passing through Morton on 10<sup>th</sup> June and there would be road closures on Church Lane, Main Road and Station Road.
- c) New and existing seats – The seat at the top of the pit tip has been installed and received numerous favourable comments. A suggestion had been made to fix a plaque to the seat to commemorate the miners who had lost their lives at Morton Pit.
- d) Village Hall planning application – Extra surveys had been carried out to comply with the planning requirements and the planning application had now been submitted.
- e) War Memorial cleaning and TPO – Discussed under Matters for Decision item e).
- f) Speedwatch update – Various days throughout June had been identified for speedwatch sessions in Morton.

**11/05/17 - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

- a) Community Grant application – A Community Grant application had been received from Morton Merlens Table Tennis Club. A query was raised regarding compliance with the grant conditions as the club appeared not to be open to new members.

**RESOLVED** – To request that Morton Merlens Table Tennis Club provide addition sessions for members of the community to attend.

**RESOLVED** – Only on condition that additional sessions were made available for the community to attend, a payment of £450.00 was approved for the purchase of a table tennis table in support of the community grant application from Morton Merlens Table Tennis Club.

- b) Tesco grant for the village hall – Possible funding for the village hall would be explored and Cllr Dean and Roe agreed to complete the application.
- c) Reimbursement for planting of tubs – Mrs S Mason was thanked for kindly planting up the planter on Stretton Road.

**RESOLVED** – To reimburse Mrs Mason for the plants and fir tree amounting to £7.00 from the petty cash.

- d) Re-siting of dog bin at Bacchus Way – The potential for re-siting the dog bin had been reviewed.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the re-siting of the dog bin on Bacchus Way and take Mr P Cole up on his offer to carry out the work for no charge.

- e) Maintenance of war memorial – 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). Quotations have been received from 3 suppliers for the cleaning of the war memorial for £1,750.00, £1,450 and £165.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the quotation from Graffiti Away for the cleaning of the war memorial at a cost of £165, subject to satisfactory references.

- f) Land transfer and car parking licence for Village Hall – The land transfer document had been finalised. The lease for the adoption of the car park had also been agreed. The car park signs had been received and would be erected.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the signing of the land transfer which was signed by Cllrs Funnell and Lawton on behalf of the Council.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the signing of car park licence which was signed by Cllrs Funnell and Lawton on behalf of the Council.

- g) Community engagement activities – Suggestions for any ideas for community engagement activities were requested. Cllrs Rodgers and Browne agreed to draw up the competition rules.

**RESOLVED** – To arrange a photograph competition for all age groups with prizes for the winners in each category funded by the Parish Council.

- h) Neighbourhood Plan – a Neighbourhood Plan could be drawn up for the village.

**RESOLVED** – Not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan at the current time due to the Council's other commitments.

- i) CCTV at Village Hall – Padlocks had been vandalised on the door at the rear of the village hall and it was proposed to purchase and install CCTV.

**RESOLVED** – To obtain advice regarding the use and installation of CCTV from NEDDC and other Parish Councils.

**RESOLVED** – To obtain quotations for the purchase and installation of CCTV to the rear of the village hall.

- j) Bat Survey fee for Village Hall – A bat survey was required as part of the planning application process.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the payment to JT Ecology for £359.00 for the completion of the bat survey for the village hall.

- k) Funding of cricket placement – A request for financial assistance to support a young cricketer to purchase kit and attend training was not felt to be an appropriate use of public money.

**RESOLVED** – To decline to provide a financial contribution for the individual.

## 12/05/17 - FINANCE

- a) Payments

Payments listed on the agenda

Cheque Number	Supplier	Description	Net Amount	Gross Amount
001550	T Frost Morris	Clerk's salary (01 Apr–30 Apr)	£291.90	£291.90
001550	T Frost Morris	Clerk's expenses (01 Apr–30 Apr)	£15.00	£15.00
001550	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd extra email storage to 10GB Apr 17	£2.99	£3.59
001550	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for Discount Displays Ltd car parking signs for village hall	£47.95	£57.54
001551	HMRC	PAYE tax (01 Apr–30 Apr)	£72.98	£72.98
001552	Cash	Reimbursement of petty cash (Apr 2017) Lever Arch Files	£2.40	£3.00
001553	Jeremy Truscott	Bat survey for village hall	£359.00	£359.00
001554	A C Smith	Installation of bench on pit tip	£225.00	£225.00
001555	Chris Ochel Design	Grounds Maintenance 29 March to 29 April 17	£110.00	£110.00
001555	Chris Ochel Design	Grounds Maintenance and bus shelter cleaning 30 April to 3 Feb17	£135.00	£135.00
001556	Boiler Room Digital	Changes to Parish Council website per specification	£169.59	£169.59

Late Payments and payments approved during the meeting

001557	DALC	Publication – Local Council Administration 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition	£67.00	£67.00
001558	PKW Kickboxing	Reimbursement of DCC Members Community Leadership Grant	£100.00	£100.00

**RESOLVED** – to approve the above items for payment and these were signed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllrs Funnell and Lawton.

- b) Petty cash reconciliation for period ended 30 April 2017 was signed and approved.  
 c) Bank reconciliation for period ended 31 March 2017 was signed and approved.  
 d) The Annual Governance Statement Section 1 of Annual Return 2016/17 was reviewed.

**RESOLVED** - to approve the Annual Governance Statement Section 1 of the Annual Return 2016/17, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

- e) The Accounting Statements Section 2 of Annual Return 2016/17 was reviewed.

**RESOLVED** - to approve the Accounting Statements Section 2 of the Annual Return 2016/17, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

**13/05/17 - PLANNING**

- a) Land south & east of Oak View Gardens and south of Maltby Avenue – proposed erection of 45 new dwellings together with landscaping and provision of open space (Amended Plans/Information) 16/00661/FL – The previous letter of objection was still relevant and would be re-submitted by the Parish Council. Additionally a letter requesting a Section 106 agreement to financially support the local community would be submitted.

**14/05/17 - DALC CIRCULARS**

Noted

**15/05/17 - CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) The Local Government Boundary Commission – Review of NE Derbyshire new ward boundaries.
- b) Morton Colliery Cricket Club – Request for match sponsors.
- c) NEDDC – Notification of candidates for Member of Parliament elections in Bolsover and NE Derbyshire constituencies.

**16/05/17 - REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

**17/05/17 - ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 26 JUNE 2017**

- a) Potential for extending the car park on New Street.
- b) Application for position of Councillor.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 26 June 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS