

Morton Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Monday 30 October 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 J Hollingworth, Cllr V Lawrence, Cllr C Lawton, Cllr R Martin and Cllr L Rodgers.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

01/1017- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B Roe

02/10/17 - COUNCILLORS ABSENT

03/10/17 - DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

None

04/10/17 - RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

05/10/17 - PUBLIC SPEAKING

Matters raised by members of the public and by Councillors: a member of the public raised the issue of the play area at Bacchus Way having been vandalised with graffiti over the slide, bench and seat. The Parish Council had arranged for the graffiti to be removed in the next few days. The road sweeper from NEDDC had been requested and the roads around the triangle and Church Lane had been swept but the pavements had been left covered with leaves. Cllr Butler agreed to follow the matter up.

06/10/17 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Gillott updated Councillors regarding the highway programme which was currently being developed and any repairs to roads or footpaths should be reported to Cllr Gillott for inclusion in the plan. The bulge in the wall on Main Road, near to the pit yard would be a costly repair and had therefore been proposed for inclusion in the capital programme.

07/10/17 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllrs Butler and Cooper updated Councillors on the passing of the planning application for a shop at the rear of the Sitwell Arms public house. The Local Plan covering housing development in the area over the next 7 years was now in place. The situation with the tree on Holland Close that was impeding visibility had been resolved.

08/10/17 - MINUTES

- a) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017

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

09/10/17 - TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

10/10/17 - MATTERS TO REPORT

- a) Crime figures for July and August 17 - The reports were noted which included 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour at Maltby Avenue, New Street and Main Road, a vehicle crime at Maltby Avenue, a burglary at Penfold Way and one other crime on Evershill Close during July 2017. There was an incident of anti-social behaviour at Main Road, an incident of criminal damage/arson at Sitwell Villas and a burglary at Main Road during August 2017.

A Street Meet event organised by Derbyshire Constabulary had taken place in the Village Hall during October.

- b) The independent playground inspection report was noted. Some minor repairs to playground equipment would be arranged by the Parish Council.

11/10/17 - MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a) Options for field to rear of Morton Manor – Cllr Funnell had met with the new Headteacher at Morton Primary School to discuss the schools involvement in providing some suggestions for the use of the field.

RESOLVED – That the school be asked to put forward any suggestions for the use of the field to the rear of Morton Manor for the Council's consideration.

- b) Parking on New Street – Parking was an ongoing problem on New Street especially at school pick up and drop off times. The Police had attended the school to talk to parents regarding safe and considerate parking. The option to extend the car park on New Street had been presented to the district council for consideration a response awaited.

- c) Appointment of new Clerk – A number of applications for the position had been received and interviews had taken place resulting in a shortlist of two candidates. The two candidates did a short presentation outlining their suitability for the job. Tina Frost Morris was thanked for her hard work and support as Clerk over the past two years.

RESOLVED – To appoint Kevin Garner as the new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer with effect from 6th November 2017.

- d) Dog bins – A review of the number and location of the dog bins would had been undertaken.

RESOLVED – That the location and number of dog bins be adjusted to allow for increased usage and convenience to the public as follows:

- Evershill Lane – Relocate the dog bin on the entrance to the footpath to the cricket pitch and move onto Padley Wood Lane.
- Sitwell Villas – Relocate the dog bin on the driveway to Morton Grange and move onto the opposite side of Stretton Road, adjacent to Sitwell Villas.
- Bacchus Way – Relocate the dog bin on Bacchus Way and move adjacent to the entrance to the play area.
- Red Lane – New dog bin to be located on the entrance to Red Lane.

- e) Village Christmas Decorations – The option of having smaller Christmas trees throughout the village had been investigated, but the initial outlay for the purchase of the trees was found to be expensive. Other Christmas lighting for next year would be investigated.

RESOLVED – That Cllr Martin investigate the alternative options for Christmas lights for 2018, including the possibility of a public competition, and report the findings back to the Parish Council.

12/10/17 - FINANCE

a) Payments

Payments listed on the agenda

Cheque Number	Supplier	Description	Net Amount	Gross Amount
001585	T Frost Morris	Clerk's salary (01 Sept–5 Nov)	£672.56	£672.56
001585	T Frost Morris	Clerk's expenses (01 Sept–5 Nov)	£34.95	£34.95
001585	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd extra email storage to 10GB Sept 17	£2.99	£3.59
001585	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for 1&1 Internet Ltd extra email storage to 10GB Oct 17	£2.99	£3.59
001585	T Frost Morris	Reimbursement for Swiftprint printing of bonfire night posters	£31.95	£31.95
001586	HMRC	PAYE tax (01 Sept–5 Nov)	£168.29	£168.29
001587	Chris Ochel Design	Grounds Maintenance to 18 Oct 17	£205.00	£205.00
001588	1 st Galaxy Fireworks Ltd	Fireworks display 2017	£1,250.00	£1,500.00
001589	Boiler Room Digital	Upgrade website to SSL	£36.00	£36.00
001590	John Funnell	Reimbursement for Vistaprint printing of bonfire night leaflets	£24.97	£29.97
001591	Cash	Reimbursement of petty cash for August & September 2017	£28.83	£31.50
001592	DALC	Councillor training on Planning course - 3 places	£120.00	£120.00
DD	NEDDC	Playground inspection fee for 2 sites	£64.00	£76.80
DD	NEDDC	Emptying of dog bins July - Sept 17	£497.35	£596.82
DD	Information Commissioner's Office	Annual data protection registration	£35.00	£35.00

Late Payments and payments approved during the meeting - None

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 September 2017 was signed and approved.
 c) Bank reconciliation for period ended 30 September 2017 was signed and approved.
 d) Budget Monitoring for period ended 30 September 2017 was noted and approved.

13/10/17 – PLANNING

Open for Consultation

None

Delegated Decisions

- a) 210 Main Road – Application to extend existing drop kerb and access by 6 meters 17/00672/FLH – No objections raised.
- b) Padley Wood Farm Evershill Lane for Solarig Italia Development - Application to vary condition 3 pursuant (Major Development/Public Footpath) 15/00224/FL – No objections raised.
- c) 3 Stretton Road - Application to vary condition 2 to allow plot 5 enlargement, garage orientation and plot 6 garage widened 17/00290/FL – No objections raised.

14/10/17 - DALC CIRCULARS

DALC circulars 11/2017 and 12/2017 were noted.

15/10/17 - CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Holy Cross Church invitation to participate in Christmas Tree Festival. Church open for tree decorating on Friday 8th December 2017. The Parish Council would be happy to participate.
- b) NEDDC granting of Tree Preservation Order 263 on Centre of England oak tree on Stretton Road.
- c) NEDDC invitation to Councillors to attend the District and Parish Business meeting on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 6pm at the District Council Offices.

16/10/17 - REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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

17/10/17 - ANY ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2017

- a) Methods of communication with the Community (Facebook, Twitter, Website, Newsletter)

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27 November 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Road, Morton, DE55 6GS