

Morton Parish Council**Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on 21st January 2015, 7.30pm, at the Rectory Rooms****Present**

Cllr A Coates (Chair)
 Cllr W Edson
 Cllr C Lawton

Cllr A Cooper
 Cllr R McCullough
 Cllr B Roe

Cllr M Morris
 Cllr S Cashin

In Attendance

Cllr K Gillott (Derbyshire County Council)
 Mrs J Taylor (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)
 Member of the public

1/01/15 Apologise

None

2/01/15 Councillors Absent

None

3/01/15 Declaration of members' interests

None

4/01/15 Recording and Filming of Council Meetings

None

5/01/15 Public Speaking**a) Public**

A member of the public attended and raised his concerns regarding the crossing patrol.

b) District Council

None

c) Police

PCSO Gary Green was unable to attend the meeting but the crime report was circulated. No crime was reported for December 2014.

d) Derbyshire District Council

Cllr K Gillott summarised the background regarding the school crossing patrol and the formula used by County to calculate the relevant funding. After the previous patrol left there are no plans to replace the crossing patrol by County due to cuts. Cllr Gillott has requested a zebra crossing for outside the school. There is currently a long and short list for zebra crossings and Morton have been added to the long list.

Cllr Gillott informed the council that a patrol crossing person would have to be employed by Derbyshire County Council, but funding for this post can be derived from the parish council, school or other funding. Cllr Gillott left the meeting at 7.45pm.

5a/01/15 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th November 2014

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2014

6/01/15 To determine whether any item on agenda should be taken with the public excluded

There were no items

7/01/15 Finance**Payments**

Supplier	Description		Net	Gross
Morton Monkeys	S137	001393	£250.00	£250.00
Brian Waterfall	Grounds Maintenance	001394	£240.00	£240.00
1and1 internet	Domain name	001395	£25.14	£30.17
Boiler Room Digital	Website Maintenance	001396	£187.15	£224.58
NEDDC	Dog waste bins	001397	£419.84	£503.81
J Taylor	Clerk	001398	£390.00	£390.00
W Edson	Xmas lights	001399	£52.47	£52.47

RESOLVED to approve the above listed items for payment, and these were signed, on behalf of the Council by Cllr W Edson and Cllr C Lawton.

RESOLVED to approve the bank statement and bank reconciliation, the bank reconciliation was signed.

Cllr Coates noted that an invoice for the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner had not been received, neither had the invoice for the bench at the church.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to pay these invoices when they arrive.

8/01/15 Matters to report

- a) Chair had received the resignation of the Clerk.
- b) An advert for the post of Clerk and RFO has been actioned and applications received. Council **RESOLVED** to delegate the appointment of Clerk to Cllr A Coates, Cllr S Cashin and Cllr B Roe, who all agreed to be the interview panel. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 or Thursday 5th February 2015.
- c) National Lottery Funding had been received. £10,000
- d) Elections for parish council will be held in May at the same time as the general election. Clerk has information for people who are interested in becoming a parish councillor.
- e) New noticeboard has been ordered for siting near Sitwell Villas
- f) Although 3 different contractors have been contacted, no quotes have been received for the repair to village hall. Cllr Morris to pass on contact details of contractors to Clerk
- g) A response was sent to the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the maintenance of the building
- h) Clerk contacted NEDDC about tree that came down in the winds on the car park at New Street. Tree removed immediately.
- i) It was **RESOLVED** by Council to move this item to Matters for decision.
- j) Clerk to obtain quotes for planters
- k) Council confirmed the same amount of hanging baskets would be required on the same lamp posts this year
- l) Dow Hill Lane bridge repairs are taking place
- m) Precept 2015/2016 request has been submitted to NEDDC

9/01/15 Matters for decision

- a) Swingset for Bacchus Park and picnic benches and
- b) Gym Equipment for New Street Park- Councillors discussed quotes and compared prices and value for money. Clerk to contact contractor for further information. It was **RESOLVED** that when further information is received by the Clerk and circulated, Councillors can agree by email which contractors to use. **RESOLVED** for Clerk to contact NEDDC for quotes for bench installation. Cllr S Cashin asked that he meet selected contractor for site visit.
- c) Newsletter Production – Cllr A Coates is producing next newsletter. Council requires quote for contractor to produce newsletter. Cllr M Morris to chase. Clerk to obtain quote for Post Office to deliver newsletters.
- d) Financial Regulations Review- Cllr A Coates to review amended regulations. **RESOLVED** to submit at next meeting.
- e) Website Upgrade/Review- It was **RESOLVED** that upgrades and repairs to could ahead to website.
- f) Appointment of new Clerk-see minute 8/01/15 (b)

- g) Meeting dates 2015- It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2015. Note a change of venue for the meeting on 18th March 2015, to be held at Village Hall.
- h) Crossing Patrol and Zebra Crossing- Councillors discussed the options available to the parish council and the financial implications of any decisions. It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to write to Cllr D Collins and Cllr K Gillott stating that Morton Parish Council is prepared to contribute up to 50% of the costs of a crossing patrol for a maximum of 12 months, this would then give time for a permanent solution to be put in place, such as a pedestrian crossing.

10/01/15 Planning

No Comments

11/01/15 DALC circulars

Previously circulated

12/01/15 Correspondence

- a) NEDDC – Council Tax base

13/01/15 Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

- a) Church – Well attended throughout Christmas period.
- b) Morton Play Area (New Street) – Cllr W Edson provided Clerk with report.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – New PCSO attended meeting.
- d) School – Crossing Patrol (addressed earlier)
- e) Morton Events Committee – Childrens Christmas Party went ahead.
- f) Village Hall – Nothing to report

14/01/15 Items for the next agenda

- a) Financial Regulations Review
- b) Newsletter
- c) Crossing Patrol