

Morton Parish Council**Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on 15th January 2013, 7.30pm, at the Rectory Rooms****Present**

Cllr A Coates (Chair)	Cllr R McCullough
Cllr S Cashin (Vice Chair)	Cllr M Morris
Cllr W Edson	Cllr B Roe
Cllr C Lawton	Cllr E Taylor

In Attendance

Mrs J Taylor (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)
 Cllr K Gillott (DCC)
 One member of the public

1/01/14 Apologies

Cllr A Cooper

2/01/14 Councillors Absent

None

3/01/14 Declaration of members' interests

None

4/01/14 Public Speaking**a) County Council**

Cllr K Gillott responded to the request from the Parish Council for a new speed sign which indicates the speed at which a car is travelling. He reported that these particular signs are rarely used by Derbyshire County Council, and for them to be used for Morton would involve a policy change, which is not for consideration at this current time. Cllr K Gillott suggested that DCC may be willing to move the current temporary speed sign to another location in the village.

Cllr K Gillott stated that there is a very small budget for repairs to pavements, but if repairs were to be carried out, he asked if the Parish Council could identify areas of priority. Suggestions were put forward including Holland Close, Church Lane and Pilsley Road.

Cllr K Gillott explained the cuts being made to Adult Social Care and Children's Services and that the Council tax will be decided in next few days.

Cllr K Gillott left the meeting at 7.55pm.

b) District Council

None as Cllr A Cooper was not in attendance.

c) Police

No member of the police attended. An email reporting no nuisance and no crime for December 2013 was received.

d) Public

Matters raised by a member of the public were

- the poor condition of pavements, as spoken about with Cllr K Gillott
- that the construction site opposite the post office had water coming off it onto the highway, this water was not going down the drains but was going down the road
- overgrown hedges on the school side of Station Road have not been cut back
- there is a lot of dog waste being left on Back Lane

5/01/14 To confirm the minutes of the parish meeting held on 20th December 2013

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th December 2013

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There were no items.

Cllr A Coates proposed a change of order in the agenda to discuss and approve the appointment of the clerk.
RESOLVED to approve the change of order.

8.05pm Joanne Taylor was asked to leave the meeting while Councillors discussed the appointment.

8.15pm Joanne Taylor returned to the meeting.

9/01/14 Matters for decision (moved up on the agenda)**a) Appointment of new Clerk**

Councillors discussed the proposed appointment of Joanne Taylor.

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Joanne Taylor as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, at 14 hours per month, £12 per hour and with a working from home allowance of £15 per month. Cllr A Coates welcomed the clerk to the Parish Council.

7/01/14 Finance**Payments**

			Net	Gross
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Nov 2013	001339	25.00	25.00
A Coates (expenses-domain and Christmas lights)	Dec 2013	001341	51.14	51.14
North East Derbyshire District Council	Oct 2013	001342	1319.87	1583.84
Morton Village Hall (Christmas party)	Dec 2013	001343	306.95	306.95
Gary Wilkes (Bus shelter cleaning)	Sept – Dec 2013	001344	150.00	150.00

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 change of address of Parish Council and to include Clerk as contact.

Cllr A Coates stated that the Council had considered moving bank account to access an online account. Clerk to obtain information about online banking from current bank and other banks offering this service.

8/01/14 Matters to report

- a) The registration of the Village Hall with the Land Registry is almost complete with the solicitor having completed and submitted paperwork. Banner Jones Solicitors confirmed to Cllr A Coates that they still have money on account, approximately £599, and this will be used to pay the registration costs, approximately £190
- b) The request for new speed detector signs was denied. See minute 4/01/14 (a)
- c) Grit bins are due to be filled, Cllr M Morris to arrange. Clerk asked how many bins were in the village. All bins are owned by Parish Council. Clerk to contact County Council to request a bin near the Corner Pin.
- d) Cllr A Coates had notified NEDDC of the approved precept.
- e) Cllr K Gillott had investigated the transport to and from Tibshelf School and there is no planned changes being made. Cllr W Edson reported that a proposed new footpath to make it safer for children to walk nearer the school is being considered.

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RESOLVED that following the appointment of the new Clerk the new Parish Council address would be the address of the Clerk.

Ain Moor House, Main Road, Stretton, Derbyshire DE55 6EW

c) Payroll Provider

RESOLVED that following the appointment of the new Clerk, she will manage the payroll using HMRC's free toolkit software. Clerk to notify current payroll provider.

d) Village Handyman/woman

It had been discussed at a previous meeting about the Parish Council's requirement of a casual handyman/woman to pick up the smaller jobs in the village, eg litter picking, bus shelter cleaning, pit wheel maintenance etc. The new Clerk works as a Clerk in the neighbouring village of Stretton and they currently use a casual handyman for similar jobs.

RESOLVED to try the handyman from Stretton. Clerk to liaise and arrange work, starting with cleaning bus shelters and signs in village.

e) Playground Inspections

As agreed with the insurance company monthly inspections are being carried out in the winter by a volunteer from the village and a Councillor. NEDDC look at the play areas in the summer months but do not provide a report.

RESOLVED that the Clerk to contact NEDDC regarding inspections, if they are not being carried out Clerk to do Summer time inspections.

f) Village Notice Boards

Cllr W Edson reported that the notice board outside the village hall was in a poor state of repair. The clerk confirmed that it was unsafe and needed taking down. Cllr A Coates recommended the Council consider replacing the notice board outside the village hall. Cllr M Morris questioned the necessity of notice boards, and didn't consider it a good use of the Council's funds.

RESOLVED that the Clerk to obtain further information and costs of notice boards to present at the next parish meeting for consideration.

g) Approval of 2014/2015 budget

Cllr A Coates talked through the proposed 2014/2015 budget and a discussion was had regarding individual proposed spends.

RESOLVED to approve the 2014/2015 budget

h) Request for financial contributions

1) New ropes for church bells – information is still being gathered, postpone request until next meeting.

2) Morton Events Committee – to undertake the Gala the events committee are requesting a contribution of £300

RESOLVED to approve the request for £300 contribution

10/01/14 Planning

NED/13/01128/FL – substitution of house types (plot 4) and additional conservatory (plot 8) of previously approved residential scheme (13/00012/FL) at White House, 69 Main Road, Morton for Morton Land Limited.

Cllr A Coates and Cllr M Morris to meet with James Smith from NEDDC regarding Village Hall and options available.

11/01/14 DALC circulars

Previously circulated

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- a) NEDDC – District and Parish Liaison Meeting, 15th Jan 2014, 6pm, NEDDC, Council House
- b) H J Banks & Company – Asking Parish Council to comment of the reinstatement of Love Lane at Doe Hill Community Park.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council respond and ask that Love Lane be left as is and not made back into a road.

13/01/14 Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

- a) Church – Councillor Lawton reported that the Church Services over the Christmas period were well attended.
A wedding fayre will be held in the church on 1st March 2014
- b) Morton Play Area (New Street) – Councillor Cashin reported that the picnic tables had been put in place.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – nothing to report
- d) School – Cllr Lawton reported a member of staff has left school but a new appointment will start in the Summer term.
- e) Morton Events Committee – nothing to report
- f) Village Hall – see Minute 10/01/14
- g)

14/01/14 Items for the next agenda

- a) Notice boards
- b) Pit Wheels
- c) Grounds maintenance contracts