

Morton Parish Council**Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on 19th March 2014, 7.30pm, at the Rectory Rooms****Present**

Cllr A Coates (Chair)	Cllr C Lawton
Cllr S Cashin (Vice Chair)	Cllr M Morris
Cllr A Cooper	Cllr B Roe
Cllr W Edson	

In Attendance

Mrs J Taylor (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)
 PCSC Gary Green
 5 members of the public

1/03/14 Apologise

Cllr R McCullough - Other
 Cllr E Taylor - childcare
 Cllr K Gillott (DCC)

2/03/14 Councillors Absent

None

3/03/14 Declaration of members' interests

None

4/03/14 Public Speaking**a) County Council**

None

b) District Council

None

c) Police

PCSO Gary Green attended the meeting and reported that there were no crimes or anti social behaviours to report for February 2014.

It was reported that the theft of fuel from vehicles is on the increase in the wider area and asked residents to be vigilant.

The clerk had contacted PCSO Gary Green suggesting a 'Community Speed Watch' project that could involve the police and other parish councils, to help tackle the issue of speeding in villages.

d) Public

Matters raised by a member of the public were

- residents from the new development by Messrs Frank Sissons on Station Road requested that the steps leading from the pit wheels are altered, either blocked off or changed.
- signpost on Bacchus Way is hidden by overgrown
- drains blocked and mud on road
- Cllr B Roe has complained to Harron Homes about contractors parking on the footways outside the new development
- Mr Andrew Smith complained about the noise being made on the new development Stretton Road

5/03/14 To confirm the minutes of the parish meeting held on 15th January 2014

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th January 2014

6/03/14 To determine whether any item on agenda should be taken with the public excluded

There were no items

Chairman

Date

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			Net	Gross
S Ashlee (cleaning in parish)	Jan 2014	001345	129.50	129.50
NEDDC (dog bins and HR advice)	Dec 2013	001346	425.10	510.12
DALC (Annual subscription)	2014	001347	300.66	300.66
Boiler Room Digital (website)	Jan 2014	001348	36.46	43.76
Morton Gala Committee	Jan 2014	001349	300.00	300.00
J Taylor (clerks pay)	Jan 14-Mar 14	001350	403.20	403.20
HMRC	Jan 14-Mar 14	001351	100.80	100.80
J Taylor (working from home allowance)	Jan 14-Mar 14	001352	45.00	45.00
Holy Cross Church Morton (room hire)	Mar 2014	001353	100.00	100.00

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

The bank mandate has been signed and submitted to the bank for the addition of the new clerk

The vat claim has been made and paid.

8/03/14 Matters to report

- a) The play area inspections are being carried out by a volunteer member of the public and Cllr W Edson, both are to attend a Play Inspection Training Course. North East Derbyshire District Council do not do any inspections on either site. Bacchus Way play area to be put on the agenda for next meeting.
- b) Clerk and Chairman signed contract of employment.
- c) The cleaning of the bus shelter and signs in village have been done.
- d) The speed sign has not been moved. Cllr K Gillott following up request.
- e) New grit bin has been located opposite the Corner Pin.
- f) Response to Banks Mining received acknowledgement
- g) Response made to Paul Waite Associates Ltd declining to adopt and maintain detention basin.
- h) Request to DCC to cut back hedge on Station Road still not been carried out.
RESOLVED clerk to arrange for hedge to be cut and to invoice DCC for work undertaken.
- i) Work has been programmed by Derbyshire County Council to repair the potholes on Station Road for April or May 2014.

9/03/14 Matters for decision

- a) Village Notice board
Councillors discussed whether to maintain or replace the parish notice board outside the village hall. It was agreed to replace the notice board, but more details are required regarding materials and placement before Councillors could agree to purchase notice board.
RESOLVED clerk to obtain further information for next meeting.
- b) Pit Wheel Maintenance
Councillors discussed the maintenance of the pit wheels and agreed for the area to be cleaned up and weeded, at the same time as getting advice on planting and design. Request for steps to be changed or replaced to be discussed at next meeting.
RESOLVED clerk to action
- c) Bank Account and authorisers
The clerk is in the process of applying for an online bank account with Lloyds TSB.
RESOLVED that the clerk open an online banking account with Cllr A Coates and Cllr S Cashin to be authorisers on the account and the Clerk to be on the account to carry out actions.

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- d) Request for financial contribution;
- New ropes for church bells – remove from agenda until further information is received
 - A request for a contribution to the maintenance of Doe Hill Country Park was declined.
- e) Late Item
- Cllr A Coates reminded the Council that it is usually at April's meeting that a decision would be made regarding the hanging baskets, as there is no April meeting this year could hanging baskets be decided on at this meeting.
- RESOLVED** Councillors agreed that they want to order hanging baskets and to use the same supplier as last year. Clerk to arrange lamp post testing and hanging baskets.

10/03/14 Planning

NED/14/0132/FL – variation to approved drainage at White House, 60 Main Road

11/03/14 DALC circulars

Previously circulated

12/03/14 Correspondence

- a) NEDDC – Ethical Standards Parish Councillors Survey
- b) NEDDC – District Council's Standards Committee vacancy
- c) NEDDC – Joint ICT Services report that a typical address for new development will be XX Oakview Gardens, Morton, DE55 6HF
- d) DCC – Digital Derbyshire Event on 20th March 2014, 2pm-4pm County Hall, Matlock

13/03/14 Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

- a) Church – Cllr Lawton reported that a tree in the church yard is pushing against a wall causing damage.
- b) Morton Play Area (New Street) – Cllr Cashin requested the football pitch be marked out and asked the Clerk to obtain costs incurred by Council for maintenance of play area, and find alternate quotes for work. Cllr Cashin to organise planting up of play area.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – nothing to report
- d) School – nothing to report
- e) Morton Events Committee – nothing to report
- f) Village Hall – Cllr A Coates met with James Smith, a planner from North East Derbyshire District Council to discuss the village hall. It was a positive meeting and James Smith is writing to the Council with his recommendations.
- The guttering at the village hall has come down in places and it was agreed by the Council to get it repaired.
- g) Morton Messenger – nothing to report

14/03/14 Items for the next agenda

- a) Bacchus Way Play Area and Play Inspection Report 2013