**Morton Annual Parish Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on **Wednesday 15th April 2019** at 7.00pm at the Rectory Rooms, Road, Morton, DE55 6GS

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Funnell Chair, Cllr C Lawton, Cllr V Lawrence, Cllr B Roe, Amanda-Jayne Pike – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Cllr J Browne, Cllr B Marshall and Cllr W Bramley

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr K Gilliott - Derbyshire County Councillor

Cllr J Funnell – N E Derbyshire District Councillor

Members of the public (6)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr L Rodgers

Cllr A Cooper – N E Derbyshire District Councillor

**01/05/2019 – CHAIR’S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomes Councillors and the Public for attending. Chairman thanks all the councillors for their help and support during the last year and welcomes Cllr B Marshall.

**02/05/2019 - MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 as an accurate record.

**RESOLVED**

**03/05/2019 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2018 / 2019**

We have addressed several planning challenges during last year. 100 new homes on Stretton Rd – which was approved despite our objections. The new wood chipping plant was initially refused but an appeal has been made and will now go to appeal pending a decision from the Secretary of State. Our Morton messenger goes from strength to strength getting better each publication a big thank you to Alison Dean for all her support in producing the newsletter. Sadly, Alison has not stood for re-election but will support the new councillor taking on this role. We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which will be advertised

**04/05/2019 – FINANCE REPORT 2018 / 2019**

Current Bank Balance as of 31st March 2019 is £209,150.32. The total amounts of grant monies received are £194,029.44 including the Solar Farm of £5345.24 and monies from the Village Hall committee of £5,000. Community Grants (S137) totalled £1667.09. Our precept received was £40,000. Activities in the Village raised £2,997.95 which included British Legion poppies, fireworks display and Christmas merchandising these activities cost the Parish Council £3,356.39. A big thank you to Cllr Lawerence for placing all those poppies. The Morton Messenger advertising revenue raised was £327.00 and the cost of producing the Messenger was £930. The total spend for the year was £114,937.23. The main spends were dog bins £3,896.50 and the hanging baskets £3,647.00. The Village Hall improvements and maintenance was £72,684.73 and £860.00 = £73,544.73. Our income consists of £40,000 Precept and £5,345.25 = £45,345.25 annually.

**05/05/2019 – MORTON VILLAGE UPDATE**

Worked started on the Village Hall at the beginning of the year and should be completed in July**.** The grant from Viridor Credits (£91,000)and the Public Works Loan Board (£150,000) enabled the project to go ahead. We held an open evening in April it was well attended, and several volunteers have offered to help run events and clubs in the future.

**06/05/2019 – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. How Morton Parish Council have improved our Village facilities

With the completion of the Village Hall

1. How Morton Parish Council have improved the Village’s appearance

Focus on housekeeping, village improvements and supporting volunteers with projects to improve the Village appearance

1. Morton Parish Council Community Grant during 2018/2019.

Morton Football Club

Morton Cricket Club

Holy Cross Church

Morton Primary School

Morton Allotments Society

1. Presentation of reports from other village organisations

Neighbourhood Watch – Continues to meet - next meeting June

Holy Cross Church – Fundraising events to raise monies for the Church (£12,000). Rectory Rooms need a new roof desperately estimated at 3 – 4k

Morton Primary School painting a weather vain for Village Hall – Cllr W Bramley joining the board in June.

**Future projects for consideration**

Rectory rooms roofing works

New football / sports play area on the old playing field

Skateboard Park

Morton Manor

Sitwell Arms

Christmas Lights

**MEETING CLOSED** 19.23PM