

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Rectory Rooms, Morton on the 19th May 2010.

Present. Councillors Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E. McCullough, Mrs B. Roe, Mr W. Edson, Mr C. Lawton, Mr A Cooper, Mr D. Cotterill, Mr A. Sams and Mr S.J. Cashin.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 1 member of the public.

Apologies. County Councillor Mr B. Lewis and District Councillor Mrs A. Holmes.

Absent. None.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Councillor Mrs M. Hawkins, stated that this had been another busy year and she thanked both the Clerk for his support and also that of the Vice-Chair Ruth McCullough. In all the Council now work as a team with each person having their own area of responsibility; the last year could be described as one of consolidation.

The following matters documented by the Clerk for the 2008/09 year are worthy of note and hopefully they should all be self-explanatory :-

Parish Council Newsletters have been regularly distributed to every household in the Village and good verbal feedback about these indicates that they have been well received.

There have been numerous problems in respect of the proposed road/parking improvement scheme on Evershill Close and due to the revised costings that have now been received this work is extremely unlikely to be carried out during the 2010/11 financial year. The County Council and District Council have given little or no help in this respect and the fact that the situation is worsening is extremely frustrating for both the Parish Council and local residents.

The Parish Plan for the Village of Morton has been reviewed and updated and the response from the local community was good; however, there are still outstanding items of work that need to be carried out.

The hanging baskets were again provided as these were identified as a priority for local people when developing the Parish Plan; the large planters also contained floral displays last summer and will do so again this year. All of these have been extremely well received by local residents.

The Parish Council is continuing to work with the Village Hall Management Committee in order to try and carry out improvements to the facilities at the Village Hall and in particular a

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proper access for disabled people. It is now at the stage where funding for the project needs to be identified.

The Morton Carnival will not be held this year but the fun run will again be taking place together with the Gala where organisations will staff their own stalls; this all takes place during the weekend of the 26th and 27th of June.

The Parish Council provided financial support for the senior citizen's Christmas Party and this was a great success yet again.

The Parish Council continues to give financial support to the provision of school milk at Morton Primary School although this is due to end as the District Council has decided not to operate the scheme after the 2010 summer term.

Maintenance work has continued to be undertaken in the churchyard thanks to the assistance of Community Services.

After a long wait soil and water samples from the Toxic Waste site were tested by the Environment Agency and the District Council has reported that from these it has been determined that there is no risk to local people from the site.

The South Eastern Partnership meetings have been regularly attended by representatives of the Parish Council throughout the year.

Work on providing more youth activities in the Village is coming to fruition thanks to the work being put in by Councillor Sams and Councillor Cashin; this is also now being assisted by a £500 grant from the CHART LSP.

It is pleasing to report that Morton Parish Council's application to be re-accredited with Quality Parish Council Status was successful and at that point we were one of only 2 Councils in Derbyshire to do so. One of the criteria this time was for the Council to have its own website and this is now in place.

A lightening conductor essential to protect the future of the Church was funded by the Parish Council.

Councillor Edson attended the unveiling of a memorial to the Sherwood Foresters Regiment on behalf of the Parish Council at Tyne Cott, Passchendale, Yrpes in Belgium.

The following list details the attendance rates in respect of parish councillors for attending Parish Council meetings during the past year:

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Margaret Hawkins - possible = 10 attended 10 Ruth McCullough - possible = 10 attended 10

Walter Edson - possible = 10 attended 10 Anthony Sams - possible = 10 attended 7

Betty Roe - possible = 10 attended 5 Clive Lawton - possible = 10 attended 10

Derek Cotterill - possible = 10 attended 9 Sean Cashin - possible = 2 attended 2

Clive Parkin - possible = 6 attended 3 Andrew Cooper - possible = 10 attended 6
(also attended a further 2 meetings as District Councillor)

Matters Raised by members of the public. None.

There being no other business raised the meeting then closed at 8:15pm.

Chair 18th May 2011