

# Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

## **Informal Session.**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Alan Cooke from the Derbyshire Accreditation Panel and Brian Wood from DALC presented the Chair of the Council, Margaret Hawkins, with the re-accreditation of Quality Parish Council status and this was warmly received by everyone present.

**Police.** The crime figures and a written report have been received from PCSO Gary Green and there were 2 recorded crimes in Morton during December and none in January; these consisted of 1 incident of violence and 1 theft of a motor vehicle. It was also stated that there was only one report of nuisance made within Morton during January. It was reported that a recent check on motorists had taken place locally and the only issue in the Village at the moment is with a couple of young people and PCSO Green has this in hand.

PCSO Green has also submitted a comprehensive update report on local issues that has been distributed to all councillors.

**District Council.** There is nothing new to report other than an update on Evershill Close that was dealt with under the Clerk's report.

**County Council.** Councillor Lewis had raised a number of issues on the Parish Council's behalf as requested at the January meeting and the following response has been received from the County Council:-

"Sitwell Villas - according to our system, the only recent report for potholes on Sitwell Villas was on 18 January 2010 - these have now been filled by our Rapid Response Team. (Ref 706204)

16 Penfold Lane (or Way?) - the 2nd letter to this property will be sent shortly (already currently in typing). The next step if no action is taken after a month, is to serve a legal notice on the property. This does then give them a further 28 days to take action, then under the Highways Act, DCC can do the works and recharge the costs if they still take no action. (Ref 262648)

Doe Hill Lane - I will send this to the depot for inspection. The junction is on the boundary of two areas - I'm aware of previous reports regarding basal growth of trees on Station Road but I'm not sure if the other roads are the problem.

I will pass the 20mph limit request for outside the school to our Traffic team to investigate."

There was nothing new to report but the longstanding problem with water draining through the wall and onto the highway on Station Road is getting worse and the possible action outlined by the County Council in their previous response to Councillor Lewis is clearly needed as soon as possible.

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**101/10 Members Present.** Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mr A. Cooper, Mr C. Lawton, Mr D. Cotterill and Mr A. Sams.

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

**102/10 Apologies.** Mrs B. Roe, County Councillor Mr B. Lewis and Mrs A. Holmes - District Councillor.

**103/10 Councillors Absent.** None.

**104/10 Declaration of Members' Interests.** There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

The District Council has confirmed that there has not been a request for an election following the resignation of Councillor Parkin and therefore this vacancy can be filled by co-opting someone else on to the Parish Council

**105/10 Items from members of the public.** The streetlight is still being obscured outside 16 Penfold Way and the County Council will shortly be taking action in order to resolve this problem.

There are ongoing problems with refuse collection on Sitwell Villas due to the narrow road and parked vehicles and the Clerk will write to the District Council to ask for consideration to be given regarding the best way to try and alleviate the situation.

**106/10 Non-Exempt Minutes - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**107/10 Items in Exclusion.** There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**108/10 Clerk of the Council's Report.** Toxic Waste Site - apparently the water sampling has now been carried out and this has not shown any problem with the quality of the water; soil sampling is also taking place and Neville Haslam from the District Council is attending the March meeting in order to explain the current situation to the Council.

Fly tipping - it is intended to carry out this work in the Spring with the assistance of the STAG Group and Morton residents; the Clerk will be kept informed of the likely date of the work in order that arrangements can be made for the area to be made secure immediately following the work being carried out in order that there is no immediate repeat of the tipping.

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Evershill Close - the site meeting has taken place and the Clerk has followed this up with the District Council requesting some further information in order that some progress can be made; unfortunately there has been no response to date and Councillor Cooper agreed to raise this with the Chief Executive at an appropriate point if nothing is forthcoming soon.

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerk's report and to approve the action stated against the appropriate items.

**109/10 Matters for Decision.** None.

**110/10 Finance.** The following payments have been made:-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HM Revenue & Customs - tax and NI Oct. to Dec.09	-	1,080 . 79
NEDDC - removal of 5 Lime trees and make good	001128	773 . 70
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	001129	164 . 41
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	001130	350 . 43
Peter Harkins - various work on the Village Hall	001131	665 . 00
Mr P. Goodwin - clerk's expenses	001132	87 . 78
Neil Shacklock Ltd. - repairs to boiler	001133	412 . 66
Mr A. Goodwin - design and print 540 newsletters	001134	385 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£3,812.03
Current Account	£1,000.88

**RESOLVED** that the payments listed above were authorised and the current level of balances noted.

**111/10 Planning.** There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

**10/00019/FLH** - Proposed first floor rear extension over existing single storey (re-submission of lapsed approval (06/00418/FL) at 36 Evershill Lane, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr Stephen Sterland.

**CD4/0110/188** - Proposed re-location of 22 linear metres of securifor 3D fencing (2.4m high) from its location along the side of the hard play area. Fencing to be moved out 9m into the grass play adjacent (formerly occupied by a two classroom terrapin) and enclosed at both ends to create an enclosed secure grass play area of 22m x 9m accessed from the existing hard play at Morton Primary School, Main Road, Alfreton for Derbyshire County Council.

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**The following planning application has now been approved :-**

**09/01059/FLH** - Proposed construction of first floor extension above existing ground floor room to rear and increase height of existing out building at 112 Main Road, Morton, Alferton, Derbyshire for Mr D Hampson.

**09/01108/FL** - Proposed demolition of vacant farmhouse and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage including installation of small sewage treatment plant (Private Drainage System) at Site of Former 9 Padley Wood Lane, Pilsley, Derbyshire for Mr T Wright.

## **112/10 DALC Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** to note the information contained in Circulars **05** and **09/2010** - General Circulars, **06/2010** - Local Council Review Subscriber Form, **07/2010** - Level of Burial Fees (England), **08/2010** - Important (Employment Status of Clerks, **10/2010** - Standing Orders for Local Authorities, **11/2010** - 2010 NALC Leadership Academy Programme and **12/2010** - NALC Development Strategy & Business Plan.

**113/10 General Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The NSPCC has sent some publicity material regarding how to protect more local children from abuse and neglect together with a request to become a campaign partner which will not have any financial cost to the Parish Council

The County Council has sent out a leaflet regarding a consultation Report that has been prepared jointly with Derby City Council entitled “Big Choices”. The consultation period runs from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and it is important that as many local people as possible make their views known about this important subject that will determine where new sorting and treatment plants will be built over the next 20 years.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence as listed above and to become a campaign partner with the NSPCC.

## **114/10 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.**

**Village Hall** - The Clerk reported that progress is still being made by the two sets of solicitors in respect of the transfer of the small strip of land required to enable the creation of a proper access for disabled people from Chris Milner to the Parish Council and he has recently authorised an interim payment, in respect of costs incurred so far, to Mr Milner from the funds deposited with the Parish Council’s solicitors some time ago.

**Church** - Councillor Lawton reported that there are ongoing efforts being made within the village in order to raise funds towards the cost of the maintenance of the Church; hopefully this will enable it to be kept in its current state for as long as possible.

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**School** - The new build is possibly slightly being schedule although it should be completed by late April 2010.

**South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership** - Councillor Hawkins stated that there hadn't been a meeting of the Partnership since the last Parish Council meeting.

**Youth Activities** - Councillor Sams stated that evidence of consultation with young people has now been sent to the District Council and therefore the grant application made some time ago should now be approved and the funds released for spending on the monthly disco, football team and other leisure related activities

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm

**Chairman**

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