

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 15th July 2009.

Informal Session.

Police. The crime figures and a written report have been received from PCSO Gary Green; there was one recorded crime in Morton during June which was in respect of a burglary from a dwelling. It was also stated that there were no reports of nuisance made within Morton during June.

PCSO Green has also submitted a comprehensive update report on local issues and the main three of these that are of interest to Morton relate to the purpose and operation of Safer Neighbourhood Teams, driver/passenger safety near to Morton Primary School and speeding through the village. Any assistance with emphasising the danger involved with the driver/passenger safety near to Morton Primary School would be greatly appreciated by the police.

PCSO Green gave a verbal update on all other policing matters in the surrounding area before leaving the meeting.

District Council. Councillor Cotterill and Councillor Cooper had nothing new to report to the meeting. It was pleasing to note that the grass immediately around the play area on New Street has now been cut back and the area generally cleaned up.

There are 7 Lime trees on the perimeter of the Bacchus Way play area and the District Council has recommended that 5 of these should be removed because of the problems these are causing for the neighbouring property; the cost of this work would be in the region of £700 and a decision needs to be made soon regarding what course of action to take in this respect.

Councillor Cooper agreed to take up the problem of the weeds on Bacchus Way and Penfold Way with the District Council on our behalf.

There has been no further information received from the District Council regarding the proposed improvement to the car parking problems on Evershill Close, Morton; Councillor Cotterill has heard that there are serious concerns about whether this scheme should now go ahead due to the problems of drainage from the highway. Councillor Cotterill was asked to try and obtain written confirmation regarding the current situation as a matter of urgency.

There is still a problem with fly tipping under the bridge on Higham Lane and this will be raised again with the District Council.

County Council. Councillor Lewis introduced himself as the new County Councillor for this area and stated that he will attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible.

The Clerk has spoken to the County Council regarding the footpath through the Churchyard that is slippery and they have agreed to look at the possibility of carrying out this work in the 2010/11 financial year. The County Council has just confirmed that they are going to prune the overgrown trees and trim the vegetation on the opposite side of the road to Westfield Gardens.

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The Clerk will now send to the County Council the photographs of the tree outside number 16 Penfold Way that is obscuring the street light in order that they can take the appropriate action.

The services cover on the private land at the old pit yard is still in a dangerous condition due to the depth it is below the level of the land surrounding it; the Clerk has spoken to Simon Kimmins at the County Council regarding this and apparently they will try and enforce this issue if they are given the details of the landowner. Councillor Cotterill agreed to get the details sent to Simon by the officer at the District Council who holds this information.

31/10 Members Present. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mr C. Parkin, Mr C. Lawton, Mr D. Cotterill and Mr A. Sams.

Also in attendance were Mr B. Lewis - County Councillor, Mr A. Cooper - District Councillor, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 1 member of the public.

32/10 Apologies. Mrs A. Holmes - District Councillor.

33/10 Councillors Absent. Mrs B. Roe.

34/10 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items. The District Council has written to confirm that there has not been a request for an election in respect of the recent vacancy that was advertised following the resignation of Councillor Claire Kozlowski. District Councillor Andrew Cooper accepted the invitation to join the Parish Council and he was then unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council by the members present; Councillor Cooper then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed the General Notice of Registrable Interests form.

35/10 Items from members of the public. A question was raised again regarding the work that was carried out near to the highway on Station Road where there has always been a problem with silt on the road and flooding. Councillor Cotterill stated that the County Council had investigated the problem of water escaping onto the highway from the former pit tip and, as a result of this, they agreed to clean out the interceptor that is supposed to disperse the draining water. The Clerk has spoken to Simon Kimmins at the County Council and he has indicated that the only course of action left is to clean the drain out as and when required. Councillor Lewis agreed to take this matter up again on behalf of the Parish Council and local residents.

36/10 Non-Exempt Minutes - 17th June 2009.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 2009.

37/10 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

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38/10 Clerk of the Council's Report. New seat for the Village - the seat has now been delivered and this will be installed somewhere near to the Old School House within the next week or so.

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 the full results will be given to the Parish Council in an easily understandable format in due course.

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

39/10 Matters for Decision. None.

40/10 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Civic Pride - hanging baskets and planters	001097	3,566 . 15

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 15th July 2009 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £ 4,583.27
Current Account £ 4,154.26

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

41/10 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning applications :-

09/00454/FLH - Proposed erection of two storey rear extension to form kitchen space with en-suite wc over and alteration to existing house to form a new side facing bedroom on the first floor at 48 New Street, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Mr C. Parkin.

09/00443/FL - Proposed erection of 4 bedroom dwelling with integral garage (Amended Plan) on land immediately adjacent to 1 The Laurels, Station Road, Morton, Alfreton for Mr Rob Spence.

The following planning application has now been approved :-

09/00333/FLH - Proposed replacement of a detached garage to side of house at 29 Stretton Road, Morton, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6GW for Mr J. Adkin.

42/10 DALC Circulars.

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RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **33, 35** and **36/2009** - General Circulars, **34/2009** - Publication of Report - Local Authority Investments, **37/2009** - Power of Well Being (Parish Council Training) - Additional Training Seminar at Heanor on the 5th August 2009, **38/2009** - British Youth Council, The Youth of Today and **39/2009** - Training - Clerk's Induction Courses.

43/10 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. The District Council has written to consult Parish Councils regarding the North East Derbyshire Development Framework, Climate Change and Renewable Energy - Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Scoping Document; any comments or suggestions regarding this document need to be sent to the District Council by the 17th July 2009 although there will be further opportunity for consultation on the draft document in November 2009 when it will be released for a statutory 6-week period of public consultation.

An e-mail thanking the Parish Council for the recent grant of £25 has been received from Victim Support in Derbyshire.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as listed above.

44/10 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 will now follow this up again as a matter of urgency.

Church - Councillor Lawton stated that the Quinquennial Inspection (this happens every five years) has just taken place and there were no issues to report.

School - When the building work has been completed at the school it was suggested that a service of thanksgiving could be held at the Church and it was unanimously agreed that this would be a good idea.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor McCullough reported on the last Partnership meeting and in particular the fact that no answer has been received regarding the application for funding that was intended for summer activities for young people in the area.

There was an interesting presentation from a police inspector at the meeting in respect of the 'restorative justice' approach to crime and it was agreed that attempts will be made to arrange a briefing for this Council in its own right

Youth Activities - Councillor Sams gave a report on the work that he has been doing in order to try and provide better facilities and activities for young people in Morton; Councillor Sams has now received his CRB clearance for this work that he is doing.

There is now a youth football team within the Village and this has been properly registered although it was only in time to play in the league in the 2010/11 season; during the 2009/10 season the team will play a number of friendly fixtures. The youth bus has been in the Village again and it was pleasing to report that

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the fun run was a real success again this year.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

Chairman 16th September 2009