

Morton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Rectory Rooms, Morton on the 20th May 2009.

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

Also in attendance were District Councillor Mr A. Cooper, Mr C. Marshall - Rykneld Homes, Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk and 7 members of the public.

Apologies. None.

Absent. None.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed.

Chair's Report. The Chair, Councillor Mrs M. Hawkins, first of all stated her thanks to everyone for their support especially the Clerk and Councillor McCullough.

Some councillors have left and new councillors have been welcomed aboard but even so it does appear to have been a much more settled year with everyone now working as a team; may this continue in the coming year.

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.

Work will hopefully commence shortly on the road/parking improvement scheme on Evershill Close and improved parking facilities have already been provided by the Parish Council on New Street.

Work has been completed to provide additional facilities for young people in the Village on the playing field off New Street, Morton; also, the youth service bus now visits the Sitwell Arms car park every Tuesday evening.

The development of a Parish Plan for the Village of Morton has been complete and the final version distributed throughout the Village. Outstanding issues have been reviewed and will continue to be monitored.

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.

The Morton Carnival will not be held this year but the fun run will again be taking place this summer.

The Parish Council continues to give financial support to the provision of school milk at Morton Primary School.

The Parish Council is continuing to work with the Village Hall Management Committee in

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order to try and improvements to the facilities at the Village Hall and in particular a proper access for disabled people.

The Parish Council provided financial support for the senior citizen's Christmas Party.

Maintenance work has continued to be undertaken in the churchyard.

This is not a definitive list of the work that has been undertaken and a lot of work is always being carried on in the background that goes largely unnoticed; everyone was thanked by the Chair for their efforts in this respect.

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

Margaret Hawkins - possible = 10 attended 7	Lesley Henshaw - possible = 5 attended 0
Eileen McCullough - possible = 10 attended 10	Walter Edson - possible = 10 attended 9
Clare Kozlowski - possible = 10 attended 6	Betty Roe - possible = 10 attended 6
Clive Parkin - possible = 10 attended 6	Clive Lawton - possible = 7 attended 7
Derek Cotterill - possible = 2 attended 2	Anthony Sams - possible = 1 attended 1

Matters Raised by members of the public. A question was raised 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; if this hasn't resolved the problem satisfactorily it will need to be replaced altogether. If the problem then still persists a fresh look at the problem will have to take place.

A question was raised regarding when the work was due to commence on the road and parking improvement scheme on Evershill Close. There had been a concern raised about the proposal and therefore the District Council, Rykneld Homes and any other relevant parties will be called together in order to ensure that the best scheme possible is produced out of the funds available from the Parish Council who are commissioning the work.

There being no other business raised, the meeting then closed at 8:30pm.

Chair 19th May 2010

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