

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 21st October 2009.

Informal Session.

Police. The crime figures and a written report have been received from PCSO Gary Green and it was pleasing to note that there were no recorded crimes in Morton during September.

PCSO Green gave an account of the attempted break in at the post office on Sunday 11th October 2009 and the action that was taken by the police. There were two cases of nuisance in the month and both of these related to youths in fields off Church Lane; various individuals have been sent nuisance letters and one has been seriously advised in front of his parents. PCSO Green was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and left at this point.

District Council. The Clerk reported that he has now asked the District Council to carry out the work in respect of the 7 Lime trees on the perimeter of the Bacchus Way play area. The District Council had recommended that 5 of these should be removed because of the problems they are causing for the neighbouring property and the cost of this work will be in the region of £700.

Councillor Cooper confirmed that action has been taken by the District Council in respect of the problem with weeds on Bacchus Way and Penfold Way but he is still following up this matter until the areas in question are in an acceptable condition.

Apparently there is a new dog waste bin close to the original one adjacent to the Bacchus Way play area; it was therefore agreed that the Clerk should now request the District Council to remove the old bin in order to avoid charges being made for emptying both of these bins.

County Council. Councillor Lewis was not at the meeting but it was reported that the potholes in the road near to Sitwell Villas are worsening and this will be reported to the County Council.

The issue 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. The Clerk has previously 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 has agreed to take this matter up again on behalf of the Parish Council and local residents as it is felt that the dangerous condition of this area, particularly the wall, should not be allowed to continue. The Clerk will check with Councillor Lewis to see what progress, if any, has been made in this respect as even though there has only been low rainfall for some time water is still seeping on to the highway and the condition of the wall continues to deteriorate.

The streetlight is still being obscured outside 16 Penfold Way and the Clerk will follow this up again with the County Council.

The gullies on Church Lane are partly blocked and following any rainfall the water is only dispersing very gradually; the Clerk will report this problem to the County Council.

59/10 Members Present. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mrs B. Roe, Mr C.

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Lawton, Mr A. Cooper, Mr D. Cotterill and Mr A. Sams.

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

60/10 Apologies. Mr B. Lewis - County Councillor.

61/10 Councillors Absent. Mr C. Parkin and Mrs A. Holmes - District Councillor.

62/10 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

63/10 Items from members of the public. The items raised had already been dealt with under the County Council and District Council agenda items.

64/10 Non-Exempt Minutes - 16th September 2009.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2009.

65/10 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

66/10 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 has agreed to come to a Parish Council meeting in order to explain the findings.

Fly tipping - there is still a problem with fly tipping under the bridge on Higham Lane and this will be raised with the 'STAG' organisation in case they are able to assist in any way; once the area has been cleared the land needs to be fenced off in order to avoid the same problem quickly arising again.

Evershill Close - Johnson Surfacing Ltd have now provided a revised estimate based upon the drainage requirements specified by the District Council in order for this proposed improvement to the car parking problems on Evershill Close to go ahead. Now that there is a clear idea about the associated costs involved in carrying out the revised scheme it will be necessary to arrange a site meeting with the County Council, District Council and Rykneld Homes in order to ensure that they are completely satisfied with the proposals.

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

67/10 Matters for Decision.

a). Morton Holy Cross Parochial Church Council - request for financial assistance. The Church requires a range of maintenance work in order to keep it in a reasonable condition and to protect it for future generations and a request has been made for grant assistance from the Parish Council towards these

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costs.

RESOLVED that a grant of £1,650 should be made to Morton Holy Cross Parochial Church Council.

b). Derbyshire Army Cadet Force (Mercian Regiment) - request for financial assistance. The Derbyshire Army Cadet Force (Mercian Regiment) has written to request a grant towards their Cadets self funding trip to Everest in October 2010

RESOLVED that a grant of £25 should be made to the Derbyshire Army Cadet Force.

c). Chris Makin - Digital Mapping Presentation. Prior to the meeting Chris gave an interesting demonstration about the facilities that are available through Digital Mapping and the approximate costs involved. This was very interesting and the capability of the system is excellent for any Council who may need to use this on a regular basis.

RESOLVED that although the system seemed excellent there would not be sufficient value to this Council in purchasing it. One possibility for the future might be for a number of smaller Parish Councils to make a combined purchase of the software.

68/10 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

| a). <u>Payee.</u> | <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Audit Commission - audit fee 2008/09 | 001108 | 460 . 00 |
| NEDDC - empty dog waste bins (April to June 09) | 001109 | 309 . 99 |
| Derbyshire County Council - superannuation | 001110 | 172 . 41 |
| Wages for October, November and December | - | 1,451 . 24 |
| Morton Holy Cross PCC - grant | 001111 | 1650 . 00 |
| Derbyshire Army Cadet Force - grant | 001112 | 25 . 00 |
| Melbourne Photography - 540 newsletters | 001113 | 465 . 00 |

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 21st October 2009 were as follows :- Capital Reserve Account £10,583.89
Current Account £ 2,650.44

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

69/10 Planning. There were no objections to the following planning application :-

08/00422/OL - Proposed outline application for the erection of one

70/10 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **49, 50** and **54/2009** - General Circulars, **51/2009** - Pay Settlement 2009 - 2009/2010 National Final Salary Award For Local Council Clerks,

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52/2009 Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting - 22 October 2009, 53/2009 - Quarterly Employment Tips No. 2, 55/2009 - Local Accessibility Partnerships, 56/2009 - East Midlands Allotments Officers' Forum, 57/2009 - Derbyshire County Training Partnership and 58/2009 - Council Tax Bill Format

71/10 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present. A letter of thanks has been received from the Chair of NEDDC in respect of the recent grant that we made towards their 2009/10 Chair's Appeal in aid of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

NEDDC has written to provide details of the Free Tree Scheme 2009/10 and applications can be submitted between November 2009 and February 2010

RESOLVED that the correspondence is noted but an application for the Free Tree scheme will not be submitted.

72/10 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.

Councillor Hawkins reported that a cleaner is required at the Village Hall for 4 hours per week and this post will be advertised as soon as possible.

Church - Nothing further to report at the moment.

School - Nothing further to report at the moment.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Hawkins reported about the last meeting and the fact that funding is still available for arranging positive activities with local young people. Councillor Sams and the Clerk will liaise over this matter and ensure that an application is submitted as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm

Chairman 18th November 2009