

## **Morton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on 15 July 2015, 7.30 pm, at the Rectory Rooms, Church Lane, Morton, DE55 6GU**

### **Present**

Cllr R Austin  
Cllr J Funnell

Cllr J Browne  
Cllr R Martin

Cllr A Coates  
Cllr S Pleming

Cllr S Cashin  
Cllr B Roe

### **In Attendance**

Cllr A Cooper (N E Derbyshire District Councillor)  
Cllr G Butler (N E Derbyshire District Councillor)  
Cllr K Gillott (Derbyshire County Council)  
Sally Plummer (Acting Clerk)  
Members of the public

### **1/07/15 Appointment of a clerk for the meeting**

Following a vote by show of hands it was **RESOLVED** that Sally Plummer, Assistant Clerk of Shirland and Higham Parish Council be appointed clerk for the meeting.

### **2/07/15 Apologies for absence**

The Chair had received apologies from Cllr C Lawton.

### **3/07/15 Councillors absent**

None

### **4/07/15 Declaration of Members' Interests**

None

### **5/07/15 Recording and Filming of Council Meetings**

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council was noted.

### **6/07/15 Water Leaking off Morton Tip on to highway**

Cllr Gillott reported on this in at 7/07/15 Public Speaking.

### **7/07/15 Public Speaking**

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council intends to recognise the pit closure 50 years ago. Councillor Coates noted that it is also the 100 anniversary of the first members of the armed services to die during World War I.

A member of the public asked what is happening at the Harron Homes development regarding the bus turning circle as there is no evidence that this is being constructed and the developer withdrew their application to remove this requirement from the planning conditions.

Problems regarding the water drainage at the Harron Homes development and on the neighbouring gardens at Sitwell villas was raised again.

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### County Councillor's Report

Cllr Gillott advised the meeting that the zebra crossing should go ahead. Some minor concerns had been raised, and the formal consultation will now take place. Ideally to be completed by September. Decision has been made not to have a crossing patrol.

Water seepage off Morton Tip onto highway (Agenda item 6) Cllr Gillott met with Glynn Dutton, highway engineer, and Chris Monk, economy and transport department. They agreed to consider a possible solution. This is an historic problem first recorded in 1974. This may need to be considered as a capital project for the next financial year.

Problem noted of parking on left hand side of the road on leaving the village.

### Police Report

PSCO Green sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting, the only reported crime in the month of May was a badly parked vehicle. Subsequently there has been an attempted break in at the Post Office.

### 5A/07/15 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2015

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2015 be approved as a true record.

### 6A/07/15 To determine whether any agenda item should be taken with the public excluded

There were no items.

### 7A/07/15 Finance

- a) Payments (including those approved later in the meeting)

Cheque no	Supplier	Description	Net £	Gross £
001414	Cllr A Coates	Reimbursing 1and1 website costs	68.28	81.94
001415	L Ghent	Salary June 2015	187.80	187.80
001416	HMRC	PAYE tax	43.20	43.20
001417	L Ghent	Holiday pay FINAL pay	86.40	86.40
001418	HMRC	PAYE tax	21.60	21.60
001419	Brian Waterfall	Maintenance of play areas & pit wheels	490.00	490.00
001420	Cllr A Coates	23 WW1 remembrance crosses £57.27 & compost £5.00	52.61	62.27
001421	NEDDC	Supply and Install picnic bench	632.69	759.22
001422	NEDDC	Grounds maintenance contribution	497.27	596.72
001423	Premier 1 (UK)	Hanging Baskets	1,200.00	1,440.00
001424	Cllr R Martin	Reimbursing plants for planters	65.32	78.38
001425	Sally Mason	Reimbursing plants	12.50	15.00
001426	Morton Colliery Cricket Club	Grant towards new covers for the cricket pitch	1,000.00	1,000.00

001427	Right Choice Roofing	Repairs to Village Hall roof	1,000.00	1,000.00
001428	Navas Associates	Building Survey – Village Hall	297.50	357.00
001429	NEDDC	To be queried with NEDDC first - Monthly mark out of football pitch	368.77	442.52

**RESOLVED** to approve the above items for payment and these were signed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllrs Coates and Lawton.

b. Bank reconciliation – not available.

#### **8/07/15 Matters to Report**

- a) Resignation of parish council clerk and RFO to be discussed under 9b
- b) Painting of goal posts – the cost is less than £50 – B Waterfall to be asked to undertake.
- c) Fallen tree Bacchus Park – this has been dealt with by DCC, to follow up on one that is leaning.
- d) Pedestrian crossing to be located near Morton Primary School – see Cllr Gillott report.
- e) N E Derbyshire new Village Games Officer – Jenny O'Reilly – notification of new appointee to post.
- f) Clean up project – the Council has been approached regarding a project which involves activity on public land for a group of offenders for a duration of 7 hours away from highways. Any suggestions to the Cllr Coates.
- g) Big energy saving network programme – an e-mail detailing this has been forwarded to all Councillors. **AGREED** not viable for Morton Parish Council.
- h) Picnic bench – Bacchus play area – it was reported that that bench is not secure. **RESOLVED** to ask NEDDC to put security screws in place.

#### **9/07/15 Matters for decision**

- a) Setting of Objectives for the next 4 years  
All councillors were asked to identify the objectives they wished to see the Council achieve.  
Suggestions included:

- Village Hall improvements – main priority
- Improve appearance of Parish to reflect true Derbyshire Village
- Make grants to Community Groups
- Pit Memorial – marking 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of pit closure
- Improve youth facilities – possible skate park
- Celebration of Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and other celebrations/events.
- Increased publicity and awareness of what is available in the Parish
- Improvements to parking at Sitwell Villas and Evershill Close

**RESOLVED** – at the September meeting to consider which of these should be in our plan for the next 4 years and to prioritise them.

Subsequently added later in the meeting to also consider: Dog walking area and Christmas tree collection service.

- b) Appointment of new parish clerk and RFO – 5 applications have been received. Interview panel of Cllrs Coates, Austin and Roe agreed. Interviews to be held week commencing 20 July 2015. **RESOLVED** panel to interview and make offer of employment.

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- c) Inquiry into the upgrading of the Pit Lane footpath to a Bridleway – Parish Council concerned about the safety of current users. There will be an enquiry in October 2015. It is a question of fact as to whether this has been used as a bridleway in the past. Derbyshire County Council will be issuing statements of case. Individual statements of case to be made in response by 24 August 2015. The inspector will make the decision following the enquiry.
- d) Remembering those who died in WW1 on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – wooden crosses have been purchased which will be placed on the war memorial to recognise the 100th anniversary of each death.
- e) Painting of benches throughout the village – **RESOLVED** Cllr R Martin to paint the benches.
- f) Purchasing of gazebos at approximate cost of £1,000 – **AGREED** in principle to purchase at future date.
- g) New Street allotments and car parking - Cllr Roe to investigate complaint regarding fires at the allotments. Car parking – cars are bumping into a property and could cause damage. **AGREED** to see if a suitable barrier can be installed. Cllr Cooper to speak to NEDDC for advice as it is their land.
- h) Request for grant to Morton Colliery cricket club of £1,000. **APPROVED** grant of £1,000 be made to contribute to new covers for the cricket pitch. **ACTION** Cllr Roe to enquire about publicity cheque presentation.
- i) Christmas tree collection - Cllr Cooper **AGREED** to find out why NEDDC suspended this service.
- j) Dog walking area – to be considered as objective.
- k) Village Christmas decorations – Cllr Martin to investigate possibility of solar lights as used by Stretton Council.
- l) Village Planters 2016 – **AGREED** to make decision at September 2015 meeting.
- m) The Village Hall
  - i) Roof repairs at approximate cost of £1,200 – **APPROVED**
  - ii) Full building survey at an approximate cost of £600 – **APPROVED**
  - iii) Next steps re improving facilities – Steering Group to meet Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July , 7.00 pm in the Parish Rooms
- n) Fireworks event at approximate cost of £2,200 – following a vote by show hands with 5 in favour and 3 against it was **RESOLVED** that the fireworks event would go ahead.
- o) Further maintenance work where the water leaks across the pavement – on hold awaiting response from DCC on a permanent solution.
- p) Overgrown paths – **AGREED** that the “Clean up project” (8/07/15 f) be approached with view to clearing overgrown paths.
- q) Co-opted members of District Council Standards Committee – **AGREED** not to vote.

#### **10/07/15 Planning**

- a) There were no planning matters pending

#### **11/07/15 DALC circulars**

Circulars previously circulated

#### **12/07/15 Correspondence**

- a) NEDDC – District Parish Liaison Group – 15 July 2015. The minutes are to be circulated in due course.

**13/07/15 Reports from Parish Council members on outside bodies**

- a) Church – the Rector will be retiring in 2016.
- b) Morton Play Area – Brain Waterfall was thanked for his high quality work.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – the next meeting will be on 20 July 2015 on the subject of scams.
- d) School – nothing to report
- e) Morton Events Committee – the Gala was well attended and successful
- f) Village Hall – previously discussed

**14/07/15 Any items for the next meeting's agenda**

- a) Frequency and time of future meetings