

Morton Parish Council**Minutes of the meeting of Morton Parish Council held on 19th November 2014, 7.30pm, at the Rectory****Rooms****Present**

Cllr A Coates (Chair)

Cllr A Cooper

Cllr M Morris

Cllr W Edson

Cllr R McCullough

Cllr C Lawton

Cllr B Roe

In Attendance

Mrs J Taylor (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Members of the public

1/11/14 Apologise

Cllr S Cashin – Other commitment

2/11/14 Councillors Absent

None

3/11/14 Declaration of members' interests

None

4/11/14 Recording and Filming of Council Meetings**5/11/14 Public Speaking****a) Public**

Several members of the public attended, including governors from Morton Primary School. It was put to the Council that road safety should be a priority for the Council in the village, especially around the school area. Derbyshire County Council are no longer funding a crossing patrol outside the school, and members of the public attending the meeting requested that the Parish Council consider funding the function of crossing patrol, or consider erecting a zebra crossing.

It was asked of the Council why the speed sign had been moved from the bottom of the village to the top and could another one be installed. Chair informed the public that this sign is Derbyshire County Councils and they can move it without notifying the Parish Council. The current policy of DCC would not allow another sign to be erected.

Chair thanked the members of the public for attending and the issues would be included on the next agenda.

b) District Council

None

c) Police

PCSO Gary Green was unable to attend the meeting but the crime report was circulated. One crime was reported for October 2014 regarding a vehicle.

5a/11/14 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th September 2014

Cllr A Cooper confirmed he attended the September meeting and requested the minutes reflected this. Clerk to change minutes for Cllr A Cooper's attendance and Cllr S Cashin's absence.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2014

6/11/14 To determine whether any item on agenda should be taken with the public excluded

There were no items

7/11/14 Finance**Payments**

Supplier	Description		Net	Gross
NEDDC	Grounds maintenance	001383		280.80
Boiler Room Digital	Website maintenance	001384		110.82
DALC	Training - chair	001385		20.00
S Ashlee	Pit Wheel maintenance	001386		65.00
Salary	Oct-Dec 14 & expenses	001387		760.40
British Legion	Poppy wreaths	001388		20.00
A Coates	Expenses (printing/website)	001389		254.59
NEDDC	Grounds maintenance	001390		336.96
Ashover Print	Newsletter/outdoor gym	001391		330.00
DALC	Training – elections	001392		25.00

RESOLVED to approve the above listed items for payment, and these were signed, on behalf of the Council by Cllr W Edson, Cllr C Lawton and Cllr A Coates.

RESOLVED to approve the bank statement and bank reconciliation, the bank reconciliation was signed. Council had received a letter from NEDDC asking for the submission of the precept request to be submitted no later than the 19th December 2014. Councillors discussed the current year precept and the desire to keep the precept at its current level. Several Councillors pointed out the increase in housing in the village over the past 12 months, and asked the Council to reflect this in the precept request.

RESOLVED to approve the precept at £29,945.12, in addition to the Council Tax Support Grant of £3,054.88 totalling £33,000

8/11/14 Matters to report

- a) Chair had received the resignation of Cllr E Taylor
- b) Weekly play area inspection reports received from Cllr W Edson
- c) Clerk had obtained quotes from NEDDC for cutting the football pitch all year round. Recommendation from NEDDC is not to do this as the weather has adverse affect on the pitch and usually they can't access it on a regular basis. Councillors agreed to continue to maintain the pitch as it is currently maintained without any changes.
- d) Council thanked Cllr M Morris for erected the notice boards in the village. Cllr Morris recommended that the third notice board near Sitwell Villas also gets replaced as soon as possible. **RESOLVED** Councillors agreed with the recommendation and requested the Clerk order exactly the same notice board. Cllr M Morris agreed to erect it.
- e) Outcome of grant application expected in December 2014.
- f) HMRC demand resolved, no cost to Council.
- g) A reply had been received from Solicitors regarding service, fees for registering the land at village hall had been reduced to reflect issues raised.
- h) Clerk had received a letter from Chair of Village Hall Management Committee listing repairs required both inside and outside village hall. Councillors discussed the list presented and noted that inside repairs are the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee. **RESOLVED** Clerk to notify Village Hall Management Committee and to arrange for quotes for work required on the roof.
- i) Clerk presented information regarding village defibrillator. Councillors discussed and agreed not to follow up at this time.
- j) Remembrance wreaths were purchased and distributed.
- k) Wheelie bin stickers were purchased and distributed with newsletter.
- l) Chair and Clerk to attend election training on 27th November 2014.

9/11/14 Matters for decision

- a) Doe Hill Country Park- request for contribution towards maintenance costs was considered. **RESOLVED** Not to make a contribution.

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- b) Newsletter- it was discussed that the newsletter needs to be done on a regular basis and consideration should be given for it as a 'bought-in' service. **RESOLVED** Council to approach events committee member who does other newsletters for a quote.
Cllr A Coates informed the council that the photo section of the website required attention and updating. **RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed for website update with a budget of £150
- c) The Local Council Award Scheme – is to replace the old Quality Council Scheme. Councillors discussed the merits of joining the scheme. **RESOLVED** not to join.
- d) Parish Plan – Councillors discussed the need to improve and update the parish plan. **RESOLVED** Parish Plan to go onto May 2015 agenda
- e) Financial Regulations Review- Clerk to amend regulations and shorten. **RESOLVED** to submit at next meeting.
- f) Equal Opportunities Policy- An amended equal opportunities policy was circulated to Councillors. **RESOLVED** to adopt revised policy.
- g) Play Area Inspection- NEDDC are offering play area inspections and risk assessments at £29.99 per area. **RESOLVED** Council agreed to this offer.
- h) Replacement Swing Set- Clerk had received quotes from 2 companies. **RESOLVED** Third to be chased up and report emailed to Councillors.
- i) Request for bench replacement- Holy Cross Church has requested the Council pay for the replacement of the damaged bench. **RESOLVED** Holy Cross Church to order bench.
- j) Morton Monkeys S137 request – Hayley Bramley (secretary for Morton Monkeys) sent her apologies for not attending the meeting. Chair read a letter from Morton Monkeys requesting a Section 137 grant. **RESOLVED** Councillors agreed to a grant of £250.

10/11/14 Planning

None

11/10/14 DALC circulars

Previously circulated

12/11/14 Correspondence

- a) NEDDC – District/Parish liaison group meeting. Send Cllr A Coates information
- b) NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group
- c) Banks Mining – Doe Hill Community Park next meeting 11th March 2015

13/11/14 Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

- a) Church – Fantastic attendance at Remembrance Sunday service.
- b) Morton Play Area (New Street) – Nothing to report
- c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Noting to report
- d) School – a zebra crossing has been requested outside the school
- e) Morton Events Committee – Ghost Walk a great success. Christmas tree has been ordered. Request made for Christmas lights on pit wheel. Cllr W Edson to arrange.
- f) Village Hall – see item 8/11/14(h) above

14/11/14 Items for the next agenda

- a) Financial Regulations Review
- b) Newsletter
- c) Funding crossing patrol / request zebra crossing
- d) Website upgrade / review photograph section

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