

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton  
on Tuesday, 23rd August 2005 at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, N. Needham, B. Hyde & R. J. Wells

**Also in attendance:** - District Councillor F Cartwright, & Mr D. J. Thomas (Clerk & R. F. O.)

**Members of the public present:** - One

**1. APOLOGIES:** - Apologies were received from Councillors J. F. Richardson & W. Lawrance.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** - There were no declarations of interest on any of the items on the Agenda.

**3. MINUTES:** - The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 19th July 2005 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT:-**

S.K.D.C. Playing Field. Mr Steve Frisby of the S.K.D.C. has now visited the site, and agreed that it is possible to move the goal posts nearer to the swings; the work will be carried out by the end of the month.

**Jubilee Close Stock cars:** - Mr David Marvin of S.K.D.C. has again advised the clerk that if vehicles continue to be left in this area he will have some sort of barriers erected.

**Dyke to south of Hanthorpe Road:-** The District Council has been asked once again to bring some pressure to bear on the land owners to get this dyke cleared out.

**Barriers on path Jubilee Close:** - One of the barriers has now been repositioned to make it easier for wheel-chair users to use the path.

**Playing Field Car Park:** - The Chairman has now levelled the pile of road chippings.

**Cemetery Maintenance:** - Mr Ray Male has cut back the privet hedge.

**Hedge Bakers Lane:** - The County Council have now agreed to get this hedge cut back, as the owner can not be traced.

**Pearces Lane:** - The County Council has advised the clerk that the residents concerned are going to have the trees cut back in the next few weeks.

**Millfield Road overgrown tree:** - All of the trees in Millfield Road will be inspected and cut back as necessary week commencing 3rd October 2005.

**Standing orders for signatures on cheques:** - Changes to existing standing orders to be considered at a meeting before the end of the year.

**Street Lights Hanthorpe Road & the Crescent:** - The faulty lights have been repaired.

**Blocked Gully East Lane:** - The County Council have this matter in hand.

**Rabbit droppings East Lane:** - The clerk has spoken with the Environmental Health Dept. about this matter, and one of the officers has agreed to have a word with the resident concerned, but say there is little that they can do to stop this practice. The matter has also been reported to the County Council, and Councillor Wells suggested that the Environment Agency might be able to take some action.

**Linc's. County Council Waste Local Plan, Lincs County Council Statement of Community Involvement, Linc's County Council 2nd Local Transport Plan (provisional) Linc's County Council Performance & Budget Plan 2005/06:-** A copy of each of these is available from the clerk.

**Sign De-cluttering Project:** - The South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership has asked all Parish Councils to identify any signs which are now unwanted, but it was agreed that there are no such signs in Morton or Hanthorpe.

**Linc's County Council Highways & Planning Customer Service Centre:** - A new customer service centre has been set up by the County Council to be the first point of contact, for District and Parish Councils. The County Council say that this new venture will allow it to monitor all requests for work, establish appropriate standards of service, and measure service delivery against those standards. The clerk was asked to raise this matter again when Councillor Horn is in attendance.

**Parish Council Election Costs:-** As notified last year, the District Council has now made Parish councils responsible for paying its own share of election costs, which it is estimated will be around £250 in an election year, should there need to be a separate Parish Council election or by-election the full cost of around £500 would have to be met.

**Planning Matters:** - The appeal against refusal of planning permission for a bungalow between 27 & 27a Edenham Road by Mr & Mrs K. Martin has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

**Cemetery:** - There has been one reservation made since the July meeting fees received £80.

**Community Council of Lincolnshire:** - The A.G.M. will be held at Washingborough on 29th September.

**Lincolnshire Area Probation Board:** - An information document is available from the clerk.

**Mobile Police Station:** - This will be in Morton on Friday 30th September between the hours of 9.30.a.m and 2.30.p.m.

**Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill:** - Correspondence from the "Local Works" concerning the Sustainable Communities Bill was discussed, and it was agreed not to put this on to the Agenda for the September meeting.

**5. S.K.D.C. HOUSING STRATEGY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:** - This was completed by the Council.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** - There were no objections to the following applications

A. Mason & N Newton	Extra velux window	22 Bourne Road	Full Planning
B. Corr	Bungalow & garage	37 Haconby Lane	Full Planning

It was agreed that the Council should object to the application by Mr C A Paris for Outline Planning permission for a bungalow to the rear of 25 Bourne Road, as it feels that the access to the A15 is already dangerous at this point, and any increase in the number of vehicles using this access would increase the danger. It is also felt that the proposed application would be "tandem development" which would create difficulties of access to the dwelling at the back, and disturbance and lack of privacy for the house at the front.

**7. ACCOUNTS:** - Paid since last meeting:

Mr A. Fryatt	£40.00	Litter collection to 6/7
Mr N. Wilkie	£40.00	Litter collection to 28/7

**For Approval:**

Ashwell Associates	£42.30	Advert for clerk vacancy
Morton P.C.C.	£6.00	Hire of hall
Mr N. Wilkie	£40.00	Litter collection to 26/8
Viking Direct	£35.77	Printer cartridges & stationery

**8. NEXT MEETING:** - The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Tuesday 27th September 2005

**9. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:** - Councillor Cartwright gave a brief report on the reasons behind the District Council's "Strategic Housing Consultation" document.

**10. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:** - It was proposed by Councillor B. Hyde, seconded by Councillor G. Lack that due to the confidentiality of the next item on the agenda the Council should move into closed session, and all were in favour.

**11. STAFFING MATTERS:** - Various staffing matters were discussed in view of the Clerk's decision to retire in March 2006.

**OTHER MATTERS:** - The clerk was asked to report Street light faults at Millfield Road, and Edenham Road.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.