

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall,
Morton on Tuesday 8th August 2006 at 7.20 p.m.**

PRESENT Councillors B. Hyde (Vice Chairman), W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, R. J. Wells, J.F. Richardson, D. Ward

Also in attendance:

Mr. T. Barnatt. (Clerk & R.F.O.) District Councillor F. Cartwright.

Members of the public present: None

Councillor Hyde took the Chair in the unavoidable absence of Councillor Creasey.

1. APOLOGIES. No apologies were received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 27th June 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Stainfield Road Traffic A Lincs Road Safety Partnership report had been received which showed that, in a 7 day period from 7th June 2006, 3303 vehicles passed along Stainfield Road. And "There was some evidence of non-compliance, however the current speed threshold does not allow for additional enforcement".

The clerk was asked to send a copy of this letter to Mrs Parkes of Stainfield Road.

Grass Cutting The grass around the Crescent bungalows had not been cut because the area had not been prepared for maintenance following re-seeding.

Hedge Cutting The hedge along the path from Jubilee Close had been cut by SKDC after a request from the clerk.

Blocked Drains Two drains had been reported blocked and causing flooding at the A15/Hanthorpe Road junction, after recent rain. The clerk had contacted LCC Highways and the matter had been 'actioned'.

Police Force Merger - Lincolnshire Police Authority The merger proposal had now been withdrawn

ROSPA Inspection of Play area equipment This will be carried in August

Calor Best Kept Village 2006 Details of villages through to the final judging in August had been received.

SKDC is consult tenants on a proposal to transfer all of its homes to Lincolnshire Homes, a not-for-profit housing association.

SKDC-Anglian Water. Drinking Water Quality Report 2005 is available from Anglian Water.

Central Networks- Funds for Community Groups Applications can be made for local projects to a maximum of £2500. It was suggested that this information is posted on the website.

University of Wales - DEFRA review of Quality Council Scheme With the assistance of his predecessor the clerk had completed and returned a questionnaire.

Voluntary News A copy is held by the clerk.

Planning Matters - S.K.D.C. has given approval to -

Alston Country Homes. Erection of 5 dwellings. R/o 31 East Lane. Morton.

Quote for repairs to Safer Surfacing The surface condition was causing some concern and the clerk had requested, for guidance, a quotation for sealing gaps and repairs. Woodland Engineering had quoted £988 + VAT. The clerk was asked to seek two further quotations.

Cemetery. Since the June meeting a total of £110 has been received for 2 Ashes Memorials.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following applications

Edren Homes Ltd. Erection of 2 dwellings & ass. works. The Grove, Hanthorpe. Amended application.

Lincs County Council. Construct School Library onto side of existing school building. Morton C. of E. School. Station Road.

The following application was received too late to be included on the agenda and was introduced for discussion only.

Alston Country Homes Ltd. Demolition of existing & erection of 2 dwellings. 40 East Lane. Full Planning.

The councillors were concerned that a sound property, within the village conservation area, was to be demolished. It appeared that access to farm land, to the north side of the proposed buildings, may be further hampered in an already restricted area.

The clerk was asked to use his executive powers to respond to the Planning Officer accordingly.

6. RE-ESTIMATED BUDGET FORECAST 2006/7 was presented and accepted.

7. ACCOUNTS The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget.

W. Lawrance.	Playing Field. Litter Clearance ¼ to 30.6.06	£156.00
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 30.6.06	£40.40
Viking Direct	Stationery/Ink Carts.	£50.47
T. Barnatt	July Salary	£302.33
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection	£40.40
Fovia	Printing – Summer Newsletter	£12.00
Morton PCC	Hire of hall – 8.8.06	£6.00

8. TARMAC ACTIVITY AREA – PLAYING FIELD Because of lack of detail the clerk had been unable to get any idea of cost for such an area. Councillor Lawrance agreed to bring up this matter at the next meeting of the Playing Field Committee.

9. PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS Councillors B. Hyde and A. Bates had decided to resign from the committee. Councillors R. J. Wells and P. Chubbuck both offered themselves as replacement representatives. The Council approved their appointments. The clerk will write to the Committee Chairman to inform him of the change.

10. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2006 at 7.15 pm

11. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

District Councillor Cartwright reported that the SKDC had registered concerns with the Local Health Authority about the possibility of Grantham Hospital being closed at night.

Although the East Midland Police merger had been abandoned the Lincolnshire Authority had indebted itself with the cost of a consultation and this would have to be paid from county funds.

Councillor Lack reported that the Village website was attracting an average of 2500 contacts per month and that the July total was 3438. He was concerned that information for the site was still hard to come by.

Councillor Lack had also attended the Local Forum (formerly Local Assembly) on 19 July.

The A15 footpath will be extended to the Cactus Farm within the next month and

it is expected to be completed, into Morton, next year. It will then be re-designated as a foot/cycle path.

12. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was proposed by Councillor Wells that due to the confidentiality of the next item on the agenda the Council should move into closed session, this was seconded by Councillor Chubbuck and all were in favour.

Staffing matters were discussed. Due to matters arising from this discussion the clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for the upkeep of the cemetery and to look into arrangements for the future cleansing of the bus shelters.

OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to see if he could obtain notices for playing field rubbish bins asking the public a) to use the bins for litter, and b) not to put bags of dog mess in the bins.

The clerk was asked to look into the cost of modern bus shelters to replace the present brick structures.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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