

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 5th August 2008

PRESENT: Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman)
W. Lawrance P. Chubbuck, C. Friend, G. Lack, L. Taylor, J.F. Richardson,
R.J. Wells and S. Reynolds.

Also in attendance: Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O),
District Councillor F. Cartwright

Members of the public present: Two parishioners and Stewart Chester.

PUBLIC FORUM: Stewart Chester representing the Action Group Against Sempringham Turbines gave a presentation of his, and the group's, views opposing the proposed windfarm for Sempringham Fen and asked for the support of the Council. He pointed out the various threats which AGAST thought that the turbines, and their construction, posed and that they would be readily visible from other parishes in the area, as are the structures at Deeping St Nicholas and Bicker. The Chairman, thanking Mr Chester for his talk, assured him that the views of AGAST would be discussed at a later meeting.

Residents from Ford Lane put their concerns to the Council regarding the poor condition of the 'old canteen', which was next to their own property. It was thought that the building was partly constructed of asbestos and that it may soon be unsafe. District Councillor Cartwright said that this may be a health and safety matter and that she would ask the appropriate department of the District Council to investigate.

1. APOLOGIES. None received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Safe surface The repairs had been fully completed and the account paid.

Play Equipment The Clerk is concerned about the condition of the cradle swings and another swing which needs repair. Record Play Equipment have given a quotation for the swings and following the ROSPA inspection report, due in August, the clerk will put the matter on the next agenda.

A15 Footpath A formal consultation will now take place with all interested parties to see if there is support for conversion to a shared footway/cycleway.

Lincolnshire Best Kept Village The parish entry has not been successful this year.

Lincolnshire County Council Highways Area Response Teams have been developed locally.

Lincs Road Safety Partnership A traffic survey was carried out in the High Street during April. The report noted that there was 'evidence of non compliance' but concluded 'that there have been insufficient serious collisions to justify a local safety scheme'.

SKDC have granted planning permission for –

P. Hollingshead. Create new access. 10 High Street.

D. Dawson. First floor extension. 46 Station Road.

M. Needham. Extension to bungalow. 12 St. Johns Close.

D. Sinclair. Erection of dwelling & garage. Adj. to 31 Station Road.

C. Sandall. Amendments to Barn conversion. Grove House. Hanthorpe.

SKDC double bin collection The clerk has been in contact with the District Council about concerns that the new two bin collection may cause more problems with bins being left on pavements etc. He was assured that operatives would be reminded that they should return the bins to the point of collection.

Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Councillors and media are invited to an official launch, at Bourne

Fire Station, on Thursday 21 August, to mark the arrival of new appliances at three local stations.

LCR, Clerks & Councils Direct and Emda News - Copies are available from the clerk.

Witham Catchment Flood Management Plan – Received from the Environment Agency.

Quality Status Re- accreditation – As the Council attained Quality Status in 2004 it is now required to apply for re-accreditation.

It was agreed to form a committee, Councillors Creasey, Lack, Friend and Wells, to review the necessary requirements and report to the full council at the next meeting.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION

D. Cope. Extension to 3 Templemeads Close. Full Planning. The council saw no reason to object to the application.

6. ALLOTMENTS MEETING

It was agreed to arrange a public meeting in the Church Hall, on a date to be arranged by the Chairman and Clerk, during September. A notice will be prepared for display in the notice boards.

7. CEMETERY WASTE

After some discussion it was agreed to renew the signs asking cemetery users to take way all waste. The situation will be considered again after Christmas.

8. BUDGET FORECAST 2008/9

Copies of the clerk’s revised budget forecast for 2008/9 were distributed, examined and approved.

9. ACCOUNTS.

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

Bourne Computer Centre.	New Scanner/printer	99. 99
T. Barnatt	¼ exps to 30.6.08	47. 07
N. Wilkie	Litter Coll. to 2.7.08	52. 00
Fovia	Printing Summer Newsletter	8. 20
Bourne Comp.Centre	PrinterCartridges	29. 99
T. Barnatt	July Salary	384. 25
Viking Direct	Stationery	55. 15
Smith of Derby	Church Clock Service to 31.01.09	227. 95
Morton PC	Church Hall Hire 5.8.08	6. 00

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 16th September 2008 preceded by a Public Forum,commencing at 7.15pm.

11. OUTSIDE REPORTS

District Councillor Cartwright informed the Council that all Council Tax payers will receive a refund following a review of the police precept.

Councillor Lack said that a member of the the police panel reported that the occupant of the caravan on the A15 layby may be trading in soft drinks. Councillor Frances said that the District Council could look into the matter to see if this was the case and whether action could taken.

CHAIRMAN.....

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