

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday.12th December 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Members of the public present Three members of public were present. At the Public Forum, preceding the Council Meeting, members of the public expressed their concerns about the untidy and unhealthy nature of a property in East Lane, owned by a development company.

The complaint had already been reported to Environmental Health department at the District Council and Councillor Cartwright offered to liaise with that dept. to arrange a convenient time for making contact with the complainant about the problem.

Occupiers of properties in Pearce's Lane complained about traffic, especially building constructors' vehicles, using the lane. The Chairman pointed out that the lane, though narrow, is a public thoroughfare but the Council would see if temporary 'No Constructors Traffic' signs could be erected.

1. APOLOGIES. None.

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

3. MINUTES.

The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 31st October 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

A15 traffic A letter to the Chairman from the County Council stated that a review of speed limits was due for all A & B roads before 2011. It could not be predicted what effect this will have on the present limit of 40mph on the A15 through Morton.

Repairs to Play Area Safer Surfacing. The repairs have now been completed by Woodland Site Services.

Planning Matters – Three applications were dealt with by consultation -

Mr. & Mrs. Henson. Two storey rear extension & single storey side extension. 5 Hazeland Steading, Morton. Full Planning. No objections.

D. & C. Pinches & S. Taylor. Demolition of Workshop. 73/77 High Street. Conservation Area consent.

D. & C. Pinches & S. Taylor. Demolition of Workshop & erection of bungalow. 73 High Street, Full planning.

Previous representations about the application at this property were repeated.

SKDC has given consent to the following applications –

Alston Country Homes. Demolition of existing building & erection of two dwellings. 40 East Lane.

M. Kirkham. Replace garage door with window & provide side balcony. 57 Station Road.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Cottingham. Alterations & extension to public house. Five Bells.

C. Kapoutsis. Erection of double garage & store. 7a East Lane.

SKDC has refused permission for –

Edren Homes. Erection of bungalow & study. Land North of Farthings Fold, Hanthorpe.

Full Planning & Listed Building consent.
Mr. & Mrs. D. Parker. Garage & repositioning of entrance. 29 Stainfield Road,
Hanthorpe. Full Planning & Listed Building consent.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there has been one payment received of £55.00,
for a memorial application.

Complaint regarding East Lane property A letter had been received alleging
untidy and unhealthy conditions at a property in East Lane, owned by a
development company. The clerk had recently
reported these concerns to the Environmental Health Dept. of the District Council,
who had already tried to contact the complainant. This item had already been
discussed at the Public Forum.

Overhanging hedgerows & parked vehicle - Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe. Having
received two letters about this problem at Rosemount Farm, the clerk had
contacted the local PCSO and the car had been removed to the drive. The hedges
had also been cut, following contact by the LCC.

Tenancy of land beside cemetery. Mr Terry Male had informed the Council that, as
from 30 November 2006, the renewal date, he no longer wished to rent the land.

Keep your Post Office The clerk was asked to write to Jim Fitzpatrick,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, on behalf of the Council, to support the
retention of rural post offices, of which many are under threat of closure.

SKDC Meetings – Education for Councillors on Code of Conduct A meeting has
been arranged for Councillors and Clerks at Market Deeping on Monday 29th
January 2007. The Clerk and Councillor Lack agreed to represent the Council.

Emda Magazine & Voluntary News Copies are available from the Clerk.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr V. Kerr. Two storey side extension & alterations. 11 Hacconby Lane. Full
Planning.

The Councillors decided that, as with previous applications at this property, they
should object on the grounds that there appears to be insufficient space for
parking and turning vehicles which may result in parking on Hacconby Lane,
which is a local bus route.

6. ALTERATIONS TO BUS SHELTERS

Councillor Ward had worked out the necessary specifications for the alterations. It
was proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Hyde that the Council
should tender for quotations to do the work. All were in agreement and the Clerk
was instructed accordingly.

7. PROVISION OF DIRECTION SIGN FOR VILLAGE HALL

After consideration it was agreed that it would be advantageous to have a
direction sign to the village hall. The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of a
finger type sign.

8. SLCC MEMBERSHIP

It was proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Hyde that the
Council pay the £75.00 Clerk's Subscription to the SLCC. All were in agreement.

9. CHURCH CLOCK BACK-UP SYSTEM.

It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Lack that the Council
should pay £142 + VAT, To Smith of Derby, in 2007, for the upgrade of the
Church clock back-up system. All were in agreement.

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

N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 21.10.06	£40.40
T. Barnatt	October Salary	£302.33
Morton	PCCHire of Hall 31.10.06	£6.00
Fovia	Printing etc.	£13.24
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 18.11.06 (new rate + backpay)	£45.20
T. Barnatt	November Salary (new rate + backpay)	£374.30
SLCC	Clerk's Annual Sub.2007	£75.00
Woodland Site Services	Safe Surfacing repairs	£988.00
Morton PCC	Hire of Hall 12.12.06	£6.00

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at 7.15pm.

12. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

District Councillor commented on the SKDC 'Housing Vote', which resulted in a large majority of Council tenants voting to retain the District Council as landlord. This would appear to be a vote of confidence in the Council.

OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Lack gave a comprehensive report on his attendance at the SKDC Parish Council Conference held on 7th December.

The Clerk was asked to look into, or deal with, the following matters –

To contact the owner of the property near the top bus shelter regarding the control of bushes growing over the shelter.

To phone Mr. Kind to ask if concrete blocks from the playing field, could be disposed of in skips, presently sited at the school.

To find out if the bus stop opposite the village hall could be marked out on the road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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