

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton
on Tuesday 14th December 2004 at 7.30 p.m**

PRESENT: Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. F. Richardson, J. Lees, B. Hyde, P. Chubbuck & D. Ward.

Also in attendance: Mr D.J. Thomas (Clerk & R.F.O.)

Members of the public present: None.

Prior to the start of the meeting The Chairman proposed that a further item be added to the Agenda (Quality Council Investment Fund) in view of the urgency of the business, and all were in favour.

1. APOLOGIES Apologies had been received from Councillor R. J. Wells, District Councillor F. Cartwright & County Councillor J. Kirkman,

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 9th November 2004 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Driveway outside 17 The Crescent & Pathway to the bungalows.** A letter was received from the District council's head of Property Services, Mr T. Burdon admitting that there has been some confusion over the responsibility for foot-ways in this area, but confirming that a jointly funded scheme between the District council and the County council is currently being prepared for completion early in the new year.
As far as access to number 17 is concerned, Mr Burdon says that he will investigate, and possibly arrange for improvement work to be carried out in a future year's programme, but he is unable to consider access crossings to those properties that are now privately owned.
2. **Container at House in Haconby Lane.** The clerk spoke to the enforcement officer following the November meeting, and was informed that the occupier had been given until the 30th November to remove the container, following which time legal proceedings would commence. The container has now been moved.
3. **S.K.D.C. Playing Field.** The goal posts have still not been erected and the clerk said that he would pursue this matter yet again with the District Council.
4. **Best Kept Village Competition.** The Chairman and Councillor Lawrance had selected a Cherry Tree, given by C.P.R.E. as a prize for winners of the Best Kept Village Competition, and the Chairman had arranged for Children from Morton Primary School to help with the planting of this.

5. **County Council's Contribution to Hedge Cutting**

The £14.00 owed by the County has at last been received.

6. **Overgrown Hedge Bakers Way.**

The County Council has confirmed that a letter has been sent to the owners of the hedge.

7. **Missing 40 M.P.H. warning sign to north on A 15**

The County Council has a replacement sign on order.

8. **Mobile Library** It was agreed to advertise the dates and times on the notice board.

9. **Cemetery:** Three more application forms for vases, together with fees have been received since the November meeting. There has been one reservation of an ashes plot, and one application for a memorial. One gentleman has contacted the clerk about two small angels which he has placed on each side of the memorial vase at the head of his mothers grave It was agreed that as these do not encroach further on to the grave than a normal headstone would, and that as a fee for a headstone has already been paid, no further charge should be made.

10. **Grass cutting A15 verges**

A letter was received from residents of Bourne Road, who are concerned that the County Council are only cutting a one metre strip of grass, leaving the remainder of the verge looking untidy and acting as a rubbish trap. The clerk has passed this complaint on to the County Council, and advised the residents accordingly.

11. **Planning Matters**

The following have been dealt with by consultation since the November meeting, and there were no objections.

Alston Country Homes, Mr & Mrs K Martin,	Residential dev.(5) Dwelling & garage	Pt OS 0036 East Lane Between 27 & 27a Edenham Road	Full Planning Outline
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Planning permission has been granted by the District Council to the following:

Mr A. Goy	Two storey ext	57 High Street
Mr & Mrs P. Greenslade	Two storey ext	17 Meadow View
Mr J. Richardson	re-thatch dwelling	18 High Street

The appeal against refusal of planning permission by Nelson M. Green & Sons Ltd, for the erection of one dwelling at the Old Station Yard has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

4a. QUALITY COUNCIL INVESTMENT FUND.

Details of the "Quality Council Investment Fund" have only just been received,

applications have to be in by 4th January, and any grants received must be spent by the end of the financial year.

It was agreed that any such grants may well have a bearing on the 2005/06 budget, and that therefore projects to take advantage of this fund should be considered before setting the precept for 2005/06.

Applications must be for items which promote greater partnership with other bodies, improve services to local people, improve community engagement, or address social exclusion and disadvantage.

It was proposed by Councillor D Creasey that in view of the very short amount of time available to both obtain estimates, and to get any work completed or items delivered, that Standing Orders be suspended for this agenda item and allow the clerk to use his delegated powers in consultation with the Chairman to complete the application form, and to place any orders for goods or work if the grant is forthcoming.

5. WEB SITE. Councillor Lack is prepared to design a community web site it was resolved that the Parish Council will fund this, that the domain name should be registered as Morton - Hanthorpe at a cost of up to £50 for the next ten years, with running costs of £52.49 for the first year.

6. CEMETERY FENCE, HUT, GATES. These items have all been in need of attention for some time, and have been pointed out as requiring attention by the judges of the "Best Kept Village" competition. It was resolved to include repairs and replacement of these items in the application for a grant from the quality Council Investment fund.

7. HANTHORPE NOTICE BOARD. This has also been noted as requiring attention; Councillor Creasey agreed to ask Mr Ernest Wyer to quote for the repair or replacement of this item.

8. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SIGNS. The clerk has spoken with the Area Highways Manager about the options and costs of such signs, and has been informed that free standing signs would require a licence from the County Council before they could be erected, whereas signs attached to the existing village gateway signs could be erected subject to County Council approval, and would probably cost around £100.00. It was proposed by Councillor B. Hyde, seconded by Councillor W. Lawrance that the Council should go for the signs to be attached to the existing signs.

9. REPAIRS TO SAFER SURFACING. A quote of £318 to carry out the repairs to the safer surfacing has been received from Woodland Engineering, and it was resolved to include these repairs in the application for a grant from the Quality Council Investment fund.

10. 2005/06 BUDGET & PRECEPT. The Clerk's estimates and forecasts were discussed, and it was proposed by Councillor P Chubbuck that the Council should accept the budget as prepared by the clerk and precept for £11,000. This was seconded by Councillor J. F. Richardson and all were in favour.

11. ACCOUNTS

Paid since last meeting:-

Mrs K. Taylor	£40.00	Litter collection to 11th Oct.
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For approval:-

W. Lawrance	£156.00	Litter collection at Playing Field Caretaking bus shelters & cemetery to end
Mrs M. Gibson	£250.00	Dec.
D. J. Thomas	£1,050.00	Salary to end Dec.
Morton P.C.C.	£5.00	Hire of hall

12. EMPLOYMENT ACT 2002.

Under this Act, Statutory minimum dismissal, disciplinary, and grievance procedures came into force on 1st October 2004. And it was agreed that panels of three Councillors should be appointed in order to comply with this part of the Employment Act., as follows:-

- 1. Disciplinary Panel:** Councillors R.J. Wells, G. Lack, D. Creasey
- 2. Grievance Panel:** Councillors B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, J. Lees
- 3. Appeal Panel:** Councillors J. F. Richardson, P. Chubbuck, D. Ward

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2005

Tuesday 8th February, Tuesday 15th March, Tuesday 3rd May, (Annual P. Council Meeting)

OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Lack gave a brief report on the meeting of the Bourne Local Area Assembly, which had been mainly concerned with the proposed Bourne New Town Centre.

The Clerk was asked to look into the following:-

- 1.** Street Light no 69 High St not working
- 2.** Jubilee Close Trailers & abandoned car
- 3.** Dyke to south of Hanthorpe Road.
- 4.** Litter Bin at Crescent
- 5.** Barriers on path at Jubilee Close

There being no other business the meeting then closed.