

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton
on Tuesday 13th December 2005 at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck & C. A. Bates

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

Members of the public present: Mr. T. Barnatt

Prior to the start of this meeting, local policing matters were discussed with two P.C.S.O's

1. APOLOGIES: Were received and accepted from Councillors R. J. Wells, J. F. Richardson & B Hyde

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

3. MINUTES: The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 8th November were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT

Cemetery Hedge No account has been received from Mr. Male for trimming this hedge, but Councillor Lawrance has spoken to him and found that the cost will be £20.00

Litter-bin Station Road This had been sited by the lagoon in November, but went missing after only two weeks, the District Council are now reluctant to supply another bin. The council officer concerned said that she would monitor the situation, and has also advised that she carried out an inspection into the complaints about dog fouling in the area of the school, but found very little evidence of a problem, nevertheless she has erected extra warning signs in Station Rd.

High Street traffic survey Following the November meeting the clerk has obtained further details of this survey as requested, has issued a press release, and placed an article about speeding on the front page of the Council's newsletter.

Lincolnshire Ambulance Service A letter was received from this body saying that there are no plans to cut ambulance services and that the intention is to increase the number of full line staff and vehicles in Lincolnshire. A copy of their Operational Plan was also received showing that Bourne will retain its ambulance crew 24 hours, seven days a week. In addition a team of eight Emergency Care Practitioners will cover the south west area which includes Bourne. This will mean that the town and its surrounding area will retain the same transport capacity as well as enjoying the benefits of the new service.

Planning Application Church Farm The Council's objection to this application was submitted to the SKDC on 9th November, a revised plan has now been received, which does not propose a garage and additional access.

Standing orders for cheque signatures A replacement page of standing orders has been issued to each Councillor in accordance with the decision taken at the November meeting.

Morton Church Hall A letter was sent to Mr. A Robinson (churchwarden) advising him of the Council's decision to include £1000 in next years budget for a donation towards the costs of improved disability access at the Church Hall, and a letter of thanks has now been received.

Precept 2006/07 The request for a precept of £11,000 as agreed at the November meeting has been submitted to the District Council

Cemetery railings A letter has been sent to Mr. Glover thanking him for touching up the paint work on the cemetery gates & railings.

WRVS A letter had been received by the clerk asking if the Council makes donations to bodies such as theirs, and enclosing a reply form asking for the best way to approach the council with future requests. The clerk had filled in this form indicating that it is not the Council's normal policy to make this type of donation.

Mr. A Mutton A letter was received from Mr. Mutton, one of the unsuccessful applicants for the position of clerk, asking for feedback on why he had been unsuccessful, the clerk has replied, pointing out that all applicants were well qualified to take on the job, but that the interview panel had used a voting system which was carried out following guidelines obtained from the Lincs. Association of Local Councils, and that unfortunately he had not been selected.

Accreditation Training for New Clerk. The Lincs Association of Local Councils has arranged two training days in April at Pointon village hall. Mr. Barnatt would like to take advantage of these as they are close to home. The cost of the training is £110 for the full course, and there is also the accreditation fee of £70. The Council has already agreed to meet these costs, and there is the possibility of obtaining a bursary of 75% of the total cost from the National Training Bursary Scheme.

Cemetery There has been one burial since the November meeting, fees received £130.

Planning Two applications have been dealt with by consultation as follows:-

Charles Wells Ltd Facia panels/signs etc Kings Head Advertisement
Consent

Mr. S. Reynolds/Mrs Gosling Erection of dwelling between 49/55 Station
Road Outline

There were no objections to these applications.

Two further applications received since the agenda was sent out were discussed, both of these for the same site as follows:-

JD & CD Clark 3 dwellings Pt. O/S 1037 East Lane Reserved Matters
JD & CD Clark 5 houses Pt. O/S 1037 East Lane Full Planning

After some discussion it was agreed not to make any representations on these applications.

5. SLCC. MEMBERSHIP. It was proposed by Councillor J. Lees seconded by Councillor G. Lack that the Council should pay the clerk's annual subscription of £84.00 for membership of this society, and all were in favour.

6. ACCOUNTS

Paid since last meeting: - Tandem software £39.95 Internet security
Mr. N. Wilkie £40.40 Litter collection to 18/11/05

For Approval:

Morton P.C.C.	£6.00	Hire of hall
W. Lawrance	£156.00	Litter collection quarter to 31/12
M Gibson	£257.50	Caretaking quarter to 31/12
D. J. Thomas	£1,081.50	Clerk's salary quarter to 31/12
Mr. N. Willkie	£40.40	Litter collection to 15/12/05
SLCC	£84.00	Annual subscription
SLCC	£70.00	Accreditation fee
LALC	£110.00	Accreditation training fee

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th January 2006

8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

There were no reports from outside bodies.

9. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

It was proposed by Councillor G. Lack seconded by Councillor J. Lees that due to the confidentiality of the next item on the agenda the Council should move into closed session and all were in favour

10. STAFFING MATTERS

Various staffing matters were discussed.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.