

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday. 20th February 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) G. Lack, J. Lees, R.J. Wells, W. Lawrance. & J.F. Richardson.

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

Members of the public present Two

The Councillors wished to record their deep sorrow at the tragic death, at 16, of Sam Hyde, son of Councillor, and Vice Chairman, Brian Hyde. The Council extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Brian, Claire and Tom Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES. Apologies were received, and approved, from Councillors B. Hyde, A. Bates and P. Chubbuck.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Councillor Creasey declared a personal interest in the planning application for 45 Stainfield Road.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 16th January 2007 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Village Hall Sign Lincolnshire County Council had sent a quotation and siting plan for the proposed sign. The clerk had passed this on to the Village Hall Committee for consideration.

Bus Stop markings Mr. Brumfield of Lincolnshire Highways had agreed, at a recent meeting with the Chairman and Clerk, to mark out the bus stop near the Old School.

Planning Matters Due to the timescale required by the SKDC in this instance the following application was dealt with by consultation:

Mr. & Mrs. D.M. Parker. Detached garage & repositioning of vehicular entrance. Harby House, Hanthorpe. Full Planning Permission. It was considered that the garage was not well sited, too close to, and out of keeping with, the listed building and that the proposed new entrance was not, as suggested in the application, in a safer place.

SKDC has given consent to the following applications -

Mr. & Mrs. P. Crawley. Rear two storey & single storey side extension. 20 Moorgate Close, Morton.

J.K. Peat. Demolish existing bungalow & erection of 2 storey dwelling. 39 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

V. Kerr. 2 storey extension & alterations to cottage. 11 Haconby Lane.

Code of Conduct Meeting Councillor Lack and the Clerk had attended the meeting on 29th January at Market Deeping. The main topic of the evening was the discussion of the requirements for declarations of interest at council meetings.

Auditors. The Audit Commission had informed the Council that Moore Stephens had been re-appointed as external auditors for the next 5 years.

P.J.H. Landscapes of Langtoft had informed the Council of their availability as maintenance contractors.

Enjoy England A copy of this magazine had been received. Its objective is to encourage activities on St. George's Day in April.

Lincolnshire Police Authority Newsletter included an update on neighbourhood policing, details of various 'scams' in operation at present, and a Special Constable poster. The poster will be displayed in the noticeboard.

SKDC Standards Committee The agenda for 23 February and minutes of 6th October.

Half-Yearly Internal Audit The Chairman has carried out an inspection of the accounts to ensure that all money is being paid into the bank account promptly and that the account books are being kept up to date.

Central Networks Pack The Clerk has received a sample 'survival pack'- items suggested to be kept by residents in case of a lengthy power cut. Details to be given in the Newsletter.

LALC Newsletter: Available from the Clerk.

Stamford & Bourne Community Car Scheme: This item is to be added to the next agenda for consideration.

Cemetery: Since the last meeting there has been 1 memorial application, 4 exclusive rights reservations & 3 burials. Total receipts £572.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs. B. Cox. Erection of dwelling. Adj 45 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe. Outline permission.

Mr. & Mrs. P. Crawley & Mr N Travis. Demolition & extension to garages. 19 & 20 Moorgate Close.

There were no objections to these applications.

6. REPLACEMENT OF HIGH STREET SEAT

It was resolved to replace the seat following destruction by vandals. After discussion it was agreed not to replace it with a timber seat but with a stronger type as erected on the playing field.

The Chairman & Clerk will try to ascertain where those seats came from and costs for consideration at a later meeting.

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

N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 13.1.07	£42. 80
T. Barnatt	January Salary	£311. 30
Viking Direct	Stationery	£16. 44
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 10.2.07	£42. 80
T. Barnatt	February Salary	£311. 30
Morton PCC	Hire of Hall 20.2.07	£6.00

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 27th March 2007 preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15pm.

14. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Lack reported on his recent attendance at the Local Police Neighbourhood Panel.

He informed the Council that Police now had powers to confiscate and even crush vehicles for a variety of activities causing nuisance to others.

OTHER MATTERS

It had been noted that 'A'board signs were still appearing at the A15 crossroads. These had again been reported to the police, who had promised further action. One of the outside lights at the Five Bells is badly directed and is shining at other properties and causing some inconvenience. The Chairman volunteered to ask the proprietors to correct the situation.

Hedge/shrub cuttings had been left on the playing field, near the fence, from an East Lane property. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupier and ask them to remove the cuttings.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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CHAIRMAN.....

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