

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton
on Tuesday 8th February 2005 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, N Needham, C A Bates & R J Wells.

Also in attendance: P.C. Steve Smith, County Councillor J. Kirkman,
District Councillor F. Cartwright , & Mr D. J. Thomas (Clerk & R.F.O.)

Members of the public present: - Mr A Robinson (only present for Agenda Item 10)

PC Smith gave a brief report on policing matters in the area saying that there were to be three extra Community Support Officers in the near future. The main crime in the area appeared to be theft from cars, and he said that the police cadets would be checking for valuables left visible in cars and advising the owners that they were inviting trouble. PC Smith then left the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES: There were no apologies for absence.

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

3. MINUTES: The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 14th December 2004 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT:

S.K.D.C. Playing Field. The goal posts still have not appeared. and the clerk agreed to contact S.K.D.C. yet again about this matter.

Overgrown Hedge; Bakers Way. The County Council has confirmed that a letter has been sent to the owners of the hedge, warning them to get this cut back.

Quality Council, Investment Fund. Following the December meeting, the clerk and the Chairman have worked on an application to the above fund covering four projects, as follows:-

1. A computer, printer scanner fax copier and associated software, and development of a community web site, estimated cost £1,500.
2. Renewal of swing supports and repairs to safer surfacing, estimated cost £1,200
3. Replacement of gate posts, new metal railings, and repairs to shed at cemetery, estimated cost £2,750
4. Data projector, visualiser, lap top and screen, estimated cost £2.300.

The total application amounted to £7,750, this was submitted at the end of December, and the decision panel has now awarded the Council 50% of this total, i.e. £3,875, which has to be spent before 31st March, and an evaluation report has to be sent to the National Association of Local Councils by the end of May 2005.

Due to the short time scale, the Chairman and clerk have already taken the decision to push ahead with items 1. and 3. of the application, the clerk has ordered the

computer equipment etc. and the Chairman has instructed Mr Carvath to start work on the fabrication of the railings for the cemetery.

The total estimated cost of the above two projects was originally £4,250, and as the grant obtained is only £3,875, savings will have to be made somewhere, and depending on savings made, it may even be possible to carry out some or all of item 2 on the application.

The clerk has managed to cut some costs on the computer equipment, and is obtaining all that he needs for the Council at a total cost of £1,022.03 plus VAT. although there is still the cost of setting up the web site to be met.

Website: Councillor Lack reported that he was making progress with the web site which now has over 118 pages, but that he will struggle to get this up and running before the end of March.

Hanthorpe notice board. Councillor Creasey has asked Mr Wyer to re-paint this for the council.

Repairs to safer surfacing. It was resolved to have these repairs carried out at an estimated cost of £318.00.

Street Light no. 69 High Street This has been repaired.

Jubilee Close/Trailers and car. Councillor Chubbuck reported that these are still causing a problem.

Litter bin at Crescent: This has been sited, but is now in the dyke, councillor Creasey said that he would pull this out with his JCB.

Barriers on path to Jubilee Close. The problem of these barriers for wheelchairs has been reported to the District Council.

Bourne Local Area Assembly Minutes. E.M.D.A. Quarterly Newsletter, Standards Committee.

Agenda for meeting; of 11th February & Minutes of meeting of 26th November. These documents are all available for inspection from the clerk.

Cemetery field lease.

A letter has been sent to the tenant offering to extend the lease for a further year on the same terms, but no reply has yet been received and the £20 due has not been received.

Mobile Police Station:

This will be in Morton on 4th March from 9.30 a.m. till 2.30 p.m.

S.K.D.C. Informal consultation on S.K.D.C.'s statement of community involvement. The clerk has replied to this letter on behalf of the Council, and has informed the District Council that 12 copies of the full consultation document will be required to enable the Parish Council to respond.

Parish Council seminar:

A seminar is to be held at the Corn Exchange Bourne on 24th February The clerk, Councillor Creasey & Councillor Lack will attend.

Planning Matters

Planning permission has been granted by the District Council to the following:-

1. Mr A Gaches Sun lounge and garage 41 High Street
2. Mr C McCrindle extension to form store 17 Needham Road
3. Mr & Mrs S Freeman extension & conservatory 14 St John's Close
4. The application by Mr & Mrs K. Martin to erect a dwelling between 27 and 27a Edenham Road has been refused.

5. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SIGNS:

A letter has now been received from the County Council to say that it will be necessary to erect two signs at each of the entrances to Morton on the A15, to comply with the Highway's guidelines. This means that the estimated cost of the signs will be around £280. It was proposed by Councillor B Hyde that the Council should proceed to ask the Council to erect these signs, this was seconded by Councillor R.J. Wells and all were in favour.

6. CEMETERY MEMORIALS:

The four month notice period concerning un-authorized memorials ended on 1st February 2005. When notice was first given, there were 36 graves which had un-authorized vases, or other items not allowed in the cemetery rules. During the notice period over just over 63 % of these have now been applied for, and the fees paid, or the offending items removed. There are now just 13 graves remaining which do not conform to the rules.

It was proposed by Councillor R.J. Wells, seconded by Councillor J. Lees that the Council should now place final notices at these graves, giving persons tending them a further 28 day Period, in which to apply for the rights to place memorials or to remove them and any other items not allowed in the cemetery rules, and all were in favour.

7. PLAY LEADERSHIP 2005:

It was resolved not to participate in this scheme, as the Council does not have, access to registered staff and premises.

8. LINCOLNSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION.

It was resolved not to make a donation to this organisation.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no objections to the following:-

1. Mr & Mrs K Martin erection of bungalow between 27 & 27a Edenham Road
Outline Planning (revised)

10. BOWLS CLUB LEASE:

A letter was received from the Bowls Club, who wish to terminate their lease of the land set aside for a bowling green and clubhouse at the Playing Field. It was resolved not to impose any penalty on the Trustees of the Bowls Club, but to make them responsible for charges connected with the legal document required to terminate the lease.

Their letter also suggested that the funds in their bank account could possibly be

transferred to the Parish Council to hold for any future development of bowling facilities in the Parish, and the clerk was asked to write to the bowls club to ask them to put a detailed request in writing.

11. ACCOUNTS: The following accounts were approved.

Paid Since last meeting:-

D. J. Thomas	£62.38	Expenses to 31st Dec.
Fovia	£15.00	Stationary items.
Mrs. K. Taylor	£40.00	Litter collection to 7th Jan.

For approval:-

Morton P.C.C.	£5.00	Hire of hall.
Fovia	£12.00	Copying
S.L.C.C.	£82.00	Annual subscription
Mrs. K. Taylor	£40.00	Litter collection to 5th January
Smith of Derby	£189.18	Church clock maintenance
D & L Computer Services,	£1,200.89	Computer, printer, software, drivers, etc.

12. NEXT MEETING: This will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 7.45 p.m. and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS:

The Clerk was asked to look into the following:-

1. Broken Perspex on lamp 67 Haconby Lane
Councillor Kirkman told the meeting that the Spalding Road will be closed for about 3 weeks at the end of February.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.