

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 21st February 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, D. Ward, and N. Needham.

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

Members of the public present None

The Chairman formally welcomed the new Clerk, Terry Barnatt, to his post.

1. APOLOGIES: were received and accepted from Councillors C. A. Bates, R. J. Wells & J. F. Richardson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor D. Ward declared an interest in item 7.

3. MINUTES: The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 24th January 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT:

Road Safety – Stainfield Road & A15 Crossroads A letter had been sent to Mr. & Mrs. Parkes assuring them that their concerns had been passed on to the Highways Department. The Clerk had met with Mr. Brumfield who had subsequently written to say that the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership have been requested to carry out a speed survey on Stainfield Road.

Dog Fouling The Clerk had written to Mrs Fisher informing her of the District Council's efforts to control the situation. The District Council Officer concerned has informed the Clerk that a fixed penalty notice has recently been issued and that Station Road was now in an acceptable condition. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council again and request that further inspection is made of the Paddington Way/Station Road/ Fen Road area, which now appears to be a problem.

Clerk's Training Bursary Fund A cheque for £135 has been received from the NALC - 75% of payments made for the course.

Planning Matters – Two applications have been dealt with by consultation since the January meeting-

Mrs C. Sandall. Erection of bungalow. North of Farthing Fold. Hanthorpe, Full Planning. There was no objection to this application.

Pick Properties. Erection of dwelling. Adj.12 The Grove, Hanthorpe, Reserved Matters, The Council objected on the grounds that a house was considered inappropriate on this plot.

The South Kesteven District Council has given consent to the following applications :-

Mrs. J. A. Thompson. Erection of dwelling. Adj.12 Haconby Lane. (Conditional)

Mr. S. Reynolds & Mrs. G. Gosling. Erection of dwelling. 49/55 Station Road. (Conditional)

J. D. & C. D. Clark. Erection of 3 dwellings. East Lane. (Conditional)

J. D. & C. D. Clark. Erection of 5 houses. East Lane. (Conditional)

The application by Mr & Mrs S .Dodd for a First floor side extension at 38 Haconby Lane has been refused.

Brook House The reported blocked gutter has been cleared

Cemetery. Since the January meeting there has been One interment of ashes and one burial (double fees). – total fees received £143.00.

The Chairman has cleared the spreading heaps of earth from around the cemetery shed.

Internal Audit The Chairman has carried out his half-yearly inspection to ensure that all money

is being paid into the Council's bank account, that the Council's accounts are being kept up to date, and that the total cash at the bank corresponds with the clerk's day book.

Morton Baptist Church Parish Councillors have been invited to attend a Civic Sunday Service to be held on 16th April at 10.30am.

The Chairman gave permission for the Mayor of Bourne to wear her chain of office at this service.

Lincs C.C. Chance to Share Scheme A short meeting had been requested by Mr. Posnett and the clerk has invited him to attend the Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th June, and is awaiting confirmation.

Lincs C.C. Improved Telephone Access Parish Councils have been requested to help publicize the Customer Service contact numbers – The Clerk will include these in parish newsletter and on village notice boards.

Lincs C.C. – A15 Road Closures Repairs are to be carried out on the A15 around Folkingham which will result in closure of the road at Osbournby roundabout from 6th to 14th March. Local diversions will be via A52 to Grantham, A1 and A151 to Bourne.

Lincs C.C. Doorstep Crime Seminar is to be held at Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham on 23rd March. No one would be able to attend.

S.K.D.C. Parish Councils' Training Session is to be held on Tuesday 28th February at Bourne Town Hall at 6.45pm. Unfortunately the Clerk already has an engagement that evening.

S.K.D.C. Community Development & Scrutiny Panel will meet on 1st March at 10am in Bourne Corn Exchange. A poster will be displayed on the notice board.

S.K.D.C. Economic & Community Development Strategy A copy of this portfolio has been received and is available from the clerk.

S.K.D.C. Civic Amenity Freighters The District Council has decided not provide this service, following cessation by the County Council. The clerk was asked to publicise this withdrawal in the press report.

2000+ Committee A village quiz will be held on Friday 3rd March and the Parish Council is invited to enter a team.

Calor Village of the Year It was agreed to enter this competition and that the clerk and Chairman should liaise on completion of the entry details.

5. STAINFIELD ROAD CORNER: A wheelchair-bound resident had complained that she was having difficulty passing 2 Stainfield Road because the path was very narrow which caused her to catch the overhanging hedge. On some occasions there was also a car parked on the road outside this address and she had to wait for the owner to move it for her to pass.

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Dept. to ask them to deal with the matter.

6. A15 LAND LEASE: It was agreed to offer the present tenant, Ms. Soames, a further extension of 12 months of this lease at the existing rent of £200.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no objections to the two following proposals

Mr & Mrs D.M.Parker. Conversion of existing buildings. Harby House. Listed Building consent

Mr. K.J.Brown. Demolition of wall for access. East Lane. Conservation area consent.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Hyde declared an interest in the next two applications

Mr.V.Kerr. Extensions to dwelling. 11 Haconby Lane. Full Planning permission

Mr.V.Kerr. Erection of dwelling. Adj.11 Haconby Lane. Reserved matters.

The Council agreed that representations should be made on both of these applications, as follows- The proposed new dwelling should not be intrusive nor overlook other properties and should be in keeping with the conservation area. It would appear that parking and turning space would be

very limited for both of the proposed buildings and that cars may be left parked on the narrow Haconby Lane.

Councillor Ward left the meeting at this point

The following application, received since the preparation of the agenda, was discussed. D. F. & C. Pinches. Demolition of garage & erection of dwelling. 73 High Street. Outline Planning consent.

It was the opinion of the Council that any new dwelling on this site, which is within the conservation area, should be of a bungalow style and not overlooking surrounding properties. The clerk responded accordingly.

Councillor Ward returned to the meeting.

8. ACCOUNTS:

Paid since the last meeting :-

Smith of Derby	£198.58	Church clock maintenance
N.Wilkie	£40.40	Litter collection to 13/2/06
For Approval :-		
Morton P.C.C.	£6.00	Hire of hall
T.Barnatt	£302.33	Clerk's salary for February 2006
Lincolnshire County Council	£734.22	Playing Field maintenance 2004/2005

9. NEXT MEETING: This will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2006 at 7.45 pm and will be Preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15 pm.**

10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES. District Councillor Cartwright suggested that the village may like to consider hiring a skip, manned by volunteers, as a replacement for the withdrawn Civic Amenity Freighter.

11. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

12. RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements to mark the retirement of long-serving Clerk David Thomas, at the end of March, were discussed.

OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to report that street light 68 in Haconby Lane was not working and that one outside 19 Station Road was obscured by foliage, as were three along Stainfield Road.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.

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