

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton
on Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) G. Lack, W. Lawrance
P. Chubbuck, C. Friend, L. Taylor, R.J. Wells, A. Bates & J.F. Richardson.

Also in attendance Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O) District Councillor F. Cartwright and
PCSO S. Brommell.

Members of the public present One

Public Forum. PCSO Brommell informed the Council that in an effort to reduce vehicle crime the police were carrying out 'Operation Handbrake' and checking parked cars for security and vulnerability to crime. She was requested to look into the matter of vehicles speeding in the High Street.

The parishioner present reminded the Council that unforeseen costs had been incurred in cleaning out the Hanthorpe village pond and that a request had been made for some of the cost to be met by the Council. The Chairman pointed out that the matter was on the agenda of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES. Received and accepted from Councillor S Reynolds.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Councillor Lawrance declared a personal interest in Item 7 – cemetery hedge cutting, and Item 9 – payments.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2007 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Dog Fouling Following several complaints at the last meeting the clerk has reported the matter again to the District Council.

Hanthorpe Litter Bin The clerk had contacted the District Council regarding provision of a bin in Hanthorpe. The District Council considered that it would be necessary to show that Hanthorpe had a litter problem.

Draft East Midlands Plan Panel Report Copies are available in most libraries and can be downloaded from the Government Office website.

Lincolnshire Police The Mobile Police Station will be in Morton High Street on 25th January.

Lincolnshire Police is running a Special Constable Recruitment campaign. A poster has been provided and will be displayed in the notice Board.

South Kesteven Hierarchy Update The clerk will complete the necessary return.

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment The Council does not have any land available for building purposes in the parish.

Polling Place Review SKDC had carried out this review and given views on, and alternatives to, the polling places used for the local elections. The clerk was asked to write to the District Council and remind them of the suitability of the Church Hall.

SKDC Business Event A poster publicising local venues will be displayed in the notice board.

Footpath Diversion Order The Order, diverting footpath 29, Hanthorpe, became operative on 11th January 2008.

Planning matters

SKDC has granted planning permission for the following applications –

Mr. & Mrs. D. Slack. Extensions & alterations. 76 Station Road. Full Planning.

Mrs. Wiscombe. Extension to bungalow. Vicarage Drive. Full Planning

M. Milner. First floor extension. 62 Hanthorpe Road. Full Planning.

I. Lockhart. Side & Rear extensions. 73 High Street.

SKDC has refused permission for Miss D Sinclair, erection of dwelling & garage, Adjacent to 31 Station Road.

Notification of Withdrawal of Planning Application – Mr & Mrs Johnson, Conversion of garage and erection of conservatory, 11 Violet Close.

Appeal Allowed Following Appeal Permission has been granted to Mrs B Cox, erection of dwelling, Adjacent to 45 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there has been 3 Burials and 2 Applications for Excl. Rights. Receipts 341.00 .

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr. Tosney. Rear conservatory. 26 Millfield Road.

The Council saw no reason to object to this application

The following application was received too late to be included on the agenda and was introduced for discussion only

Mr. & Mrs. Freemantle. Rear extension & detached double garage. 35 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

The councillors discussed this application and saw no reason to object. The Clerk was asked to use his executive powers to respond to the planning officer.

6. POND CLEARANCE COSTS

The Council had been approached for financial assistance by Hanthorpe parishioners, who had incurred costs during the village pond clearance.

It was resolved that, upon production of suitable invoice evidence, that a payment of £70 would be made towards the costs.

7. CEMETERY HEDGE

Only one quotation had been received for trimming back the cemetery hedge.

It was resolved to accept the quotation, from Mark Lawrance, of £350, to trim and reduce the height of the cemetery hedge and to burn the trimmings.

8. CEMETERY REFUSE & EARTH HEAP

Cemetery users will continue to be encouraged to take away all waste.

The Chairman agreed to move the earth heap when the hedge trimming has been completed and conditions are drier. Funeral Directors will be advised.

9. ACCOUNTS.

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget.

Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire 11.12.07	6. 00.
SLCC	Subscription	91.00.
G. Lack	Annual website charges	82. 49.
N. Wilkie	Litter Coll. To 22.12.07.	48. 00.
T. Barnatt	Dec Salary	366. 15.
T. Barnatt	¼ Exps to 31.12.07.	58. 33.
M Lawrance	Cemetery Maint. To 31.12.07	275. 00.
W. Lawrance	Playing Field Litter Coll. 31.12.07	182. 00.
N. Wilkie	Litter Coll. To 19.1.08	48. 00.
Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire 22.1.08.	6. 00.
T. Barnatt	January Salary	366. 15.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Church hall on Tuesday 26th February 2008

commencing with a public forum at 7.15pm.

11. OUTSIDE REPORTS

Councillor Lack gave a comprehensive report following his attendance at the recent Local Forum.

On behalf of the parish he had asked about completion of the Bourne to Morton footpath but had no conclusive answer. With regard to cemetery refuse he was told that this would now be regarded as trade waste. The meeting was told that both District & County council tax will increase and that in future charges are likely to be made for the use of 'green bins'.

OTHER MATTERS

Following queries regarding public use of the bottle bank at the Five Bells; Councillor Friend offered to contact the management to clarify the situation.

Further concerns had been expressed from various parts of the parish about dog fouling. The clerk was asked to publicise these concerns in the press report and again in the quarterly newsletter.

The clerk was asked to –

Contact either the District or County Council regarding provision of a street light at the junction of the Crescent and Broadway.

Write to the owners of the Kings Head with regard to their future intentions for the property and point out concerns about the scaffolding causing visibility problems at the crossroads.

Ask Lincolnshire County Council to consider the provision of a sign indicating the North and South Fens roads at their junction as medical services have expressed their concerns to councillors about identifying the two parts of the fen.

CHAIRMAN.....

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