

## **A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall Morton on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B. Hyde (Chaired the meeting) Councillors W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, D. Ward, J.F. Richardson, R.J. Wells, N. Needham.

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

**Members of the public present.** None

**1. APOLOGIES:** were received and accepted from Councillor D. Creasey.

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

**3. MINUTES:** The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT**

**Cemetery Hedge:** An account has finally been received and payment made.

**Church Farm Planning Application:** – This has been approved by South Kesteven District Council.

**Accreditation Training for New Clerk:** Confirmation of registration for the Certificate in Local Council Admin. has been received from the S.L.C.C.

The Council applied for a payment from the Clerk's Training Bursary Fund and has received approval of a payment, as yet unspecified.

**Best Kept Large Village Signs on A15:** The missing sign will be erected after the sign-lighting system, damaged in a road accident, has been repaired. The account for the signs, £350 plus VAT as agreed, has been received from the County Council. The Assistant Clerk has told the Finance dept. that the Parish Council will not pay until all the signs are in place. The Clerk will need to check from time to time to see if the sign is in place.

**Standards of Conduct in Local Government: The Future** – A Discussion Paper has been received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and is available from the Clerk.

**Planning:** – Two applications have been dealt with by consultation since the December meeting-

Mrs J.A. Thompson. Erection of a dwelling (renewal) Adj. 12 Haconby Lane. Outline Planning

Mr & Mrs S. Dodd First floor side extension. 38 Haconby Lane. Full Planning.  
There were no objections to these applications.

The application by Charles Wells Ltd. – for fascia panels, projecting sign etc. at the Kings Head has received consent from South Kesteven District Council.

**Wayleave Payments:** totalling £18.39 have been received from Central Networks

**Cemetery:** Since the December meeting there have been Two interments of ashes, One memorial application, One exclusive rights & burial (double fees), One reservation (double fees) and Two other reservations – total fees received £769.00.

**Rural Consultations Awareness Leaflet:** has been received from S.K.D.C. on behalf of the Government Office for the East Midlands.

**Clerk's Contract of Employment:** – Has been signed by the new Clerk and the Chairman.

**Clerk's Statement:** – For the record the new Clerk has informed the Council that in addition to his Council employment he is also self-employed as an artist & glass engraver. The Council has noted the contents of his letter.

**S.K.D.C. Democratic Review Working Group:** – The first meeting of this group will take place at 1.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006. Contact details are available from the Clerk.

It was noted that the meeting time would make it difficult for working members to attend.

**Play Leadership Scheme 2006:** As in the past the Council considered that it was unable to take part in this scheme. The Clerk was asked to send copies of the letter to Morton Primary School and Morton PreSchool for their consideration.

**Village Access to Services in the Welland:** The Clerk to liaise with the Chairman to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

**Road Safety – Stainfield Road & A15 Crossroads:** – Councillor G. Lack had received a letter from Stainfield Road residents regarding the danger, from increasing passing traffic, to local residents leaving their drives near to the bends on this road. Concern was also expressed about improving safety at the village crossroads. Councillor Lack had faxed this letter to Mr. Brumfield of the Highways Department. County Councillor Horn asked for a copy of the letter to be forwarded to him.

The Clerk was asked to write to L.C.C. again and also to the residents to say that the Council was sympathetic to their concerns about local safety and assure them that the Council was in touch with the Highways Dept on a regular basis campaigning for better safety measures at the crossroads, and would continue to do so.

#### **5. LINCOLNSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION: Request for financial assistance**

After some discussion **it was resolved that no payment should be made to the association.**

**6. DOG FOULING:** An Email had been received from a parishioner complaining that the Council had not taken the problem seriously and asking for further creative action to be taken. The Assistant Clerk had given assuring replies on the Council's behalf, promising consideration of the matter at this meeting. The Clerk was asked to inform the parishioner that extensive cleaning had been carried out and that the District Council Environmental Officer, and a camera-motor cycle, had made very frequent visits and these would be increased when the morning and evening light improved, aiding camera vision.

#### **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

J.D. & C.D. Clark erection of 5 houses, part OS 1037, East Lane (Amended)

J.D. & C.D. Clark erection of 3 dwellings, part OS 1037, (Amended),

**It was resolved that the Council should object to amended kerbing layout on the grounds that, especially for Emergency vehicles, it would add to the difficulty of negotiating the already restricted entry to Pearce's Lane and to the very necessary turning place at the end of the narrow East Lane.**

#### **8. ACCOUNTS:**

##### ***Paid since the last meeting:-***

D.J. Thomas,	£68.63	clerk's expenses to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.2005
G. Lack	£77.00	website fees for 2006
A. Male	£20.00	hedge cutting at cemetery
N. Wilkie	£40.40	litter collection to 15/1/06

##### ***For Approval:-***

Fovia	£16.45	copying & office supplies
Morton P.C.C.	£6.00	hire of hall
T. Barnatt	£302.33	clerk's salary for January 2006

**9. CASE FOR LAPTOP:** Saving the proposed consideration of purchasing this item Councillor R.J. Wells very kindly gave a case to the Council. The clerk will send him formal thanks.

**10. LOCAL AREA ASSEMBLY:** – Councillor G. Lack reported that points discussed included little possibility both of alteration to Morton crossroads (no reported accidents to warrant any present alterations) and a 30mph limit being imposed on the A15. Councillor Lack also drew attention to the lack of a school crossing patrol at crossroads. Councillor Lack had also attended the Police Neighbourhood Panel - 2 Teenagers had recently been arrested in Morton and 50 stolen car badges had been recovered. Two Bourne youths were visiting the village and causing disturbance and harassing passers by.

**11. NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006.

**12. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:** There were no reports from outside bodies

**Other Matters:** Councillor P. Chubbuck reported that local residents had expressed concern regarding the condition of stonework at Brook House, in particular an obstruction in the gutter which overhung the path... The Council Chairman had already passed on these concerns to the occupants.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.

CHAIRMAN.....