

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday.16th January 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman), G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubuck, A. Bates, R.J. Wells, D. Ward & W .Lawrance.

**Also in attendance** Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O.), District Councillor F. Cartwright, County Councillor M. Horn & PCSO Doe.

**Members of the public present** One

**Public Forum.** PCSO Doe reported that there had been little or no incident of any serious nature in the parish recently. The Police were aware of parking problems near junctions close to the Five Bells and Church and were looking at the situation. A minibus which had been left for a long period near the village hall had been removed.

At the request of the Council PCSO Doe agreed to look into the problem of 'A board' signs, which blocked motorists' vision, at the A15 crossroads and also to investigate reports of a vehicle parked on the path in Millfield Road. The Chairman thanked PCSO Doe and his cadet colleague for attending.

**1. APOLOGIES.** No apologies were received

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Village Hall Sign The clerk had contacted Lincolnshire CC Highways and further response and information was awaited.

Pearce's Lane The Lincolnshire Highways Dept. would monitor the situation in the lane.

Bus Stop markings Mr. Brumfield of Lincolnshire Highways did not think that marking out another bus stop would help in the High Street.

Bus Shelter shrubbery Mr Lewis, the owner of the property behind the bus shelter, had removed the vegetation around the shelter. The clerk was asked to write to thank him for his efforts.

Post Offices The DTI had acknowledged the Council's opinion on the loss of rural post offices.

Planning Matters - SKDC has given consent to the following applications - Mr. & Mrs. Henson. Two storey rear extension & single storey side extension. 5 Hazeland Steading, Morton. Full Planning.

D. & C. Pinches & S Taylor. Demolition of Workshop. 73/77 High Street. Conservation Area consent.

D. & C. Pinches & S Taylor. Demolition of Workshop & erection of bungalow.

73 High Street,  
Full planning.

Lincolnshire Police – The Mobile Police Station will be in Morton on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

SKDC - Bourne Local Forum – 17<sup>th</sup> January. A poster is on display in noticeboard

Primary School Provision Review Panels – No one felt able to be involved.

Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Risk Management Plan 2007 – 2010 The clerk was asked to complete the questionnaire, connected to this publication, on the Council's behalf.

Clerks & Councils Direct – Available from the clerk.

Rippingale FC request use of playing field - The Council did not feel it could give permission as the village school had preference of use. The field is for the benefit of the parish and was already in a worn condition.

Cemetery - Since the last meeting there has been 1 memorial application, 3 exclusive rights reservations, 1 burial and 1 ashes interment. Total receipts £451

2006 Audit - Moore Stephens had completed the audit and certified the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2006. A public notification was on display.

**4a. QUOTATIONS FOR BUS SHELTER ALTERATIONS** – None had been received.

## **5. COMPLAINT - PARKING AROUND CHURCH & FIVE BELLS**

The Council considered the email expressing concern about the situation around the Five Bells Public House and the Church, with vehicles parking on the grass and at the junction, obscuring vision. The Police were aware of the safety issues and would be taking action.

The Councillors agreed to ask Lincolnshire Highways' advice in an effort to improve the situation in the future.

**6. CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING 29 January** - No other Councillors could attend. Clerk T. Barnatt and Councillor Lack had agreed to attend.

**7. LINCOLNSHIRE NHS – WORKSHOP.** No one was able to attend

**8. SKDC – PLAY LEADERSHIP** The clerk was asked to pass this on to Morton School, for consideration.

## **9. LALC TRAINING EVENTS**

a) Local & Regional Planning , b) Chairmanship Training, c) Councillors Training Eve.

No one felt able to attend these events.

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Mr. J. K. Peat. Demolish existing bungalow & erect 2 storey dwelling. 39

Edenham Road, Hanthorpe. Full planning.

The Council considered that such a large dwelling was inappropriate at this part of Hanthorpe and the number of vehicles likely to use the property would increase the dangers of the sharp corners which were nearby.

Mr. & Mrs P. Crawley. Rear 2 storey & single storey extension. 20 Moorgate Close.

There were no objections to this application.

### **11. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE**

**A resolution was proposed by Councillor Wells, that an annual figure of £150 be allowed for as a Chairman's Allowance to enable the Chairman, with agreement of the Council, to pay for occasional expenses. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hyde, and the resolution was carried with all in favour.**

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

Moore Stephens.	2006 Audit.	£141. 00
Viking Direct.Comp.	Cartridges.	£80. 11
G. Lack	Website costs	£85. 20
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 16.12.06	£42. 80
T. Barnatt.	Clerk's Exps ¼ to 31.12.06	£59. 56
T. Barnatt	Dec. Salary	£311. 30
W. Lawrance	Playing Field Litter ¼ to 31.12.06	£182. 00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery Maintenance ¼ to 31.12.06	£275. 00
Morton	PCCHire of Hall 12.12.06	£6.00

### **13. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 beginning with a Public Forum at 7.15pm.

### **14. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

County Councillor Horn said that a County Council consultation meeting was to be held in Bourne in the near future. He was also maintaining his efforts on behalf of the district on matters of transport and services for elderly.

District Councillor Cartwright impressed on the Council the importance of representation at the Bourne Local Forum. She also reported that the District had done well with its recycling scheme.

### **15. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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

**16. AUDITORS' OPINION** Councillors discussed the Auditors' opinion and ongoing correspondence.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The clerk was asked to report the following matters

- a) Further concerns about dog-fouling in Station Road and at the Crescent Playing Field.
- b) Drainage culvert blocked along Station Road verge to south of the churchyard.

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