

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 20th January 2009 commencing at 7.35 p.m.

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

Also in attendance District Councillor F. Cartwright, County Councillor Sue Woolley and Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O).

Members of the public present. Two

PUBLIC FORUM.

County Councillor Woolley informed the council that a Children's Centre will soon be provided in Bourne, to service the town, surrounding villages and Market Deeping. The facility will provide general advice for parents and also on benefits, schooling and work opportunities. The resident from Piccadilly Way expressed her concern about dog fouling in the eastern end of the village. She had contacted the SKDC and discussed the matter at length. She was prepared to take photographs of any irresponsible owners that she observed allowing their dogs to leave a mess in public areas and to pass this evidence on to the authorities. The Chairman assured her that this was an ongoing concern for the council and that the clerk was regularly in touch with the SKDC about this matter. A Council ranger was scheduled to visit various parts of the parish.

1. APOLOGIES. No apologies received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Bourne Local Forum Councillors Creasey and Lack, with the clerk, had attended this forum held in Morton Village Hall on 15th January. The District Councils plans to deal with the present financial situation were the major matter of discussion. The meeting considered that a rise of around 3.5% in council tax would be needed to maintain services.

Dog Fouling The clerk had recently been in touch with the SKDC, following earlier complaints and an enforcement ranger was due to visit the village. In addition to the concerns expressed in the public forum several councillors had also had approaches about the problem in various parts of the village and the council had also received another letter on the same subject regarding Hanthorpe Road.

Allotments Land The clerk had been in telephone contact with the County Council Land Agents and had been assured that a meeting to discuss the matter was imminent and that the council would be advised of its outcome.

Planning Application Due to time constraints the following amended planning application was dealt with by consultation –

Miss D Sinclair. Changes to window/door arrangements to house & garage. Adjacent 31 to Station Road. No objections were put forward.

Temporary Road Closure Lincolnshire County Council intend to close East Lane for resurfacing purposes, for 3 days, between Monday 9th and Tuesday 17th February 2009.

SKDC Energy Efficiency Talk. This talk will form part of a Bourne Town meeting on Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30pm.

Bourne Town Council Civic Dinner & Dance will take place on Friday 27th February at 7pm.

Lincolnshire Police A leaflet, reviewing the first six months of office by The Chief Constable, has been received.

Mobile Police Station will be in Morton High Street on 30th January. A notice is displayed in the notice board.

Lincolnshire Probation Service offer a presentation by a magistrate and probation officer and an opportunity for questions and discussions. Councillors considered that it would be of interest to take advantage of this offer. The clerk was asked to contact other local parish councils to see if some arrangement could be made with them for an 'area' presentation.

School Admissions Policies Lincolnshire County Council were inviting comments on school admissions policies. The Council did not feel it needed to make any comments.

Cemetery. Since the last meeting there have been applications for two ashes plots, two grave spaces and two interments. Total receipts £655.

Publicity Code of Practice – A Consultation New recommendations on local authority publicity.

South Kesteven Local Development Framework This sets out the objectives for the future of the South Kesteven district. Morton & Hanthorpe are together designated as a Local Service Centre, providing local facilities and services.

5. CEMETERY MATTERS

a) REFUSE DISPOSAL After lengthy discussion it was agreed not to make any changes at present.

b) PATHWAY REPAIRS The clerk provided photos showing cracks developing in the cemetery pathway. It was agreed that the cracks were presenting some danger and that repairs were necessary. The clerk was asked to contact Lincolnshire Highways to see whether, when doing footway repairs or resurfacing East Lane, the cemetery pathway could be dealt with by the County Council.

6. PRODUCTION OF PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Lack had recently produced, and circulated, an online newsletter. It was generally agreed that the newsletter was useful, interesting and informative. After some clarification from Councillor Lack it was agreed that as long as it was made clear that the newsletter was not a Parish Council production the councillors had no objection to it. The quarterly newsletter produced by the clerk would continue in its present form.

7. LINCOLNSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION. REQUEST FOR FUNDS

It was resolved that no payment should be made to the association.

8. REMEMBRANCE WREATH

It was proposed by Councillor Hyde and seconded by Councillor Wells that the amount of £18.00 should be repaid to Councillor Creasey, from the Chairman's Allowance.

9. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

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| Record RSS | Two Cradle swings | 441. 60 |
| G. Lack | Website charges. 3yrs to Dec 2011 | 116. 10 |
| N. Wilkie | Litter Coll. to 19.12.08 | 52. 00 |
| T. Barnatt | December Salary | 384. 25 |
| T. Barnatt | Expenses ¼ to 31.12.08 | 115. 22 |
| W. Lawrance | Playing Field Litter ¼ to 31.12.08 | 195. 00 |

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| M. Lawrance | Cemetery Maint. Quarter to 31.12.08 | 300. 00 |
| N. Wilkie | Litter Coll. to 17.1.09 | 52. 00 |
| M. Morton PCC. | Church Hall Hire 20.1.09 | 6. 00 |

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 24TH February 2009 preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm.

12. OUTSIDE REPORTS

District Councillor Cartwright said that because of the financial situation there may be some pressure on discretionary services provided by the District Council.

OTHER MATTERS

A number of councillors had been contacted by parishioners regarding dog fouling in the village. Action was already being taken following earlier reports.

Councillor Friend had received a complaint regarding the difficulty in negotiating traffic in the High Street when a meeting was taking place in the village hall and a large number of vehicles were parked on both sides of the road. This was noted.

The clerk was asked to deal with the following –

- a) Contact planning officers about the concreting of a parking area at a property in the village.
- b) Contact Royal Mail about the possible provision of a post box in Haconby Lane.
- c) Ensure that a meeting of the Playing Field Committee was convened as soon as possible to discuss a request for the use of the football pitch.

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