

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton  
on Tuesday 14th June 2005 at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck , W. Lawrance & C.A. Bates.

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

**Members of the public present:** - Nil

**APOLOGIES:** - Apologies were received from councillors R.J. Wells, D. Ward, B Hyde and J.F. Richardson.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** - There were no declarations of interest on any of the items on the Agenda.

**3. MINUTES:** - The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 3rd May 2005 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT:** -

S.K.D.C. Playing Field. The clerk has spoken with Steve Frisby of the S.K.D.C. about this matter.

Mr Frisby has agreed to see if it is possible to move the goal posts to one end of the field, but he had told the clerk that this might not be possible. Due to the close proximity of children's swings at one end and private gardens at the other.

**Hanthorpe Notice Board:** - This has not yet been repainted as Mr. Wyer has been unwell.

**Jubilee Close/ Stock cars:** - The clerk has spoken with Mr David Marvin of S.K.D.C. about this matter, and Mr. Marvin has informed him that he is trying to get these moved, and that he is also going to see if it is possible to erect some bollards in this area to stop people parking vehicles.

**Dyke to south of Hanthorpe Road:** - This has not yet been cleared out, and the clerk has asked Mr Chris. Moore of S.K.D.C. to have a word with the County Council's land agent about this matter.

**Barriers on path to Jubilee Close:** - Mr David Marvin has agreed to have a look to see if these can be adjusted to make it easier for wheelchair users to use the path, and he is also going to make arrangements to have the overgrown hedge cut back.

**Residents only Parking signs at Broadway:** - The District Council is unable to erect residents only parking signs here, as the area in question forms part of the highway.

**Insurance:** - The fidelity guarantee has been raised to £20,000, and a three year agreement has been arranged with Allianz Cornhill to obtain a 5% discount. Internal Independent Audit This has now been completed by Mr Trevor Jacobs, who found no matters to bring to the Council's attention. The clerk has given notice to the public that the Council's books and accounts for the year ending 31st March 2005 are now

open for inspection, and that the external audit will be held by "Moore Stephens" on 29th July 2005.

**Speeding Traffic on A15:-** A letter has been sent to the resident who attended the May meeting to complain about speeding traffic on the A 15, confirming that the "Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership" will arrange for some "Parish Calm" signs to be erected in this area in the near future, and explaining that Lincolnshire Police do not loan out speed guns for use by Parish Councils.

**Playing Field Car Park:** - The Chairman said that he would spread the pile of road toppings as soon as he has the time.

**Youths on motor bikes at Playing Field:** - This problem has been reported to the police, together with the fact that they are consuming alcohol.

**Fly Tipping Paddock Lane:** - There has been fly tipping at the end of Paddock Lane on two separate occasions since the beginning of May, both thought to have been carried out by the same person or persons. An address was found on some items and this was reported to the District Council, together with a description of the vehicle seen on the first occasion and part of the registration details. The rubbish has been removed by the District Council, but nothing has been heard about any attempt to follow up the information given by the Parish Council in an attempt to find the culprits. The matter has also been reported to the Community Support Officer who attended the public forum session prior to the start of the meeting, who has agreed to try to find out what action is being taken.

**B.T. Sunken Manhole at Millfield Road:** - This has been reported to B.T. for repair.

**Letter to Councillor J. Kirkman:** - The clerk has written to Councillor Kirkman thanking him on behalf of the Parish Council for the interest that he has taken in Morton & Hanthorpe during his period as County Councillor, and for all the help and support that he has given to both the Council and the clerk.

**E.M.D.A. Newsletter:** - Voluntary Action Kesteven Magazine, S.K.D.C. Meeting Timetable. All of the above are available from the clerk.

**Lincolnshire Police:** - The new Divisional Commander is Chief Superintendent Alec Wood, who will take up his position at the end of the summer.

**N.A.L.C.:-** "Pointers to Good Practice" booklet a copy of this is available from the clerk, and further copies can be obtained for individual councillors.

**Cemetery:** - There have been two memorial applications since the May meeting, fees collected £80. A skip to remove the rubble from the old gate posts and fencing was obtained in May at a cost of £100 plus vat., and the damage to the tarmac has been repaired by Woodland Engineering for £144 plus vat.

**Rights of Way Survey 2005:-** This was completed for return to the County Council.

**Planning Matters:** - The following planning permission has been granted by the District Council:-

Mr. A.M. Storrar      Erection of garage      48 Station Road      Full Planning

**Appeal:-** The appeal by Mr. G.A. Robinson for the erection of one dwelling Adj. 19 Bourne Rd (outline) has been allowed on condition that full plans for the building, and access to the site are submitted for approval.

The following applications were dealt with by consultation due to the short time-scale involved.

1. Mr & Mrs Pope: First floor extension 33 Piccadilly Way Full Planning No objections
2. Mr & Mrs T Hammond: Pre-school building 27 High St Full Planning No objections
3. Ashley King Developments: Dwellings & parking r/o 16,18, & 20 Station Road Full Planning

The application submitted in November 2004 has been withdrawn, and replaced, the only changes being to the numbers of houses and bungalows, which have been reversed to propose less houses than bungalows. The Parish Council's reasons to object to this development due to concerns about the safety issue for road traffic and pedestrians at this site have not changed, and a letter has already been sent to the Planning authority accordingly.

1. Alston Country Homes extension of time on planning permission r/o 31 East Lane
2. Alston Country Homes 13 new dwellings & roads Pt. OS 0036 East Lane

The Parish Council objects to this development due to the narrow access road, the detrimental visual impact that such a development will have, and the fact that this is a large scale development which is not in the "Structure Plan" and a letter has been sent to this effect.

**5. COUNTY COUNCIL FREE TREES OFFER:** - After some discussion, it was agreed that there were no suitable sites where trees might be planted, and it was resolved not to take advantage of this offer.

**6. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:** - Correspondence has been received from a resident who feels that the standard of maintenance at the Cemetery is inadequate, in his correspondence he says that grass between headstones, and around kerbs is left un-cut, and that there are thistles and long grass which look appalling. He goes on to say that he hopes that the matter can be resolved if people visiting the cemetery, the cemetery keeper, and the council all work together and not against each other. It was agreed that the main areas of grass at the cemetery was well maintained, but that it was very difficult for the Cemetery caretaker to cut in between headstones and kerbs especially where the gap is very small, and that the Council could not really expect her to be able to keep these areas tidy in the number of hours for which she is being paid. It was also pointed out that her husband usually helped her, with some of the trimming, but that he had been unable to do so this year due to having had a major operation. The Chairman said that the problems that were arising with maintenance vindicated the Council's decision not to allow kerbs and free standing vases in the area of the Cemetery currently being used for burials. The clerk pointed out that it is the headstones which have been erected the longest

where grass has been allowed to grow in between them, and that the more recent ones were all neatly cut, which suggests that relatives are still visiting and caring for these themselves.

It was resolved that action should be taken to deal with the problem of grass and weeds growing between headstones and kerbs, and the clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

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

There were no objections to the application by Mr. R. Hall for an annex at 1 Bourne Road.

**8. REQUEST FOR A DONATION:** - A request for a donation to "Victim Support Lincolnshire" was received, but it was resolved not to make a donation to this organisation, in line with the Council's policy on donations.

**9. INVITATION TO MEETING OF "COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME:-** No one was available to attend this meeting and represent the Council.

**10. REPORT FROM PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:** - A further panel of fencing had been erected to stop youths gaining access to the school site at night, there was concern about the concrete left on the field and the pile of road toppings on the car park, and it was noted that the school might wish to purchase an area of the field at sometime in the future to make room for expansion of the school site. Councillor Creasey told the representatives of this committee that the concrete will be removed when all of the other old trim trail items have been lifted out.

**11. ACCOUNTS:** - Paid since last meeting:-

Mr A Fryatt	£40.00	Litter collection to 9th May
Allianz Cornhill	£672.98	Insurance premium
Bullimores Plant Hire	£117.50	Hire of skip for rubble from cemetery

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

Woodland Engineering	£169.20	Repairs to tarmac at Cemetery
Morton P.C.C.	£6.00	Hire of hall
Mr. T.A. Jacobs	£25.00	Internal audit fee
Mr. A. Fryatt	£40.00	Litter collection to 8th June
Mrs. M. Gibson	£257.50	Caretaking bus shelters and cemetery
W. Lawrance	£156.00	Litter collection at Playing Field
D.J. Thomas	£1081.50	Salary to 30th June

**12. NEXT MEETING:** - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July 2005

**OTHER MATTERS:** - The Clerk was asked to look into the following:-

1. Overgrown hedge Bakers Lane.
2. Overhanging trees Pearces Lane.
3. Overgrown Tree at Millfield Road.
4. The question of whether or not to have a "Local" L.A.A. meeting in Morton to be put on the Agenda for the July meeting.

Councillor Cartwright gave a brief report on the success of the "Green Wheelie Bins" & Councillor Horn outlined the investigations that he had made into the possible measures which might be undertaken to improve safety on the A15. through the village, and said that it would appear that unless the Parish Council was prepared to part fund any of these measures, there was little chance of anything being done.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.