

## **A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 7.40 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, R. J. Wells, J. F. Richardson, D. Ward and A. Bates.

**Also in attendance:** Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O.), Neville Posnett (Lincs County Council), County Councillor M. Horn, and PCS Officer G. Parrott.

**Members of the public present** One.

Prior to the start of the meeting Neville Posnett addressed the Council. He said that the Morton Playing Field Chance to Share Agreement, made in 1991, appeared to be working successfully and pointed out that he was available to help if any changes were needed in the future. The Chairman thanked him for his visit.

At the Public Forum the resident from Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe put her concerns to the Councillors about the difficulty of exiting her drive safely and asking if anything could be done to slow down traffic at the entry corner to Hanthorpe. A traffic survey had recently been carried out at that point but the results had not yet been received by the Council.

P.C. Graeme Parrott reported that, following complaints from local residents, cars using the playing field were being monitored. He said that it would be helpful if specific times were given to help deal with the reported problems.

**1. APOLOGIES.** District Councillor Cartwright was unable to attend.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Councillor Lawrance declared a financial interest in item 5 on the agenda.

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 9th May 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Stainfield Road Corner. The overhanging hedgerow had been trimmed.

Sand bag in the High Street. This had finally been moved

Vehicles and nuisance reported on the playing field. The Clerk had reported the incidents and vehicle numbers, given by Councillor Lawrance, to the Police Community Support Officer, Graeme Parrott. At the suggestion of P.C. Parrott the Clerk had passed contact numbers to Councillor Lawrance for use when future incidents occurred.

Grass Cutting at the Playing Field and around the Village The Clerk had contacted Headmaster Mr. Kind and had been informed that the contractors were due to cut the field 'properly' on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Mr. Brumfield, for Lincs C.C. Highways, responsible for cutting most of the village roadside frontage, said that the amenity cutting programme had been delayed by the wet weather.

Street Lights in Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe. The Chairman had spoken to some residents about the foliage obscuring the lights. One tree had now been cut back.

The Internal Audit for year ending 31 March 2006 had been carried out by Mr. A. G. Robinson.

The Annual Return has been sent to the external auditors, Moore Stephens.

Quarterly Safety Inspection of Play Equipment This had recently been carried out by the Clerk.

LALC Local Area Forum. The Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting held at Kirkby Underwood on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

S.K.D.C. Cleaner Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 The Clerk, as requested, had received further details for training. No Councillors contacted were able to attend the training evening on 14 June.

Planning Matters – The following applications have been dealt with by consultation since the May meeting.

Mr. S. Dodd. Replace flat roof with pitched roof. 38 Hacconby La. Full Planning  
No objections.

Edren Homes. Two dwellings & assoc. works. North of Grove House. Hanthorpe.  
Full Planning.

The Council's previous concerns about the loss of the tree changing the character of the village were repeated.

S.K.D.C. has given approval to –

K.J. Brown. Demolition of wall for access. 31 East Lane. Conservation Area  
Consent

V. Kerr. Dwelling. Adj.11 Hacconby Lane. Reserved matters.

S. Dodd. Replace flat roof with pitched roof. 38 Hacconby Lane. Full Planning.

Ashley King Developments. 5 houses & assoc. parking. r/o 16, 18, 20 Station  
Road. Full Planning.

Cemetery. Since the May meeting Fees have been received for 1 Resevation and  
1 burial. Fees received £143.

Calor Village of the Year A feedback letter had been received, suggesting more  
details and pictures of village events in future entries.

Calor Best Kept Village 2006 Unfortunately this parish had not managed it into  
the next round of the judging.

S.K.D.C. Local Development Framework. The Clerk gave a brief summary of  
documents, outlining the future planning 'preferred options' for the district and  
inviting responses. These are

Available from the Clerk

N.A.L.C. Community Empowerment Awards £1000 is available for sharing  
experiences of the council to help others.

Lincolnshire County Council Adopted Waste Local Plan Lincolnshire C.C. Travel &  
Transport Briefing, Lincs Road Safety Partnership Strategic Plan 2006 &  
Community Council of Lincolnshire Magazine are available from the Clerk  
Police Authority Consultation on Merger Proposals The Chairman agreed to  
complete a return on behalf of the Council.

Letter from Mr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. Thomas has written with his thanks and  
willingness to serve as internal auditor for the Council from 2007.

### ***Councillor Lawrance left the room***

### **5. LITTER COLLECTION AT PLAYING FIELD**

Only one tender had been received for the contract to remove litter from the  
Playing Field, that being from Councillor Lawrance who has quoted £728 per year  
for the next two years.

**It was agreed unanimously that this tender should be accepted.**

### ***Councillor Lawrance re-joined the meeting***

**6. PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION:** The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Kind and it  
was decided that it was not necessary for the Council to discuss this item.

**7. ACCOUNTS** The following payments were approved

Paid since last meeting -

LALC	Finance Seminar	£5.00
A. G. Robinson.	Internal Audit 2006	£25.00
L. Fowler	Noticeboard Repair	£20.00
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 3.6.06	£40.40

### ***For Payment***

Mrs. M. Gibson	Cemetery, Bus Shelters & Caretaking to 30.6.06	£265.50
T. Barnatt	June Salary	£302.33
Morton PCC	Hire of hall	£6.00
T. Barnatt	Quarterly Expenses. 30.6.06	£55.29

**8. COMPLAINTS OF SPEEDING IN THE PARISH** The Chairman had received a letter from a parishioner living on Bourne Road, A15. The complaint was that traffic was speeding along the A15, through the village despite the speed limit, that it was getting worse and that the Council appeared to be doing nothing about it. It was agreed that following this meeting the Chairman would speak to the resident, as he had promised, to reassure her that the Council was always concerned about the traffic problems and were continually in touch with the Highways dept about possible future developments to improve the situation. The Clerk was asked to write to her to give some information about past traffic surveys.

When the results of the Stainfield Road traffic survey have been received the Council will give further consideration to solutions to the problems in that location.

**9. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006 at 7.15 pm

**10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

County Councillor Horn reported on various matters he was pursuing at present – these included a council tax review, opposition to the Police merger, problems with county NHS funding, re-opening of a local main-line station and electronic signs for the A15 at Morton.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Councillor Lawrance suggested that an area of tarmac at the end of the school playing field, with basketball posts, would be a useful addition to the facilities and should be a future consideration.

There were also concerns about vehicles not using the car park at the rear of school.

Councillors Hyde & Bates asked for their replacement on the Playing Field Committee to be considered at the next Council meeting, as both wished to resign.

The grass-cutting had not been carried out at the Crescent bungalows and the Clerk was asked to look into this matter.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Brian Lawrance and congratulate him on organizing a very successful Steam Fair weekend, a credit to the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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