

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday, 27th March 2007 at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) G Lack, J. Lees, W. Lawrance, J.F. Richardson P. Chubbuck & A. Bates.

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

Members of the public present Three.

1. APOLOGIES. Apologies were received, and approved, from Councillor R.J. Wells.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Councillors Creasey & Lawrance both declared personal interests in item 10 – Approval of Accounts.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 20th February 2007 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Hedge cuttings – Playing Field Once the field is dry enough these will be cleared.

Planning Matters – Due to the timescale required by the SKDC in this instance the following applications were dealt with by consultation:

Davidson/Stern. Single rear extension. 47 Millfield Road. Morton. Full Planning

R. Baker. 2 storey extension. 22 Waggoners Way. Morton. Full Planning

Mr. & Mrs Gladly. Erection of conservatory. 27 Waterloo Drive. Morton. Full Planning

There were no objections to these applications.

SKDC has given consent to the following application/s -

Mr. & Mrs. Parker. Detached garage & new vehicular entrance. Harby House. Hanthorpe.

Planning Permission & Listed Building Consent.

Cemetery - Since the last meeting there has been 1 exclusive rights reservation, 2 memorial applications & 1 Ashes interment. Total receipts £198.00.

Playing Field Maintenance A reply from Morton School Headmaster, Mr Kind, had been received in response to a letter from the Clerk expressing the councillors' dissatisfaction with the maintenance of the playing field, especially the perimeter. Mr Kind, who deals with the contract, agreed that the work was substandard and that he was pursuing a remedy. A new contractor will be used from April.

SKDC Street Scene Strategy A copy available from the Clerk.

Dept for Constitutional Affairs- Memorial Safety Advising on action to deal with unstable or dangerous memorials in cemeteries. A proportionate response suggested.

LCR & Rural Links magazines are available from the Clerk.

Lincolnshire Police The Mobile Police Station will be in Morton on 13th April and the notice will be put on display.

Stamford & Bourne Community Car Scheme This item is to be added to the next agenda for consideration.

5. REPLACEMENT OF HIGH STREET SEAT

The Councillors had already resolved to replace the High Street seat.

It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Lack that the Council should

purchase a 'Birkdale' seat, and fitting kit, at a cost of approximately £400 + VAT and if possible two replacement boards, for the playing field seat. All were in favour.

6. CALOR - BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2007

It was resolved to enter this competition at a cost of £10.00

7. CALOR - VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2007

It was resolved not to enter this competition this year

8. STAMFORD & BOURNE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

It was agreed that the Council did not feel able to contribute this year.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Councillors had no objections to the following applications.

I. Cooke. 2 storey rear extension. 1 Meadow View. Morton. Full Planning.

Mr. & Mrs. Crawley. 2 storey & single storey extensions (revision) 20 Moorgate Close. Morton.

10. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget.

Fovia(Office).	Printing & stationery.	£ 8.50
Smith of Derby	Church Clock maintenance	£ 209.15
Lincs County Council	Playing Field Maintenance	£ 737.58
SKDC	Cemetery Rates	£ 16.55
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 10.3.07	£ 42.80
Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rates	£ 25.24
T. Barnatt	March Salary	£ 311.30
T. Barnatt	Exps ¼ to 31.3.07	£ 60.98
Morton PCC	Hire of Hall 20.2.07	£ 6.00
Morton PCC	Grant for Church alterations	£1000.00
W. Lawrance	Litter Playing Field to 31.3.07	£ 182.00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery Maintenance to 31.3.07	£ 275.00

Year ending 31.3.08

Lincs Assn of Local Councils. Annual Sub & LCR £ 291.50

11. NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the New Council will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 8th May 2007 beginning at 7.15 pm.

Further meeting dates for 2007 will be 7th Aug, 18th Sept, 30th Oct, and 11th Dec.

12. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

PCSO Brommell said the police had been in touch with the proprietors of the public houses at the crossroads and requested the removal of the 'A'board signs. She reported that there had been several reports of criminal damage and that the problem could only be dealt with if local people came forward to identify the individuals.

County Councillor Horn gave a brief report on his efforts at county level and he assured the meeting that he would always support local needs, whatever they may be.

District Councillor Cartwright urged councillors to encourage local residents to identify the perpetrators of the vandalism in the village. The District Council has an Anti Social Behaviour Team who are equipped to deal with such troublemakers.

OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to deal with the following matters:-

Contact the LCC Highways and the contractor regarding vehicles parked at the end of East Lane and the use of Pearces Lane by contractor’s vehicles.

Contact Delaine Coaches and arrange re-siting of bus timetable.

Contact LCC Highways regarding barriers erected on Edenham Road, Hanthorpe, close to give-way junction and hedge cutting at the same point.

The Chairman expressed the Council’s thanks and appreciation to retiring councillor Mrs Jean Lees, who will be leaving the village, for her valued membership of the Council and also her help on other organisations in the village.

The Clerk was asked to write to the other retiring members, Councillors Ward and Needham, thanking them for their service to the Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN.....

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