

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton
on Tuesday 15th March 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: - Councillors D Creasey (Chairman), G Lack, J F Richardson, J Lees, B. Hyde, P Chubbuck, N. Needham, C A Bates & R. J Wells.

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

Members of the public present: - Two.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors D Ward & W. Lawrance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Wells declared an interest in Agenda item 8.

3. MINUTES: The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 8th February were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT

S.K.D.C. Playing Field. The rustic goal posts are now erected, but it was agreed that they were in the wrong position, and that the District Council should be asked if they could move these to one end of the Field.

Overgrown Hedge Bakers Way: The clerk said that he would contact Councillor Lawrance about this matter

Quality Council Investment Fund: The computer, printer copier scanner have been purchased and the system is now being used by the clerk in conjunction with his personal computer. The Community web site is now up and running and the Chairman thanked Councillor Lack for the work that he had done to design and build the website. The cemetery gates are in the process of being repaired and Mr Carvath is making good progress with the fabrication of the new railings. A new, lower estimate of £640 has been obtained for the replacement of the children's swing supports from Martyn Pocklington construction, and the clerk has asked him to complete this work before the end of March 2005.

Hanthorpe notice board: This will be repainted when weather conditions allow.

Jubilee Close/ Trailers and car: The District Council have been promised that these will be removed within the next ten days.

Dyke to south of Hanthorpe Rd : The District Council has advised that the County Council are responsible for the clearing out of this dyke, and the clerk has been in contact with their land agent at Savilles to ask them to arrange to carry out the work.

Barriers on path to Jubilee close: Nothing further has been heard from the District Council as yet.

Parish Council Seminar: This had been cancelled due to the bad weather.

Bowls Club Lease: The document to end the lease has been prepared by Messrs Andrews Stanton & Ringrose, and has been signed and witnessed by both parties. The cost of this is £75.00, and the bowls club have agreed to pay the fee.

Broken Lamp 67 Haconby Lane: Councillor Hyde will let the clerk know if this has been repaired.

S.K.D.C.'s Audit of Crime & Disorder, and Drug Audit / DEFRA Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Bill Details are available from the clerk.

Consultation Documents:

East Midlands Regional Assembly..... Regional Freight Strategy/ Waste Strategy
Lincs County Council..... Local Transport Plan
S.K.D.C..... Urban Capacity Study/ Interim Housing Policy.
Standards Board..... Review of Code of Conduct.

It was agreed that the Chairman & Clerk should liaise on any response to these consultation documents.

South Kesteven Disability Forum: No one was interested in becoming a member of this forum.

Standards Board Guidance for dual hatted members: The clerk read the guidelines that he has received from the Standards Board.

Small Business Rate Relief: The clerk has applied for this discount for the Cemetery rates, and the application has been successful.

S.K.D.C. Regional Assembly: The next meeting will be on 13th June at the Corn Exchange

L.A.L.C. Quality Councils and changing legislation Seminar: This will be held at Colsterworth Village Hall at 7.00p.m. On 13th April, Councillor Lack, the Chairman & the Clerk will attend.

Parish Charter: It was proposed by Councillor Hyde seconded by Councillor Lack that the Council will enter into an accord with South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council through the Lincolnshire Parish Charter, based on the model charter within the Quality Council Scheme, and all were in favour. The clerk was requested to formally notify the chief executives in writing and to copy this information to the L.A.L.C.

Cemetery: There has been one burial and two memorial applications since the February meeting. Two further applications were received, with covering letters, and these were read to the meeting. It was agreed that one point raised concerning applicants for memorials proving they have in fact purchased the exclusive rights to burial in the grave concerned should be given further consideration. The clerk told the meeting that it is not the practice of any monumental mason or memorial firm currently applying for memorial approval from the Council to provide this proof, and that he would make further investigations and report back to the next meeting.

Planning Matters:

Two applications have been dealt with by consultation since the February meeting.

1. S.K.D.C. Property Services, Provision of off street parking, 25-35 The Crescent. Full Planning
2. Mr A Popple, Erection of dwelling 29a Edenham Road Full Planning
No observations were made on these applications.
3. The application by Alston Country Homes for five dwellings at pt.OS 0036 East Lane has been withdrawn.

Parish Land Lease: The clerk has written to the tenant of the Parish land to the west of Folkingham Road offering a one year extension of the lease on the current terms and conditions.

Community Cleaner: has resigned due to other commitments, the vacancy has been advertised, and a resident from High Street. Has agreed to take up the position for a six month trial period.

Hole in the Green: The District Council are to write to Anglian Water to ask them to repair the brickwork of the drain and to fill in the hole. An inspector from Anglian Water has told the clerk that their contractors will not carry out these repairs without authorisation from the District or County Council, it had been pointed out to the inspector that Anglian Water is ultimately responsible for the repairs as it caused the damage in the first place, and he has reluctantly agreed to get the contractors to carry out the repairs and to fill in the hole.

Administration Matters:

Local Council Review. A bi- monthly journal from N.A.L.C. is available at a cost of £13 per year.

Clerk's new E mail address. The cost of filtering email to this address to protect against virus and spam is £3.75 per month. It was agreed that the clerk should use his executive powers to meet these costs from Council funds.

5. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SIGNS: A further letter has now been received from the County Council to say that they will replace the existing 4 signs on the A15 with signs showing "Best Kept Large Village 2004". The existing "Morton" "Please drive slowly" signs will be re-sited at Haconby Lane, Hanthorpe Road, and Morton Drove. The cost of the new signs including installation will be £350 plus vat. It was proposed by Councillor B. Hyde, seconded by Councillor J.F. Richardson that the Council should proceed, and ask the County Council to order these signs and all were in favour.

6. TRAFFIC SPEED ON A15: A complaint has been received by the Chairman about the noise and speed of traffic on the A15. After some discussion, it was agreed that although the Council has sympathy with this complaint, recent speed surveys have shown that the majority of traffic passing through the Parish on the A15 is observing the 40.m.p.h. limit, and that unless the County council alters its criteria for the imposition of 30.m.p.h. limits there is little more that can be done at this stage.

7. MORTON BOWLS CLUB: The Trustees of the now defunct Morton Bowls Club have made a formal request that the Parish Council should take control of their surplus funds of around £3,500, and to hold these funds for the express purpose of helping to fund the creation of bowling facilities in Morton, for a period of 15 years,

after which time the money may be spent on any project the Council wishes to benefit the community. It was proposed by Councillor B Hyde, seconded by Councillor P. Chubbuck that the Council should take control of the funds on these terms, and the motion was carried by eight votes to one.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There were no objections to the application by Mr & Mrs Lucas for a replacement of roof at 43 Station Road, Full Planning. The application by Mr & Mrs. Shortland for an extension to the dwelling at 41 The Crescent, was originally submitted showing a flat roof, and there had been no objections to this. The new application received this month now shows a pitched roof, and Council are to express their concerns about this revision.

9. RETROSPECTIVE MEMORIAL APPLICATION: A retrospective memorial application for a vase at the Cemetery was received. The proprietor of the company involved has spoken with the clerk to say that the vase in question was produced in the early months of the business being set up, and that she was not aware at that time that the right to erect memorial vases had to be applied for in addition to the headstone. In spite of this Council feels that to be seen to be fair to those people who have already applied and paid the fees due it must treat all applications in the same way, and that the fee of £20 must be paid.

10. APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL VASE: A lady who tends two graves side by side in the cemetery has contacted the clerk to see if it would be possible to site one vase between both graves. After some consideration, it was agreed that this is not allowable, and that one vase for each grave must be applied for, approved, and the fees paid.

11. CEMETERY MEMORIALS: There are now just three graves left where rules are still being broken, application forms have been asked for by one of the families tending these, and one does not appear to have been visited since the notice advising that the cemetery rules were being broken was placed on the grave. It was agreed that as the 28 days notice period is not up until Saturday 19th March, any decision on further action will be taken at the next meeting.

12. ACCOUNTS: The following accounts were approved.

Paid Since last meeting:-

Viking Direct	£39.76	Office Supplies
Mrs K. Taylor	£30.00	Litter collection

For approval:-

Morton P.C.C.	£6.00	Hire of hall
Anglian Water	£23.05	Cemetery water
Andrews Stanton & Ringrose	£75.00	Cancellation of Bowls Club lease
Public Works Loans Board	£840.10	Playing Field loan re-payment
W. Lawrance	£156.00	Litter collection at Playing Field
M. Gibson.	£250.00	Caretaking
D.J.Thomas	£1050.00	Salary to 31st March
Lincolnshire County Council.	£734.22	Playing Field maintenance.

12. NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 3rd and will be the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Meetings for the remainder of the year were scheduled for **14th June, 19th July, 23rd August, 27th September, 8th November and 13th December.**

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

1. Residents only parking sign The Broadway.
2. Untaxed vehicles at The Broadway
3. Re-cycling bin 5 Bells P.H.

There being no other business the meeting then closed