

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton
on Tuesday 3rd May 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:- Councillors G. Lack, J. Lees, B. Hyde, P Chubbuck, N. Needham, D. Ward, W. Lawrance
& R. J. Wells.

Councillor B. Hyde was Chairman for this meeting in the absence of Councillor Creasey

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

Members of the public present: - One

1. ELECTIONS: - **Chairman:** - Councillor D. Creasey proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells, 2nd by Councillor P. Chubbuck and all were in favour.

Vice Chairman: - Councillor B. Hyde proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells, 2nd by Councillor P. Chubbuck and all were in favour.

1. APOLOGIES: - Apologies were received from Councillor D. Creasey

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 15th March 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.

Overgrown Hedge Bakers Way: - The County Council has been approached again about this matter, it has sent several letters to the occupiers, and action will be taken in the near future if there is no response.

Quality Council Investment Fund: - The Cemetery gates have been repaired, the old brick pillars have been removed by Councillor Creasey with his JCB, and together with Leslie Fowler he has re-hung the gates, removed the hedges and erected the new railings.

The Chairman asked that the Council's gratitude to Councillor Creasey for the time and effort that he has given freely to this project should be recorded in the minutes. The new swing supports on the junior swings at the Playing field are now in place, and both sets of swings have been re-painted. The repairs to the safer surfacing have also been completed.

Hanthorpe notice board: - This will be repainted by Mr. Wyer sometime during the summer.

Jubilee Close/ Trailers and car: - The original car and trailer have been removed, but there are now two old bangers left in their place.

Dyke to south of Hanthorpe Road: - This has not yet been cleared out.

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

Quality Councils Seminar: - The Chairman, Councillor Lack and the clerk had attended the seminar at Colsterworth Village Hall.

Parish Charter: - The clerk has sent a formal notification to the District & County councils of the resolution made at the March meeting.

Parish Land to west of A15:- The clerk has sent a letter to Ms. Soames (formerly Mrs. Bird) extending the lease for a further twelve months, this has been signed by Ms. Soames, and the rent for the year has been paid.

Community Cleaner: - It appears that the new community cleaner is doing a good job.

Best Kept Large Village Signs: - The County council has now confirmed that these signs are on order.

Bowls Club: - A cheque for £3,508.87 has now been received from the trustees of the bowls club, this will be held in trust for the purposes of helping any other group to provide bowling facilities in the parish, for a period of 15 years, after which time the Council may use this amount of money to the benefit of the community as it sees fit.

Residents only Parking signs at Broadway: - The District Council has been asked to re-erect a sign to this effect.

Untaxed Vehicles at Broadway: - These have been reported to the District Council.

Re-cycling bins at 5 Bells: - The clerk has spoken with S.K.D.C. about this matter, it would appear that the District Council has a shortage of bins just at present, but will contact the 5 Bells when a suitable bin becomes available.

Annual Report: - Copies of the Annual Report have been distributed to all Councillors; copies will be placed in the Village Hall, and the Church Hall, and will also be available on the community web site.

Quarterly News: - Copies of this have been made available as above, and several copies have been left on the counters of both the post office and the off licence, for anyone who wishes to take one.

Courses/Training/Etc: - Councillors, G. Lack, B. Hyde, R. J. Wells, P. Chubbuck will attend the "Councillor Roadshow" to be held at Morton Village Hall on Wednesday 6th July between 7.00p.m and 9.00p.m., the clerk will also attend, and will consult with Councillor Lack and Councillor Creasey about attending the New Planning Regulations Seminar at Colsterworth Village Hall on Wednesday 13th July.

Civic Amenity Freighter: - A Freighter will be in the Parish on Saturday 4th June, it will follow the usual route, which will be advertised on the notice boards and the web-site.

Best Kept Village & Village of the Year: - Council will enter both competitions this year.

Care of the Elderly: - No one was interested in attending the AGM of this charity.

S.K.D.C. Statement of community involvement on Planning Matters:-
The clerk has responded to the District council on behalf of the Parish Council.

S.K.D.C. Training Day on the new Planning system: - No one was interested in attending this training day.

Cemetery: - There has been one burial and one reservation since the March meeting, and one memorial application.

Planning Matters: - The following planning permissions have been granted by the District Council:-

Mr A Popple Road	erection of dwelling	29a Edenham
S.K.D.C. Crescent	Off St. Parking	25-35 The
Mr & Mrs Shortland	two storey extension	41 The Crescent
Mr & Mrs Lucas	replace roof to garage	43 Station Road

Appeal: - Mr & Mrs Martin are to appeal against the refusal of permission for the erection of a bungalow between 27 & 27a Edenham Road.

6. ANNUAL REVIEWS: -

(a) Cemetery rules & charges, exclusive rights forms, memorial applications. It was proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells, 2nd by Councillor P. Chubbuck that the exclusive rights forms, the rules and the memorial application forms should be kept as they are, but that the charges should all be increased by 10% and rounded up to the nearest pound as from 1st January 2006.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lawrance 2nd by councillor G. Lack that this proposition should be amended to read the same apart from the charge for the interment of children under one month, which should not be increased. The amendment was voted on first, and was carried by six votes to two.

(b) Parish land rents: It was proposed by Councillor W. Lawrance, seconded by Councillor G. Lack that all rents should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

(c) Minimum amounts for tenders It was proposed by Councillor W. Lawrance, seconded by councillor G. Lack that the minimum amount for tenders should be raised from £300 to £500, and all were in favour.

(d) Insurance cover. The clerk explained the need to raise the fidelity guarantee to £20,000, and the enquiries that he had made about a long term agreement discount. The question of whether or not the Council needed to continue to insure the children's play equipment was discussed, together with the risks to the council's other uninsured assets. It was proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells that the fidelity guarantee should be increased to £20,000, that the insurance of the Play Equipment should continue, and that the Council should take advantage of the 5% discount available for a 3 year agreement with Allianz Cornhill, this was seconded by

Councillor J. Lees and all were in favour.

(e) Clerk's workload & performance. It was agreed that the clerk's workload has increased, but he hoped that this would shortly start to diminish. The Council confirmed that his performance during the past twelve months has been satisfactory.

(f) Salary Reviews: - Mrs. M. Gibson

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lawrance seconded by Councillor J. Lees that Mrs Gibson's salary should be increased by 3% (£30 per annum) and all were in favour.

D. J. Thomas It was proposed by Councillor G. Lack, seconded by Councillor R. J. Wells that the clerk's salary should be increased by 3% (£126 per annum) and all were in favour.

7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE:-

The external auditor, Moore Stephens, has appointed 29th July as the day when electors may question the Council's affairs. The internal audit will be carried out by Mr Trevor Jacobs prior to that date, and all of the Council's books will be available for inspection for three weeks before the date of the audit. The council approved the statement of accounts and the statement of assurance, and these were signed on its behalf by the Chairman.

8. TRAFALGAR WEEKEND:- A letter was received asking the Council to arrange some function to celebrate Trafalgar weekend in October, and it was agreed that this should be passed on to the Morton & Hanthorpe 2000 + Committee.

9. SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON A15:-

A letter was received from a resident of Bourne Road complaining about speeding traffic on the A15, and the consequent increased vibration inside her property. She asked the Parish Council to consider asking for some extra signage from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, and also to consider carrying out speed checks itself. The lady concerned had addressed the meeting herself during the "Public Forum" session, and had been informed of the actions already taken by the Council and the clerk to help to resolve her concerns, the Road Safety Partnership having promised the clerk that they would erect some temporary signs, but confirming that it is not their policy to allow Parish councils carry out their own speed checks.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

There were no objections to the following planning applications:-

Mr A. M. Storrar	erection of garage	48 Station Road	full planning
Mr & Mrs Parker (listed building)	conversion of barn	29 Stainfield Road	full planning

11. ACCOUNTS: -The following accounts were approved: - Paid Since last meeting:-

S.K.D.C.	£13.18	Cemetery rates
Woodland Engineering	£2,606.15	Ashes plots & repairs to safer surfacing
Martyn Pocklington	£752.00	Swing supports & re-painting
P.J.Carvath	£2150.25	Cemetery railings, and gate repairs posts,
G. Lack	£131.00	Web site hosting, domain name, and expenses
D.J.Thomas	£38.39	Expenses to 31st March
Mr A Fryatt	£40.00	Litter collection to 9th April
Viking Direct	£36.96	Printer cartridges & paper
C.P.R.E.	£7.50	Best kept village competition
D.J.Creasey	£128.25	Gate for cemetery fence

Leslie Fowler £150.00 Erection of cemetery fencing & gates

Approval:-

Morton P.C.C.

£6.00 Hire of hall

L.A.L.C.

£272.02 Annual subscription

FOVIA

£15.88 Copying and stationery

12. NEXT MEETING: - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 14th.

OTHER MATTERS:- Councillor Lawrance pointed out that the ash car park at the Playing Field still needed levelling, that there were still some items of the old trim trail which have not been removed, and that youths were riding around on motor bikes at nights and consuming alcohol.

Councillor Hyde said that he would not be able to attend the next meeting of the Playing Field Committee, and councillor Lack agreed to attend in his place.

Councillor Lack reported that there has been fly tipping in Paddock Lane, a resident had managed to get a description of the vehicle involved, and part of the registration, which Councillor Lack has passed on to the Police.

The clerk was asked to contact B.T. about a sunken man hole cover in Millfield Road.

County Councillor John Kirkman, told the meeting that he was not standing for re-election, and thanked the Council for the co-operation and good working relationship that he had enjoyed for the last sixteen years. The Chairman thanked him for his kind words, and all the help that he had given to the Parish Council, and this was endorsed by all councillors present and the clerk.

There being no other business the meeting then closed