

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall,
Morton on Tuesday 9th May 2006 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Also in attendance: Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O.) & District Councillor F Cartwright.

Members of the public present: Two.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor D. Creasey. Proposed by Councillor J. F. Richardson, seconded by Councillor P. Chubbuck and all were in favour.

2. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor D. Creasey signed this declaration and it was countersigned by the clerk.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor B. Hyde. Proposed by Councillor W. Lawrance, seconded by Councillor J. F. Richardson and all were in favour.

4. APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Councillor D. Ward.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6. MINUTES

The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 28th March 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

7. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Stainfield Road Corner: The local Lincolnshire County Highways office is still pursuing the matter regarding the overhanging hedgerow.

A15 Best Kept Large Village Sign The damaged posts have now been repaired and the sign was finally erected on 13th April.

Sand bag in the High Street: Following the Clerk's report of this obstruction the LCC Highways office had sent a notice of removal to the occupier concerned and he had promised to remove it. It was still in place and the LCC intended to contact him again.

Planning Matters: The following applications have been dealt with by consultation since the March meeting-

Ashley King Developments. 5 houses (Amended). R/o 16, 18 & 20 Station Road. Full planning
The objections regarding traffic conditions were repeated.

V. Kerr. Erection of dwelling. (Amended) Adj. 11 Hacconby Lane. Reserved matters.

Referred to previous correspondence regarding concerns about vehicular space.

Alston Country Homes. 5 dwellings. R/o 31 East Lane. Full planning.

No objections.

The District Council has approved-

T. Clark. Demolition of barn. Adj 23 East Lane. Conservation area consent.

T. Clark. Conversion of barn to dwelling. Adj 23 East Lane.

Mr & Mrs J. Clark. Dwelling & garage. Adj 23 East Lane.

Notification of application withdrawal-

V. Kerr. Extension to dwelling. 11 Hacconby Lane. Full planning.

Cemetery: Since the March meeting Fees have been received for 3 ashes interments and one burial. Fees received £154.

Mrs I. Wilson has cancelled a reservation, for Grave no. N405, Grant no 117 made 12th January 1994. It was agreed to make a refund of £30.00.

Calor Village of the Year The Council was informed that the village had not been successful in this competition this year. The Calor 'Building Community Life Booklet' is available from the Clerk.

S.K.D.C. Cleaner Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005: The Act enables Parish Councillors or employees to issue litter or dog fouling fines. The Clerk was asked to find further details for the councillors to consider.

Access Bourne: Notification was received of the meeting to be held on 10th May.

Lincolnshire Police – Mobile Police Station: Will visit the village on 16th June. A poster will be put in the notice board.

S.K.D.C. Standards Committee Minutes: for 3rd February has been received and Agenda for 5th May.

L.A.L.C. County Assembly: will take place on 24th May 7.15pm at Anwick. The Clerk will be on holiday on that date but the Chairman agreed to attend if he possibly could.

South Holland District Council Submission Statement of Community Involvement: A copy of this Publication had been received.

S.K.D.C. Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement: The District Council has formerly adopted the SCI and printed copies will be available at a cost of £10.00 or CD for £5.00

S.K.D.C. Consultation on Interim Private Sector Grants Policy 2006/7: The event will take place on the 26th May from 9.30am.

Clerks & Councils Direct & EMDA News: Both magazines are available from the Clerk.

Office of D.P.M. Local Authority Byelaws Discussion Paper: Available from the Clerk.

8. ANNUAL REVIEWS

(a) Cemetery Rules & Charges, Forms & Memorial Applications: It was proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells and seconded by Councillor G. Lack that these should be kept as they are, and all were in favour.

(b) Parish Land Rents: It was proposed by Councillor R.J. Wells and seconded by Councillor W. Lawrance that all rents should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

(c) Minimum amounts for tenders: It was proposed by Councillor B. Hyde and seconded by Councillor R.J. Wells that the amount for tenders should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

(d) Insurance Cover: It was proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells and seconded by Councillor G. Lack that the Insurance cover should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

(e) Clerk's workload and performance: As the Clerk had only been carrying out his duties for a relatively short period it was agreed to defer any review until November.

(f) Salaries: Mrs M. Gibson; It was proposed by Councillor R. J. Wells and seconded by Councillor B. Hyde that Mrs Gibson's salary should be increased by 3% (£32 per annum) and all were in favour.

9. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

The Council approved the statement of accounts and the statement of assurance, and these were

signed on its behalf by the Chairman.

10. L.A.L.C. EVENTS

- (a) Finance Seminar. 5th July. Billingham. The Clerk will attend. Cost £5
- (b) Councillors Training Evening. 6th June. Osgodby. No attendance
- (c) Local Area Forum. 15th June. Kirkby Underwood. The Chairman & Clerk will attend.
- (d) Chairmanship Training. 17th October, Swineshead. No attendance.

11. S.K.D.C. PROVISIONS FOR COMBATING ALCOHOL-RELATED DISORDER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

The Clerk was asked to respond to this letter and report recent litter left, and other nuisance, by vehicle occupants on the playing field. Car registrations had been recorded.

12. It was proposed by Councillor B. Hyde and seconded by Councillor J.F. Richardson that Mr. A.G. Robinson be appointed by the Council as independent internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2006, at a fee of £25.00 The Clerk will write to Mr. Robinson to inform him of his appointment.

13. It was proposed by Councillor G. Lack and seconded by Councillor A. Bates that Mr. D. J. Thomas be appointed by the Council as independent internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2007 and following years, at a fee of £25.00 per annum.

The Clerk will write to Mr. Thomas to inform him of his appointment.

It was noted that the internal auditor does not need to have any accountancy qualifications.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Jacobs to thank him for auditing the Council's accounts for the past two years.

The following accounts were approved

N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 5.4.06	£40.40
Morton Village Hall.	Retirement reception	£11.00
Clark Catering.	Retirement reception	£180.00
Viking Direct.	Office supplies	£64.35
T. Barnatt	April Salary	£302.33

For approval

Mrs. I. Wilson.	Cemetery Refund	£30.00
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 8.5.06	£40.40
Fovia	Printing Newsletter	£12.00
Allianz Cornhill.	Insurances	£708.91
Morton PCC	Hire of hall	£6.00
T. Barnatt	May Salary	£302.33

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th June 2006 at 7 pm

11. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

District Councillor Cartwright had a copy of the SKDC Strategic Housing document available. Councillor Cartwright also informed the councillors that the District Council were intending to provide each household with two 'wheelie bins' – one for recyclable items and one for landfill items. Each bin will have an electronic identification tag.

OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to look into, or report, the following
The young occupants of two cars regularly frequenting the playing field, drinking alcohol, Intentionally leaving litter and causing a nuisance to local residents. Car registrations have been provided and the Clerk was asked to report these to the police.

Part of the playing field has not been cut by the County Council.

Several verges and other grass areas in the village had not been cut regularly, or at all.
Potholes in Edenham Road.

Grass cuttings are being left along Hanthorpe Road verge. It was suggested the Lincs County Council could send a letter to Hanthorpe Road residents about this.

Some street lights along Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe are obscured by foliage.

A street light in High Street is not working. The number will be identified for reporting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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