

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday. 8th May 2007 at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) G. Lack, W. Lawrance P. Chubbuck, R. J. Wells, C. Friend, Mrs. L. Taylor & S. Reynolds.

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

Members of the public present: 7

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Councillor D. Creasey.

Proposed by Councillor P. Chubbuck, seconded by Councillor W. Lawrance, all were in favour.

2. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

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

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN. Councillor B.Hyde.

Proposed by Councillor G. Lack, seconded by Councillor Mrs L. Taylor, all were in favour.

All Councillors present signed declarations of acceptance of office. The clerk will obtain the necessary declarations from the councillors absent from this meeting.

4. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received, and approved, from Councillors J. F. Richardson and A. Bates, both on holiday.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Clerk expressed an interest in item 8e & f – Clerk's review and salaries.

6. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 27th March 2007 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

7. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

High Street Seat A final quotation, of £393 + VAT, for the seat had been obtained and the clerk will order the seat.

L.C.C. Highways intend to write to the owner of 27 Edenham Road regarding the removal of recently erected barriers. They had also approached the developers at the East Lane site to improve parking/traffic problems.

Bus Stop Time Table This had now been moved by Delaine Coaches.

Planning Matters – Due to the timescale required by the SKDC in this instance the following application was dealt with by consultation:-

Peter Taylor Homes. Erection of 2 storey dwelling. Adj 12 The Grove, Hanthorpe. Full Planning. There was no objection to this application.

SKDC has given consent to the following applications: -

Mr & Mrs P. Crawley, 2 storey ext. & single storey ext. 20 Moorgate Close.

Mr & Mrs P. Crawley & N. Travis. Demolition & ext. to garages. 19 & 20 Moorgate Close.

Mr & Mrs Gladdy. Erection of conservatory. 27 Waterloo Drive.

Mr Davidson & Ms Stern. Single storey ext. 47 Millfield Road.

I. Cooke. 2 storey ext. I Meadow View.

SKDC has refused permission for:-

Mrs B. Cox. Erection of dwelling. Adj 45 Stainfield Rd, Hanthorpe.

R. Baker. 2 storey ext. 22 Waggoners Way.

To Appeal against refusal:-

Edren Homes. Erection of bungalow & study. North of Farthings Fold, Hanthorpe.

Independent Internal Audit This has been carried out by the Mr D. Thomas.

Play Equipment Repairs Mr Ernie Wyr has carried out necessary repairs to items of play equipment. He has said he will only charge for the cost of materials. The Clerk was asked to write to him to thank him for his work

Bourne Local Forum Next meeting will be held at Bourne Corn Exchange on Wednesday 20th June at 7pm.

SKDC Code of Conduct Sessions will be held at:-

Folkingham Village Hall on Thursday 7th June at 6.30pm

Edenham Village Hall on Thursday 12th July at 6.30 pm.

Cemetery - Since the last meeting there has been 1 exclusive rights reservation, 1 Burial & 1 Ashes interment. Total receipts £209.00

Publications Councils Direct & L.C.R. review are available from the clerk

Lincolnshire County Council – Older People Drop-in events are to be held across the county to promote benefits information for older people. The letter will be put on the village notice board.

8. ANNUAL REVIEWS

Cemetery Rules & Charges, Forms & Memorial Applications It was proposed by Councillor Wells, and seconded by Councillor Lack that these should remain as they are, and all were in favour.

Parish Land Rents It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, and seconded by Councillor Wells, that rents should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

Minimum amount for tenders It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, and seconded by Councillor Wells that the amount for tenders should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

Insurance Cover It was proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Hyde that the insurance cover should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.

Clerk's workload and performance The Clerk is presently paid for 8 ½ hours per week, due to the workload it was resolved to raise this figure to 10 hours per week.

Salaries Clerk's pay - It was resolved that the clerk should receive any statutory rise in hourly rate when this comes into force.

Litter collection - It was also resolved to raise the pay to £6 per hour for the street litter collection.

9. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Council approved the statement of accounts and the statement of assurance, and these were signed on its behalf by the Chairman.

10. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget.

CPRE	Best kept Village entry	£ 10. 00
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 8.4.07	42. 80
Fovia(Office).	stationery.	7. 60
Viking Direct	Printer Cartridges	37. 58
T. Barnatt	April Salary	311. 30
Morton PCC	Hire of hall 8.5.07	6. 00
D. Thomas	Internal Audit	25. 00
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	724. 05
Fovia(Office)	Printing n/letter	12. 00

11. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

This item was withdrawn from the agenda, for further consideration before presentation at a later meeting.

12. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN LANDS CHARITY REPRESENTATIVE

It was resolved to appoint Mr D Woodland as the representative for the Council.

13. REQUESTS/COMPLAINTS

Wheelie bins A complaint had been received by the clerk concerning wheelie bins being left on pathways and not being returned to premises. District Councillor Cartwright, asked to comment by the Chairman, assured the meeting that operatives were instructed to return the bins properly.

Verge damage Following a complaint regarding damage to Hanthorpe verges by builder’s vehicles it was agreed to ask the Highways dept to clarify the situation regarding the responsibility for possible re-instatement of such verges.

Noise Levels at the Five Bells A complaint had been received from a nearby resident regarding the noise emanating from the Five Bells on Saturday nights. The council had discussed the matter with the management of the premises and hoped the problem would not arise in future.

Dog Waste Bins A request had been received for the provision of bins in Station Road. Unfortunately these cannot, at present, be provided because the SKDC does not have the necessary incineration equipment required for disposal of this waste.

Litter Bin in Hanthorpe The clerk was asked to look into the possibility of obtaining an SKDC bin for siting in Hanthorpe.

14. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF PLAYING FIELD SEAT

It was agreed that councillors would look at the seat to decide whether repairs can be made.

15. NEXT MEETING & OTHER 2007 MEETINGS.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 June, commencing with a public forum at 7.15pm. Other 2007 meetings will be on 7 August, 18 September, 30 October and 11 December.

16. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

District Councillor Cartwright told the meeting that the government expects efficiency savings by councils and the District Council would aim to achieve these savings.

Councillor Lack reported on his recent attendance at a Local Police Panel meeting. The meeting had been presented with the Force’s priorities for 2007/8, including crime investigation, local policing and reducing crimes. It was also agreed, at a parish level, that PCSO Doe would pay extra attention to the problem of youths in the village by providing high visibility patrols.

Arrangements would also be made to assist with educating/informing local residents how best to protect their own property.

OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Hare to thank him for dealing with the cemetery refuse. It had also been reported that the cemetery water supply had been used for car cleaning. Further consideration would have to be given to stop this happening in future.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN.....

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