

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 6th May 2008 at 7.15 p.m

PRESENT Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) G. Lack, W. Lawrance P. Chubbuck, C. Friend, J.F. Richardson, and R.J. Wells.

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

Members of the public present None

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Councillor D. Creasey.

Proposed by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Lack, 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 Richardson, seconded by Councillor Wells, all were in favour.

4. APOLOGIES. Received and accepted from Councillors Bates, Reynolds and Taylor.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.

6. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

7. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Lincolnshire County Council. The caravans on the A15 layby are being monitored by the County Council. They are concerned that if the occupant is moved on he may cause more nuisance elsewhere.

Crescent/Broadway streetlight – an order has gone out for consideration.

Kings Head – The license for the scaffolding is due for renewal, by LCC, and vision problem will be addressed, if possible.

Footpath – Orders are out for completion. It will remain a footpath only.

Letter to Chairman re A15 traffic and Kings Head. The chairman has telephoned the parishioner and discussed the matters in the letter.

Home Office. A reply has been received to the clerk's letter expressing concern at the large rise in requirement for the Lincolnshire Police budget.

Church View development. The clerk has been in touch with the planning officers and an enforcement officer has recently inspected the site and development. The requirements for access alterations do not come into force until the development comes into use, before occupation of the properties. The parking spaces, although shown on development plans, remain a matter of discussion.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there have been Three Exclusive Rights applications, Two Burials and one Memorial application. Receipts £655.00

Removal of BT Payphone. The SKDC have informed the Council that BT intend to remove the Kiosk on the Hanthorpe Road.

Due to time constraints the following applications were dealt with by consultation –

Mr & Mrs Rollings. 2 storey side extension. 55 Piccadilly Way.

K. Graham. Single storey extension. 1 Larks Rise.

It was considered that the council had no reason to object to these applications.

A further amended application was received for –

Miss D. Sinclair. House and garage. Adj 31 Station Road. The council's previous objections to this application, were repeated.

Two planning applications had been referred to committee –

Bungalow Adjacent to 45 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe.

Bungalow, Adj to 27 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

Minutes of the Standards Committee for 18 April received.

Local Council Review Copy with clerk.

8. ANNUAL REVIEWS

a) **Cemetery Charges** – *It was resolved that, from 1st January 2009, the following, amended charges would apply, as follows -*

Interments – A person whose age at the date of death exceeded 12 years £60. 00

Of Ashes £35. 00

Exclusive Right of Burial – For a period not exceeding 100 years in an earthen grave 9ft x 4ft £95. 00

For a period not exceeding 100 years in the ashes only part of the Cemetery. £60. 00

Memorials - A headstone or memorial stone not exceeding 3.5ft in height & 3ft in width £70. 00

A headstone or memorial in excess of those measurements £105. 00

A freestanding inscribed vase £25. 00

Memorial stone for ashes plot. £60. 00

b) **Cemetery Rules & forms** *It was resolved that these should remain as they are.*

c) **Parish Land Rents** *It was proposed by Councillor Richardson, seconded by Councillor Hyde, that the rents should remain unchanged, and all were in favour.*

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

e) **Insurance Cover** *It was resolved that the insurance cover, as laid out in the Allianz renewal details, should be accepted and renewed at a cost of £756.81.*

f) **Clerk's Workload & performance** The Council was satisfied with the performance of the clerk and that his workload was acceptable.

g) **Salaries** The clerk is paid at the rate of £8.234 per hour, from 1st April 2008, which is the rate for a CiLCA accredited clerk.

It was proposed by Councillor Richardson, seconded by Councillor Wells, that Mr Wilkie should be paid £6.50 per hour for litter picking, all were in favour.

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. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council saw no reason to put forward any representations regarding the following applications-

D. Dawson. First floor side extension. 46 Station Road. Morton.

D. Fawcett. Rear conservatory. 28 Haconby Lane. Morton.

Mrs C. Sandall. Internal amendments to barn conversion. Grove House Barn, Hanthorpe.

The following application was received too late to be included on the agenda and was introduced for discussion only

M. Needham. Extension to rear of bungalow. 12 St Johns Close. Morton
The councillors saw no reason to object and asked the clerk to use his executive powers to reply to the planning officer.

11. RENAMING FEN ROADS

The Council had requested the provision of a sign indicating North and South Fen roads but decided not to continue with the process for formally re-naming the North and South Fen roads. This process needed to be activated for the provision of a direction sign, as had been discussed at an earlier meeting.

It was agreed that it would be preferable to try to renovate the existing farm sign at the junction of the fen roads.

12. REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT GARDENS

The meeting considered a request which had been received, signed by seven electors, asking the Council to provide allotment gardens.

The Parish Council does not presently own any land that is available or suitable for allotments and consideration would have to be made as to whether, and how, land could be obtained for this purpose.

In order to ascertain the requirements, and expectations, of those requesting allotments, and any other local residents who may be interested, it was agreed to organise a public meeting at a later date.

13. ACCOUNTS.

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

N. Wilkie	Litter Coll. to 13.4.08	48. 00
D. Thomas.	Internal Audit	25. 00
T. Barnatt	April Salary	384. 25
Allianz	Insurance Renewal	756. 81
Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire 6.5.08	6. 00

14. TOWN LANDS TRUSTEES

The following were appointed to serve, to 21st May 2012, as Parish Council Representative Trustees to the Morton Town Lands Charity-

Mr D. Woodland, and Councillors W .Lawrance, R.J. Wells, G. Lack, and P. Chubbuck.

The clerk was asked to advise Mr D. Thomas, Clerk to the Trustees, of the Council's decision.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 24th June 2008 preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm.

Later 2008 meetings will be held on 5th August, 16th September, 28th October and 9th December.

16. OUTSIDE REPORTS

County Councillor Horn gave a comprehensive report of his efforts, in various matters, in support of the Morton & Bourne area. He noted that Morton School had received a very good Ofsted report. He, like many, had expressed concern at the Lincolnshire Police budget. He was also working on the provision of reactive speed signs on the A15 at Morton.

OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to –

- 1) Contact BT to report water seeping from a manhole cover in the High Street.
- 2) Contact the property owner of 48 Station Road regarding overhanging foliage.
- 3) Ask the District Council to cut the hedge along path to Jubilee Close.

CHAIRMAN.....

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