

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 31st October 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman), G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, J. F. Richardson, N. Needham & D. Ward.

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

Members of the public present: Two PCSO's attended and left various crime prevention leaflets and posters.

1. APOLOGIES. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R .J. Wells, A. Bates and W. Lawrance. District Councillor Cartwright also asked for her apologies to be recorded.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 19th September 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Lincs. C. C. Rights of Way Improvement Plan: A full copy of the consultation draft is now available from the clerk.

Delaine Coaches: The Clerk had spoken to Ian Delaine Smith about the buses stopping very close to the crossroads. Mr Delaine Smith said that it was sometimes difficult to stop at a conveniently close point to the crossroads, where a majority of passengers needed to get off, mainly due to other parked vehicles.

Planning Matters: –

The following application had been dealt with by consultation since the September meeting Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Parker. Garage, & repositioning of entrance. 29 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe. There was no objection to this application.

S.K.D.C. has given approval to –

Mr. V. Kerr. Extensions & alterations, to dwelling. 11 Haconby Lane, Morton.

L.C.C. has given approval for –

School Library. Morton C.of E. Primary School, Station Road.

S.K.D.C. Energy Efficiency Promotion. The District Council Energy Officer, Kevin Mumford is available for visits to local meetings.

S.K.D.C. South Kesteven Play Forum A report to Play Providers.

Annual Report. Lincs Assoc. of Local Councils A copy with the Clerk.

Lincolnshire County Council. Capital Grant Aid Application packs are available for the scheme.

Lincs. C.C. Highways update. With the Clerk.

Lincs. Assoc. of Local Councils Computer (IT) kits are available, with funding. The Council already has computer equipment.

Calor Village of the Year. Marking Sheet This showed that on most points the Parish had reasonable scores. Most of the faults pointed out were beyond the control of the residents and council.

Smith of Derby. Church Clock backup system This letter suggested upgrading this system at the next maintenance visit – Sept/Oct 2007. The Clerk was asked to write to Smiths and ask them to carry out the work and to put the matter of payment on a later agenda for formal consideration.

S.K.D.C. 2007/8 Precept The District Council had requested an estimate for precept before 27th October. The Clerk had replied giving the estimate as £11500.

Cemetery. Since the September meeting a total £451.00 had been received, for 1 Burial, 1 Ashes Interment, 3 Grants of exclusive rights and 2 Memorial applications.
NALC Magazine is available from the

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following application -
Mr. C. Kapoutsis. Erection of double garage & store. 7a East Lane. Full planning Permission.

The following application was received too late to be included in the Agenda and was introduced for discussion only -

Mr & Mrs R. Birtill. Two storey & ground floor extensions. Church Farm, Station Road. Full Planning. The application was discussed and the councillors saw no reason to object to the application. The clerk was asked to use his executive powers to respond to the Planning Officer.

6. ALTERATIONS TO BUS SHELTERS

It was agreed that it would be advisable to carry out some alterations to improve the use of the shelters. Councillor Ward had presented drawings showing how the fronts of the shelters could be removed and he further agreed to provide the specifications required to do this work, for the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to find out whether planning permission would be needed.

The Clerk was also asked to write to Mr. & Mrs. Melville to thank them for their offer to provide a seat next to a shelter. The Council considered that it would not improve the situation.

7. REPAIRS TO SAFE SURFACING & PLAY EQUIPMENT

It was resolved to accept to accept the quotation of £988.00 + VAT, from Woodland Engineering to carry out the necessary repairs to the safe surfacing on the play area.

It was also resolved that the Clerk should ask Woodland Engineering to carry out the other minor repairs to the equipment.

8. CLERK'S PERFORMANCE & WORKLOAD.

The Council confirmed that the Clerk's performance had been satisfactory, following his takeover from Mr. D. J. Thomas. The Council agreed that the number of hours paid for should be reconsidered in the Annual Reviews at the next Annual meeting.

The rates of pay for the Clerk had increased in April and it was agreed that this increase should be paid, with a back payment from that month.

9. BUDGET FOR 2007/08

It was resolved that the Clerk's budget figures should be accepted and that the precept request should be set at £11500.

The Clerk pointed out that this figure should adequately cover required expenditure.

10. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget.

N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 23.9.06	£40.40
W. Lawrance	Playing Field Litter Clearance to 30.9.06	£156.00
T. Barnatt	Clerk's Exps. To 30.9.06	£46.27

The Clerk pointed out that as the minimum wage had risen and in future Mr. Wilkie's pay would amount to £42.80 per month, to take this into account.

12. NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 12th December 2006 at 7.15pm.

2007 meetings are scheduled for January 16th, February 20th, March 27th, May 8th, June 19th.

13. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from outside bodies

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman D. Creasey and Councillor G. Lack recently met the new County Council Chief Executive, Tony McArdle, at the invitation of County Councillor Horn. They had put forward the local views about the speed limit on the A15.

Councillors said that lighting faults had been reported in Jubilee Close and Millfield Road but these had not been rectified. The Clerk was asked to look into this matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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