

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 commencing at 7.25 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), P. Chubbuck, C. Friend, G. Lack, L.T aylor, J. F. Richardson, S. Reynolds & R. J. Wells.

**Also in attendance:** Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O). District Councillor, Frances Cartwright, County Councillor, Sue Woolley and Morton Primary School Headmaster, Mr. George Trafford.

**Members of the public present:** None

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

The Chairman welcomed the new Headmaster Mr Trafford and new County Councillor Woolley to the meeting. Both Mr Trafford and County Councillor Woolley took the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Council. Mr Trafford said the school would be particularly pleased to support any efforts to improve the safety situation at the crossroads. Councillor Woolley also assured the Council that one of her priorities would be to press for future improvements at the junction.

**1. APOLOGIES.** Received from Councillor Lawrance. Following the meeting Councillor Hyde contacted the Clerk with his apologies. He had been unable to inform the Council before the meeting due to the effects of illness.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.**

Parking at District Council bungalows The Clerk reported that John Fletcher, SKDC, had been in contact. The District Council needed details of access improvements, and car park provision, from the developer, who had so far not been forthcoming with such information. It was thought that there may be some possibility that the District Council could provide the car parking area and then recover the cost from the developer. District Councillor Cartwright was asked if she could contact Tony Campbell at SKDC to see if this could be considered.

SKDC/LALC Town & Parishes Conference This event will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Bourne Corn Exchange, 9 30am – 4pm. The Clerk and Councillor Lack agreed to attend on behalf of the Council.

Re-siting of Street Light – East Lane A pole mounted street light, close to the old barn at the end of East Lane, is to be re-sited on the east side of the road.

Traffic at crossroads The Clerk had been contacted by a regular visitor to the village with a complaint regarding the dangerous situation at the crossroads. She wondered why there was no 30 mph speed limit on the A15. The Clerk explained the efforts made by the Council over several years to have such a limit brought in.

Planning matters SKDC has given approval to applications from D. Exton. Change from retail to Fish & Chip shop. 2 Folkingham Road. J. Peat. Amended application for 39 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

SKDC Parks & Spaces The Clerk had received a return requiring details of parks and other public spaces in the parish. He would complete the return at the earliest opportunity.

LALC Councillor Training evening 7pm. Tuesday 11 November. Osbournby. No Councillors felt

able to attend.

Annual External Audit of Accounts to 31 March 2008 This has now been completed by Clement Keys of Edgbaston, who found no matters on which to comment. The Clerk has advertised the completion of audit on the High Street noticeboard.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there has been One ashes reservation, One memorial application and Two interments. Total receipts £275.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) M. Durrant. Erect Bungalow & garage. R/o 8 Ford Lane. Outline Planning.

***The Council resolved to object to this application on grounds of means of access and impact on the neighbourhood.*** It was considered that Ford Lane was already over-developed and that squeezing in 'in tandem' properties, such as this, would add to congestion in the lane.

2) J. Thompson. Erection of dwelling. 12 Haconby Lane. Reserved matters.

No objections were put forward to this application.

## 6. PROVISION OF BROADBAND FOR CLERK

***It was proposed by Councillor Lack that the Council should pay for provision and use of broadband internet for the Clerk, this was seconded by Councillor Wells and all were in favour.*** The Clerk was given permission to go ahead with acquiring a BT broadband connection.

## 7. REPLACING PLAY AREA SEATS

The Clerk advised that two 'cradle seat' swings were in poor condition and needed replacement and informed the Council that the cost would be £384 from Record RSS Ltd and that the carriage would be a further £56. Councillors Lack & Friend suggested that either of them would be prepared to collect the swings from Selby, once they were available.

***It was proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Lack, that the Council should order the swings, at a cost of £384, and that arrangements would be made to collect them, all were in favour.***

## 8. 2009/10 BUDGET & PRECEPT

***It was resolved that the Clerk's budget figures should be accepted, that the precept request be set at £11,500 and that a figure, to be agreed at a later date, should be earmarked in the Council's reserves to cover possible future costs which may arise in obtaining land, either for allotments or the cemetery.***

## 9. ACCOUNTS.

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

Clement Keys	2008 Audit Fee	158. 63
N.Wilkie	Litter Coll. to 23.9.08	52. 00
Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire 28.10.08	6. 00
T. Barnatt	September Salary	384. 25
T. Barnatt	¼ Exps to 30.9.08	45. 48
W. Lawrance	Playing Field Litter. ¼ to 30.9.08	182. 00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery Maint. ¼ to 30.9.08	275. 00
Fovia	Printing Autumn N/Letter	8. 00
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	39. 69
T. Barnatt	October Salary	384. 25

**10. NEXT MEETING & 2009 MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm.

Meeting dates for first six months of 2009 – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**16. OUTSIDE REPORTS.**

Despite costs, for over 60s bus concessions, being underestimated by an advisory agency the District Council had budgeted adequate funds to cover the costs. Consideration was now being given to providing concessions for over 60s entry to swimming pools.

**OTHER MATTERS.**

The Chairman updated councillors on the search for suitable a suitable allotment site. He and the Clerk had been to look at a piece of land at the end of East Lane. It appeared to be suitable and the Chairman was already in contact with the farmer who rented the field. Before any land was acquired there would need to be some form of management system arranged to plan any future actions regarding allotments.

The Clerk was asked to report/deal with following matters

- a) Arrange for ornamental trees on the verge of Millfield Road to be trimmed back.
- b) The playing field fence adjoining 51 The Crescent was in need of repair. It was also suggested that a dry ditch, which presently had rubbish dumped in it, should be filled in.
- c) Two or three manhole covers at the end of The Crescent were faulty and needed reporting to the appropriate authority.
- d) It was noted that garden rubbish had been left on the roadside near the old railway line in Station Road.

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