

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 27th October 2009 commencing at 7.15 p.m.

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

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

Members of the public present. Two

PUBLIC FORUM: Residents present were concerned about the housing needs figures quoted at the Larkfleet meeting. The clerk said that he had queried the figures, through Community Lincs, and although they had been supplied by SKDC, the developers had been told not rely on them. A survey, now in progress, shows, so far, that 21 genuine 'local connections' have been confirmed. District Councillor Cartwright pointed out that anyone can apply to be put on the housing waiting list, whether they have local connections or not.

The main concerns to the Larkfleet proposals regarded the access on to the busy A15 and the resultant increase in traffic problems on the southern approach to Morton.

Following further questions about the Parish Council's point of view the chairman pointed out that the application had not yet been discussed by the council but it would be dealt with in the following agenda.

1. APOLOGIES. Received and accepted from Councillor Taylor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Councillor Friend declared a personal interest in item 5 - A. Taylor, Planning Application.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2009 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Additional Royal Mail collection box The clerk had contacted Royal Mail again and the matter will be re-assessed when time allows.

Larkfleet Meeting. 12th October Larkfleet representatives presented the proposals, for erection of 30 affordable homes on land west of Bourne Road, and explained the Government initiated 'Kickstart Fund' which supports the provision of social housing projects. Residents voiced their concerns about the proposals. It was stated that District Council figures show that 124 'local connections' needed social accommodation. In answer to a query by Councillor Chubbuck, Duncan Smith said that, if it was considered advisable, there was no reason why some sort of assistance could not be negotiated for a traffic improvement project. A Housing Needs Survey would need to be carried out and if this showed that less than 30 social units were needed then the Larkfleet application would need to be re-considered.

Community Lincs Housing Needs Survey The clerk had been in touch with Katie May of Community Lincs to confirm the Parish Council's request for a Local Housing Needs Survey to be carried out. She said that she understood that Larkfleet would also ask her to do so. Community Lincs would need local volunteers to ensure that every household in the Parish could be covered. The Chairman suggested that all councillors could help with deliveries when the survey is arranged.

Ms May also contacted SKDC, at the request of the clerk, to check the 'local connections' figures

quoted by Larkfleet. The figures had been provided but with a proviso that they could not be relied upon. The situation was now being re-assessed and so far 21 qualifications had been identified.

Planning Matters Due to time constraints a planning application from Mr & Mrs Middleton to erect a replacement dwelling and outbuilding at 71 Station Road, had been dealt with by consultation. It was considered that the council had no reason to object to this application.

The SKDC has given approval to - Alston Country Homes – retrospective substitution of house types. Knotts Close, East Lane. P. Hannah. First floor extension. 17 Ford Lane.

SKDC Notice of Consent – For pollarding of Horse Chestnut & Lime trees. 12 The Grove, Hanthorpe.

SKDC Parish Forum Will be held on 29th October. 7pm at Bourne Corn Exchange

Cemetery Since the last meeting there have been 3 interments and 1 Memorial application. Total receipts £320.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Friend took no part in the discussion of the following application

A. Taylor. Erection of 2 storey dwelling & garage. 73/77 High Street.

Following a vote of 6 in favour and 3 against, it was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed building will impact detrimentally on neighbouring properties and visually on the conservation area.

Larkfleet Homes. Erection of 30 affordable homes. Land to west of Bourne Road

It was resolved that, although an official application had not been notified to the Parish Council, the proposed application should be considered, as detailed in documents provided by Larkfleet Homes.

It was further resolved to object to the proposed development on the grounds that –

- a) At present, the local need for social housing is not supported by a Housing Needs Survey or by the latest figures available from SKDC.*
- b) All the amenities referred to in the application, shops, school, churches and play area, are on the opposite (eastern) side of the Bourne Road, some quite distant.*
- c) Most of the residents would need to use vehicles to and from the site, or cross the A15 on foot, at a poorly sighted point on the A15. A previous application to develop the same site was refused approval due to A15 access safety considerations. The A15 is now a much busier road and poses a far greater safety risk.*

6. HANTHORPE ROAD TELEPHONE KIOSK

Letters, regarding the adoption of the decommissioned kiosk, have been received from both SKDC and BT. Both were asking for responses from the Parish Council.

The clerk was asked to contact BT to see if the kiosk can be removed if adopted or purchased.

7. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk had again been in contact with the County Council resulting in a telephone call from Agents; Savills to the chairman. The area of land that may be available was discussed and Councillors Creasey and Hyde had inspected the piece in question. They found it to be unsuitable for allotment purposes – isolated, stony and with no water supply. Further discussion had taken place with Savills in the hope that a more suitable piece can be offered.

The recent change in tenancy of the holding in question has been agreed on the basis that some part of the holding will be made available for allotment purposes.

8. PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Following a proposal by Councillor Lack, seconded by Councillor Wells, it was resolved to

authorise the clerk to purchase play equipment parts required and a safe surfacing repair kit, and for repairs to be carried out as necessary.

9. NOTICEBOARD ON SCHOOL GROUND

The clerk was asked to find out whether a board of similar construction and design to the school notice board could be obtained.

10. LAND REGISTRATION

Following a proposal from Councillor Lack, seconded by Councillor Creasey, it was resolved to authorise the clerk to make the necessary arrangements for an application to the Land Registry for registration of the Parish Council Playing Field and Cemetery land, and to approve withdrawal of documents from Andrew, Stanton & Ringrose, and any resulting fees and costs.

11. BURIAL REGISTER

It was resolved that a new Burial Register should be purchased at a cost of approximately £178.

12. BUDGET FORECAST & PRECEPT

The R.F.O. presented the budget forecast for 2010/11. He considered that reserves had been built up to an adequate level and advised a precept request of £10,500.

Councillors considered that the R.F.O. had not made sufficient provision for some expenses that could arise in future and resolved to leave the precept level at £11,500.

13. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved –

Playsafety Ltd.	Annual ROSPA inspection	89. 70
D. Michelson	Bus Shelter renovation.	233. 10
N. Wilkie	Litter Coll. To 25.9.09.	56. 00
T. Barnatt	Sept. Salary.	404. 93
T. Barnatt	Exps. ¼ to 30.9.09.	82. 72
W. Lawrance	Pl.Field Litter. ¼ to 30.9.09	195. 00
M. Lawrance	Cem. Maint. & Grass. ¼ to 30.9.09.	390. 00
Smith of Derby.	Church Clock Maint.	232. 30
Morton Village Hall.	Hire of Hall 12.10.09	7. 50
South Lincs Computer Serv.	Computer supplies.	38. 96
T. Barnatt	October Salary	404. 93.
Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire. 27.10.09	10. 00.

14. NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday 8TH December 2009.

Meetings for 2010 are planned for 19th January, 23rd February, 30th March, 4th May and 22nd June.

15. OUTSIDE REPORTS

Efforts are still in progress to remove the layby caravan dweller.

OTHER MATTERS

Although dog fouling had been reported in East Lane lack of local information had meant that no progress had been made in identifying suspected culprits.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8. 50pm