

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 19th September 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman), W. Lawrance, G. Lack, J. Lees, P. Chubbuck, R. J. Wells, J. F. Richardson, D. Ward & A. Bates

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

Members of the public present: Two residents were present and were invited by the Chairman to make any comments they wished to the meeting. They expressed concerns about the, sometimes unpleasant, side-effects of living near the High Street bus shelters. The Chairman said that the concerns would be taken into consideration when the matter of bus shelters was discussed later in the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillor Nancy Needham, absent for family reasons.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Lawrance declared a personal interest in item 6 – Tenders for Cemetery maintenance.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 8th August 2006 were approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

ROSPA Play Equipment Annual Safety Check This had been carried out by Playsafety Ltd on 28th August.

SLCC/NALC Clerks Conditions & terms Survey. SKDC Settlement Hierarchy Update. & The Community Council of Lincolnshire Village Survey 2006 These had been completed and returned by the clerk.

Grass Cutting The grass around the Crescent bungalows had now been cut.

Road improvements – East Lane The clerk had asked the Planning Officer to explain when the road works, required by several planning applications, in East Lane, would be carried out and whose responsibility they would be to complete. As yet no reply had been available.

Planning Matters –

The following application had been dealt with by consultation since the August meeting Mr. V. Kerr. Extensions & alterations to dwelling. 11 Haconby Lane. Full Planning. There was no objection to this application.

S.K.D.C. has given approval to –

Edren Homes Ltd. Erection of 2 dwellings & assoc. works. Nth of Grove House, Hanthorpe.

Cemetery. Since the August meeting £55.00 has been received for 1 interment.

The clerk carried out a safety check of the cemetery on 10th August.

The Mobile Police Station will be in Morton on 20th October.

The Calor Best Kept Village 2006. The full results had been received. The winner in Class III, which included Morton & Hanthorpe, was Washingborough.

ENCAMS Local environmental quality Guide, This is a 'one-stop' reference guide for town and parish councils, that explains who is responsible for doing what in the local environment – relating to litter, dog fouling, waste, fly tipping etc. A copy is held by the clerk.

SKDC – Dog Control Orders The District Council requests feed back

SKDC – ENCAMS Training Courses for Authorised Officers details received

SKDC – Parish & Town Council Conference Councillors Wells & Lack said that they would try to attend this conference, to be held on 7th December.

SKDC Register of Electors – Registration Officers required No one at the meeting felt able to take part

Lincolnshire CC Award of Merit 2006 A poster would be put on display

Lincolnshire CC Rights of Way Improvement Act The clerk was asked to obtain further information.

Local Council Review, Rural Services Review, Community Council of Lincs. Magazine

Are all available from the clerk.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no objections to the following applications

Edren Homes Ltd. Erection of bungalow & provision of study (amendment). North of Farthings Fold, Hanthorpe. Full Planning

Mr & Mrs J. Cottingham. Alterations and extensions to Public House. Five Bells. Full Planning.

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

Mr. M. Kirkham. Replace garage door with window & provide balcony. 57 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.

Councillor W. Lawrance left the meeting

6. TENDERS FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:

Two tenders had been received –

It was agreed unanimously that the tender of £1100 per annum, from Mr. Mark Lawrance, should be accepted.

Councillor W. Lawrance returned to the meeting

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION FROM CEMETERY:

Councillor Lawrance had spoken to a local resident who had said that he would be willing to ensure that the refuse bags were put out for collection. The Chairman said he would confirm this with the resident. The matter may need some fresh consideration when the changes in refuse collection came into operation.

8. FUTURE USE OF LAND ADJOINING CEMETERY AND ROADSIDE HEDGEROW:

The tenancy of the land adjoining the cemetery expires on 30th November and it was considered that it could be put down to grass & then cut regularly. The hedge along Hacconby Lane could be lowered to about five feet to make it easier to maintain. The clerk was asked to write Mr. Geoff Hyde and thank him for clearing this overgrown area.

9. BUS SHELTER CLEANSING

Councillor Chubbuck said that he would be prepared to attend to the bus shelter opposite the Village Hall when required. The matter should be put on the next agenda to see if the problem of cleaning the other shelter could be decided.

10. BUS SHELTERS

The Councillors debated, at length, the necessity or possibility of replacing the present brick built bus shelters.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Chubbuck and seconded by Councillor J. F. Richardson that the Council should look into the possibility of modifying the present shelters by opening up the front. This was agreed by 8 votes to 2.

Councillor D. Ward volunteered to make the necessary enquiries.

The clerk was asked to contact Delaine Coaches and arrange for the time tables to be put inside the shelters.

11. ACCOUNTS The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget.

T. Barnatt	August Salary	£302.33
N. Wilkie	Litter Collection to 25.8.06	£40.40
Morton PCC	Hire of Hall 19.9.06	£6.00
Viking Direct	Stationery/Office supplies	£48.71
Playsafety Ltd	Play equipment Inspection	£88.13
Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rates	£26.81
Mrs. M .Gibson	Bus Shelter cleaning & Cemetery To 30.9.06	£265.50
T. Barnatt	September Salary	£302.33

12. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 31st October 2006 at 7.15pm

13. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:

County Councillor Horn reported on his efforts for local affairs.

District Councillor Cartwright had followed up complaints regarding wheelie bins and been assured that refuse crews had been instructed to return the bins to the point of collection and not leave them on pavements.

OTHER MATTERS:

The clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Gibson and pass on the appreciation of the Council for her many years of service.

The Chairman agreed to contact the residents of the property at the east end of Pearce's Lane to ask them to cut back trees overhanging the corner.

The clerk was asked to contact Delaine Coaches and ask them to instruct buses to stop further down the High Street, when entering from the A15. At present they often stop close to the junction and cause other following vehicles some difficulty.

The clerk was asked to look into the possibilities of marking out a bus stop on the road to the east of the village hall.

The Councillors wished to record their congratulations and best wishes, to the Chairman, Councillor David Creasey, for his ordination on Sunday 24th September.

There being no further business the meeting closed

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