

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

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

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

Members of the public present None

1. APOLOGIES. None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Councillor Richardson declared an interest in item 7 – Planning Applications.

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

Note - In the matter of the re-appointment of Mr D. Thomas as Independent Internal Auditor, item 7 - Councillor Wells, absent from the last meeting, asked for his reservations on the appointment to be recorded as he did not feel that Mr Thomas was independent enough due to his past involvement with the council.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

A15 Footpath No response has been forthcoming about the path completion from the LCC.

Kings Head The clerk has been in touch with Charles Wells the owners. At present the matter is in the hands of insurers and there is no information regarding its future.

Cemetery Hedge The hedge to the north of the cemetery belongs to Mr Hammond.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there has been One Exclusive Rights application and Two Burials. Receipts £341.00

Planning matters Due to time constraints the following application was dealt with by consultation Jason Murray Homes Ltd. Erection of Bungalow. 27 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe. Full Planning.

The application was objected to on the grounds that any access at this part of the village would be extremely dangerous.

SKDC has granted planning permission for the following application –

Mr J Featherstone. Erection of single storey extension, boundary wall & gateway, 29 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

SKDC has issued a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development for Mr M. Wallis, 17 High Street, Morton for the conversion of a garage to domestic annexe.

South Lincs Community & Voluntary Service. A presentation on local volunteering opportunities will take place at Market Deeping Community Centre on 28th April from 7-9pm.

Voluntary News/ Clerks & Councils Direct/ Emda News All available from the clerk.

5. NEW STANDING ORDERS.

It was resolved, following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Wells, that the document presented, Standing Orders SO/08, should be adopted as the Council's Standing Orders as from this date, 1st April 2008.

6. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

It was resolved, following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Wells, that the document presented, Financial Regulations FR/08, should be adopted as the Council's Financial Regulations as from this date, 1st April 2008.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Richardson left the meeting before discussion of the following application.

Mr & Mrs J Richardson. Single Storey ext to Barn. The Grange. Full Planning & Listed Building Consent. The Council saw no reason to object to this application.

Councillor Richardson rejoined the meeting.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs D. Cox. Erection of Bungalow. Adj to 45 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe. Reserved Matters.
Mr. Melville. 2 storey rear extension & conservatory. 4 High Street. Full Planning.
Taylor Developments (Heritage) Ltd. Conversion of barns to 3 dwellings & erection of 2 dwellings. Home Farm. Full Planning & Listed Building Consent.

The Council saw no reason to object to these applications.

The following applications were received too late to be included in the agenda and were introduced for discussion only.

Mr J. Featherstone, Erection of double garage. 29a Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

The Councillors saw no reason to object.

Miss D.E. Sinclair. Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage. Adj to 31 Station Rd.

The Councillors consider that this site cannot provide suitable acceptable space for two properties, the proposed new dwelling and 31 Station Road. The site plan, as presented, does not appear to give a correct representation of the area available. The siting of two accesses on this slight bend in the road is also unacceptable. It is suggested that a council official should visit the site to look into these matters.

The clerk was asked to use his executive powers to convey these opinions to the planning authority.

8. BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2008

It was resolved to enter this competition at an entry fee of £15.00

9. ACCOUNTS.

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rates	25. 56
SKDC	Cemetery Rates	19. 76
N.Wilkie	Litter Coll. to 12.3.08	48. 00
M.Lawrance	Cutting Cemetery Hedge	350. 00
T.Barnatt	March Salary	366. 15
W.Lawrance	Playing Field Litter ¼ to 31.3.08	182. 00
M.Lawrance	Cemetery Maint. ¼ to 31.3.08	275. 00
T.Barnatt	Exps ¼ to 31.3.08	50. 76
Year Ending 31.3.09		
LALC	Sub. Review.News 2008/9	348. 95
Morton PCC	Hall hire 1.4.08	6. 00
Best Kept Village	Competition Entry Fee	15. 00

10. NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 6th May 2008 preceded by a Public Forum,commencing at 7.15pm.

OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to –

- 1) Write to the Home Secretary to protest at the huge rise in the Lincolnshire Police share of the council tax.
- 2) Look into the permission given to the ‘Church View’ development and contact planning authority with concerns regarding the expected early completion of access and parking arrangements.

CHAIRMAN.....

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