

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors** D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, G. Lack, S. Reynolds, C. Friend L. Taylor A. Bates 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:** None

**PUBLIC FORUM:** County Councillor Woolley said that the County Council intended to carry out improvements at a number of small county libraries, including Bourne. Local properties considered to be at risk of flooding will be automatically signed up to receive flood warnings from the Environment Agency. Councillor Woolley also passed on information about the Lincolnshire Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, for areas impacted by aggregate extraction. The final formalities of the legal process to remove the caravan dweller from the A15 lay-by were now in progress.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Received and accepted from Councillors Richardson and Wells.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. MINUTES:** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Royal Mail Collection Box: Royal Mail have now said they do not intend to install a collection box in Haconby Lane, as had been requested, because of the distance to an existing box being less than the minimum required specification.

Allotments: The clerk had again been in touch with Savills and had been informed that they still awaited client's instructions before being able to give a detailed response.

Play Equipment Inspection: The clerk has carried out the quarterly inspection of the play equipment. Surface repairs will be dealt with when conditions are suitable.

Inspection of Accounts: The Chairman has carried out the half-yearly inspection of the accounts and is satisfied that all matters are being dealt with correctly.

Planning Matters: SKDC has given approval to the following -

J.T.M. Property Developers. A non-material amendment to provide timber doors to previously approved open fronted garages. R/o 16-20 Station Road, Morton.

A. Taylor. Erection of 2 storey dwelling. 73/77 High Street, Morton.

EFR Construction. Erection of dwelling. 51-53 Station Road, Morton.

Dispensations: The Standards Committee of SKDC has approved a new form for councillors to use when applying for dispensation (declaration of interests) when this is considered necessary.

SKDC Standards Training: A session, for local councillors, will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Colsterworth Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.

Grit Bins: Lincolnshire County Council is reviewing the provision of grit bins and consideration will be given to requests made by Parish Councils for next winter. The Parish Council has already put in a request for further provision of bins in the parish.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

G. Lewis. Conversion and extension to existing garaging to form a single dwelling. The Old School, 6 High Street, Morton.

Councillors had no objections to this application.

## 6. ICO REGISTRATION:

*Following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Lack, it was resolved to approve registration with the ICO, to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, and the payment of the £35 registration fee.*

## 7. LALC FINANCE SESSION:

*Following a proposal by Councillor Lack, seconded by Councillor Hyde, the payment of £6 for the clerk to attend the Finance session, on 31<sup>st</sup> March, was approved.*

## 8. CEMETERY RE-SEEDING & SEAT REPLACEMENT:

The area behind the cemetery shed, previously used for earth storage, has been rotavated. Councillors Lawrance and Hyde will arrange the re-seeding when conditions are suitable.

*It was resolved to ask Dennis Gentleman to install the new seat near the cemetery gate.*

The clerk was asked to work out the annual rate of grave reservation to give some idea how long the present piece of consecrated ground is likely to provide spaces. Consideration will then be given to the consecration of the additional piece of the land.

## 9. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT:

All Councillors had received a copy of the recent Community Lincs Housing Needs Survey Report. Survey forms had been delivered to 1025 households by volunteers from the Parish Council. 100 responses had been received. 49% of those replies were in favour of an affordable housing scheme somewhere in the parish. 43% were not in favour of such a scheme. The report's analysis of the returns concluded that there was a requirement of 20 affordable properties in the Morton & Hanthorpe parish. The South Kesteven District Council is now considering the report in relation to the application from Larkfleet Homes to build 30 affordable units beside the A15. It is understood that the possibility of including open-market properties in the development may be considered.

Councillors asked the clerk to contact Mrs May and thank her producing the straight forward, but comprehensive report so promptly.

## 10. ACCOUNTS;

The following payments were approved –

ICO	Registration Fee	35. 00
T. Barnatt	January Salary	404. 93
Ink2Print	Laptop Computer	650. 00
Russell Leisure	New Seat	793. 13
LALC	Finance Session. 31 March.	6. 00
N. Wilkie	Litter picking to 13.2.10	56. 00
Fovia	Printing N/letters	10. 00
Viking Direct	Office supplies	57. 61
T. Barnatt	February Salary	404. 93
Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire. 23.2.10,	10. 00

**11. NEXT MEETING:**

will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2010 and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7.15pm.

**12. OUTSIDE REPORTS:**

District Councillor Cartwright reported that the District Council had been visited by the CLG/Treasury inspectors and that they had been ‘very pleased’ with the use of Grantham Growth money.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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