

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 commencing at 7.15pm**

**PRESENT** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, C. Friend, P. Chubbuck, R.J. Wells and S. Reynolds.

**Also in attendance** Mr.T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O), District Councillor Mrs F. Cartwright and PCSO S. Brommell

**Members of the public present.** Four

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Residents from the Station Road District Council bungalows passed a petition, signed by all apart from one resident, to the Council asking for an off-road car park to be provided for the properties. This was passed on to District Councillor Cartwright.

Since the last meeting Councillor Cartwright had looked into the matter and reported her findings to the meeting. The original developers of Church View had agreed with the District Council to provide car parking space, or the cost of, for the bungalows. The site was sold to a new developer and a new agreement was made for £62,500 to be paid to the District Council, and this is now held by the council. Councillor Cartwright said that the District Council is now giving serious consideration to the matter and will need to consult Lincolnshire Highways in relation to access. PCSO Brommell informed the meeting that she was now responsible for the local villages. The police are looking at the matter of speeding on local roads. Several scrap metal thefts have taken place recently and residents should be wary of anyone calling for this purpose.

Councillor Lawrance asked if regular visits could be made to the playing field as a large amount of broken glass had recently been found on the play equipment and entry road to the field.

PCSO Brommell said that she had spoken to the local farmer who had left considerable amounts of mud on Hanthorpe roads

1. **APOLOGIES.** Received and accepted from Councillors Richardson, Bates, Taylor and Lack.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Councillor Lawrance declared a personal interest in item 5, when he realised the matter to be discussed concerned him.
3. **MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Conifers adjacent to cemetery. Mr Farrar, the owner of the land adjoining the cemetery, had written to assure the Parish Council of his intention to look after the conifers and that they had been planted to provide privacy, both for himself and parishioners visiting the cemetery. He also suggested that he would be happy to consider any approach for the field to be used for village functions.

Lincolnshire Co-op/Kings Head. In response to an approach from the clerk an update on progress had been received. There are complicated conservation and highways matters to address and options and alternatives are taking a long time to evaluate. Meetings are continuing with the authorities and the Parish Council is assured that the Society will be happy to visit the parish when plans are clearer.

Play Equipment Safety Check. The clerk has carried out the quarterly safety check. At the time of

the inspection all pieces of equipment were in good order. An area of surfacing, close to a hedge, will need some attention to clear the algae. Two swing seats may require replacement in the near future.

#### Planning matters

SKDC approval has been given for B. Taylor. Formation of vehicular access at Bunkers Hill farmhouse.

The following planning application was dealt with by consultation, due to time constraints – P. Perring. Erection of dwelling. 43 Haconby Lane. Full Planning.

***It was resolved that the council objected on the following grounds – The proposal for additional work at this address will make an enormous, and detracting, change to the long-existing character of this and attached properties and have considerable visual impact on this part of the conservation area. The area shown for a vehicle does not allow for a vehicle to turn before leaving the property.***

Cemetery. Since the last meeting there has been One memorial application, Three interments and Two Exclusive rights applications. Total receipts £320.

Following an application for the ashes of the late Mrs. A. Christian, formerly Bolton, to be interred in the grave of the late Mr. D. Bolton, executors have agreed to cancel the reservation of a space, in the name of Mrs A Bolton, and return it to the Council for future use, for an allowance of £35.

Mud report. Following complaints of a considerable amount of mud left on roads in Hanthorpe the problem had been reported to the police.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Since the preparation of the agenda the following item has been received and introduced for discussion. Lincolnshire County Council – Introduction of a School Safety Zone.

***It was agreed to suggest that the Parish Council felt that the zone need not extend to the east beyond the area already marked out with zig-zags.***

## **6. TREE FELLING – A15 FIELD HEDGE**

***Following a proposal by Councillor Lawrance it was resolved to pay G. Copley the amount of £150+VAT for the additional work of felling trees during hedge laying.***

## **7. ENTRANCE REPAIRS & OLD FENCING REMOVAL – A15 FIELD**

***The Chairman agreed to find a small amount of rubble to fill in any holes at the field entrance, and remove the remains of the old barbed-wire fencing.***

## **8. PARISH GRASS CUTTING.**

The clerk had ascertained that County Council funding of £3444, for 2011, would be available if the Parish Council wished to take on the responsibility of the grass cutting contract. This figure could not be guaranteed for later years. In October 2010 councillors considered a quotation from Pilgrim Services to carry out the work and were keen to accept but agreed to reconsider the matter once the funding situation was clarified.

***Following a proposal by Councillor Reynolds it was resolved –***

***1) The clerk to be authorized to negotiate the necessary agreement with Lincolnshire County Council for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility for the grass cutting contract.***

***Subject to this agreement-***

***2) Accept the quotation of £3500+VAT from Pilgrim Mowers & Services for cutting and strimming the parish verges and other areas, as designated, covering 14 cuts per annum, subject to weather conditions.***

***3) The clerk to be authorized to agree details of 3 year contract to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.***

**9. CONSECRATION OF ADDITIONAL CEMETERY LAND**

*Following a proposal by Councillor Chubbuck it was resolved that - All of the remaining area of cemetery land should be consecrated. The clerk to be authorized to set in motion the necessary procedures, through the Diocesan Registrar, to permit the area to be consecrated and, in consultation with the Chairman, to make arrangements for the Bishop of Grantham to carry out the ceremony.*

**10. LISTED BUILDINGS REVIEW**

Councillors were provided with a list of the listed buildings in the parish. It was noted that the War Memorial was on the list and that this would need to be taken into consideration if any repair work was contemplated in future. Councillors will consider the list.

**11. STATION ROAD PARKING**

This matter had been discussed at length in the public forum, with some residents present. Future developments are awaited.

**12. ACCOUNTS**

T. Barnatt	January Salary	410.16
N, Wilkie	Litter picking to 22.1.11	60. 00
Morton PCC	Hire of Church Hall 18.1.11	10. 00
Lincs County Council	Playing Field Maintenance. 2009/10	846.00
LALC	Annual Subs 2011/12	374.90
T. Barnatt	February Salary	410.16

**13.. NEXT MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and will be preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm

**14. OUTSIDE REPORTS**

None

**OTHER MATTERS**

The clerk was asked to deal with the following matters –  
Contact SKDC regarding pyracantha, briars and elders that are in need of cutting back in the churchyard.

Contact Lincolnshire Highways about provision of a street light on the corner of Broadway, additional street light on near No 6 Station Road and also ask for the 40mph reaction signs to be checked.

CHAIRMAN.....

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