

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 commencing at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) W. Lawrance, P. Chubbuck, T. Dickinson, R.J. Wells, G. Lack, L. Taylor, & C. Friend.

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

**Members of the public present** Ten

**PUBLIC FORUM/JUBILEE DISCUSSION**

Chairman, Councillor David Creasey, welcomed those present and informed the meeting about the suggestions already put forward for Jubilee activities. All village children will be presented with a mug, paid for by the Morton Town Lands Charity. The 2000+ committee are overseeing this operation. It is hoped that different areas of the parish will organise their own 'street' parties or that neighbours arrange to share lunches. Other suggestions included – A Decorated House & Garden Competition, A Children's Fancy Dress Competition, with prizes provided by the 2000+ committee. There will be a Jubilee Service at the Church with refreshments to follow.

Mr Trafford, Morton School headmaster, said that the school intended to stage an event on the Friday, just before the half term, which would also include a Jubilee display. It was agreed that the 2000+ and school would liaise to put out an information leaflet/poster to publicise the ideas discussed.

PCSO Mclean told the meeting that metal thefts remained the biggest local problem at present and everyone needed to be vigilant.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Received and accepted from Councillors Bates & Hyde.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None
3. **MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

A15 Land. The clerk had written again to the tenant, Mrs. Soames, and also left an answerphone message, in an effort to clarify her future intentions about the tenancy – with no response.

Cemetery Fees Change The local funeral directors have been informed of the agreed increase in fees, from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Cemetery. Since the last meeting: 1 memorial application. Receipt £70.

Funding Award. Through County Councillor Woolley the Parish Council has received £250, a 'Councillor Big Society Fund' award. This is to be used to help fund any village events – such as Jubilee celebrations. *The Council thanked Councillor Woolley.*

Lincolnshire Highways Road Closure Notice. Part of Edenham Road, Hanthorpe is to be closed, temporarily, for a water connection, between 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Planning Matters. SKDC - Approvals – Mr. & Mrs. Thorogood. Two side extensions to 2 the Paddock and R Dixon. Porch to side of 30 Waggoners Way.

SKDC - Appeal Dismissed An appeal by P Perring, against an application refusal for the erection of a dwelling at 43 Haconby Lane, has been dismissed.

SKDC 'Drop In' Sessions. Informal sessions have been introduced, both for Parish Councils and general public, to share information and consult residents on a wide variety of issues. A session

will be held at Bourne Corn Exchange on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 4pm to 7pm.

Lincs Community Health Services NHS Trust. The Trust is planning to become a 'Community NHS Foundation Trust'. The consultation period for representations is from 16th January to 16th April.

South Kesteven Draft Planning Obligations Document – sets out the District Council's planning obligation requirements (106 agreements) from qualifying developments in South Kesteven.

Community Lincs Bulk Oil Buying Scheme. Details of the scheme will be displayed on the High Street noticeboard and the website.

Publications. Clerks & Councils Direct & LCR are available from the clerk.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATION

M. Wallace. Single storey extensions to rear & rebuild stone boundary wall. 17 High Street. Councillors had no objections to this application.

## 6. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLERK'S SLCC SUBSCRIPTION

*Following a proposal by Councillor Lack, seconded by Councillor Chubuck, it was resolved to approve payment of the clerk's Annual Subscription to the SLCC.*

## 7. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Due to the Public Forum discussion held earlier no further debate was considered necessary.

## 8. ACCOUNTS

*The following payments were approved by the meeting*

Just Host	Website charges to 2014	234.10
M. Wilkie	Litter picking to 23.12.11	60.00
T. Barnatt	December Salary	399.40
T. Barnatt	¼ exps to 31.12.11.	63.19
HMRC	PAYE Inc.Tax. ¼ to 5.1.12.	97.60
W. Lawrance	Playing Field litter ¼ to 31.12.11	195.00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery maint/grass/hedge.¼ to 31.12.11	435.00
Fovia	Newsletter printing	10.01
Morton PCC	Church Hall hire. 17.1.12.	10.00
Information Comm.	Data Protection Registration renewal	35.00

**9. THE NEXT MEETING** The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and will be preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm

## 10. OUTSIDE REPORTS

District Councillor Cartwright said that the District Council hoped to freeze Council Tax again and County Councillor Woolley said that the County Council had the same intention.

Through the Community Foundation 'heating initiative' grants are to be made available to those in need. These will be dealt with through referrals to the County Council by health practitioners and will only be available for a limited period. Part of Morton North Fen Road has been repaired but its condition still gives some concern. Councillor Woolley was pleased to report that the Register Office will remain in Bourne, at another venue, without marriage facilities.

## OTHER MATTERS

Dog fouling had again been reported in the High Street and Jubilee Close.

Councillor Dickinson was pleased that the piece of damaged shrubbery around the grass area on Needham Road had now been replanted – most likely by the County Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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