

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Hall Morton
on Tuesday 19th July 2005 at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT:- Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) G. Lack, J. Lees , P. Chubbuck ,
W. Lawrance , D. Ward, B. Hyde & J. Richardson.

Also in attendance: - District Councillor F. Cartwright, County Councillor M.
Horn & Mr D.J. Thomas (Clerk & R.F.O.)

Members of the public present: - Nil

1. APOLOGIES: - Apologies were received from Councillor R. J. Wells.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - There were no declarations of interest on any
of the items on the Agenda.

3. MINUTES: - The clerk's notes of the meeting of Tuesday 14th June 2005 were
approved as the Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING & CLERK'S REPORT:-

S.K.D.C. Playing Field. Mr Steve Frisby of the S.K.D.C. has promised to visit the site
this week, to see if it will be possible to move the goal posts to one end of the field.

Hanthorpe Notice Board: - This has still not been repainted.

Jubilee Close/ Stock cars: - One of the cars has now been moved.

Dyke to south of Hanthorpe Road: - This has not been cleared out, and the clerk
agreed to chase this matter with the District Council.

Barriers on path & overgrown hedge Jubilee Close: - The hedge has now been
cut back, and the clerk will check to see what decision has been made about the
barriers.

Speeding Traffic on A15:- The temporary "Parish Calm" signs have now been
erected.

Playing Field Car Park: - The Chairman has not yet had the time to level this area.

Fly Tipping Paddock Lane: - The Enforcement Officer has advised the clerk, that
as only one of the items recovered had been found to have a name on it, and as only
part of the vehicle registration had been noted, it was impossible to take any action
on this matter.

Cemetery Maintenance: - Following the June meeting, the clerk had offered to find
some help for the Cemetery Caretaker, to deal with the grass growing between
several of the older graves and kerbs, and although this offer had been declined, she
did request some help with the cutting of the hedge on the west side, and the clerk
has asked Mr Ray Male to carry out this work.

The clerk read the letter that he had sent to the resident who had complained about
the poor standard of maintenance, which pointed out the problems that there have
been due to ill health, and confirmed the Council's commitment to a high standard of
maintenance at the Cemetery.

Hedge Bakers Lane: - The County Council are continuing to try to find the owners of this property.

Pearces Lane: - The County Council has served notices on the residents concerned to get the overhanging trees cut back.

Overgrown Tree Millfield Road: - This has been trimmed by a local resident.

D.E.F.R.A. Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005:- This act received Royal Assent on 7th April, and will allow parish councils to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, fly posting and dog offences. The Act does not impose any new duty on parish councils, and the extent to which they use the new powers will be up to them. A small number of measures in the Act came into force on 7th June 2005, but the majority will be commenced by order, and the intention is to commence these by spring 2006.

Bourne L.A.A:- Councillor Lack had attended the meeting on 13th June, and a copy of the minutes is available from the clerk. The next meeting of this assembly will be on Wednesday 7th September. It was agreed not to ask for a meeting of the Assembly in Morton until there was some specific item requiring such a meeting.

Councillor Roadshow/ New Planning Regs: - Several Councillors & the clerk had attended the Councillor Road Show at Morton Village Hall, and the clerk and Councillor Lack had attended the New Planning Regulations Seminar at Colsterworth.

Calor Village of the Year: - Morton with Hanthorpe has won the "Lincolnshire Building Community Life" category of this competition, and will receive a cheque for £350 and a framed certificate, which will be presented to representatives of the village by DEFRA on 3rd November 2005. The overall winner of the competition is Grasby, and Nettleham won the ICT category.

Best Kept Village Competition: - Morton & Hanthorpe did not make it through to the second round of judging this year.

Grasscutting on A15:- A letter was received from a resident of Bourne Rd concerning the grasscutting on the verge outside his property. The grass had been very poorly cut by the County Council's contractors, and he and his wife had approached Councillor Lack about this matter. Following his discussions with these residents, Councillor Lack had taken his machine, cut the verge, and persuaded the residents to cut these themselves in the future. He was thanked by the Council for his actions.

Best Kept Large Village 2004:- Three of these signs have now been erected.

Cemetery: - There has been one interment of ashes and one memorial application since the previous meeting, fees received £130.

Planning Matters: - Planning permission has been granted for the following:

Mr R Hall	Annex	1 Bourne Road
Mr & Mrs Pope	Extension & conservatory	33 Piccadilly Way
Alston Country Homes	12 dwellings	Pt OS 0036 East Lane

The Parish Council had objected to the proposed development by Alston Country homes, as it was concerned about the width of the East Lane access to the site, and the detrimental visual impact this development might have in this area of the village. Council takes some consolation to note that permission has been granted subject to:-

1. Highway improvements being made to East Lane which will reduce to a minimum the effect of the development on the safety and freedom of flow of traffic using this stretch of East Lane
2. A scheme of Tree Planting and landscaping, and the retention of the existing hedge along the middle, east and south boundary, which will make an important contribution to the appearance of the area, and help to assimilate the development with its surroundings.

S.K.D.C. Interim Housing Policy: - Under this policy new residential development in Morton & Hanthorpe will only be permitted if they are on a previously developed site, or are sites for affordable housing to meet a proven local need.

B.T. Payphones: - A consultation document was received from B.T. concerning their two payphones in Morton, both which receive very low use. It is proposed that if Ofcom remove the obligation to provide cash payment facility, these boxes should be converted to a cashless payment option as an alternative to removal. It was agreed that cash option should be retained if possible, but that a cashless payment box would be preferable to removal.

Community Car Scheme: - A further invitation to afternoon tea was received for Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th September between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

Parish Plan Grants: - Funding from D.E.F.R.A. is now available from the Community Council.

5. STANDING ORDERS FOR SIGNATURES ON CHEQUES: - On advice from the clerk, it was agreed to put this matter on the Agenda for a meeting in the future.

6. BUDGET FORECAST 2005/06:- Copies of the clerk's revised budget forecasts for 2005/06 were distributed, examined and approved.

7. ACCOUNTS: - Paid since last meeting:-

D.J.Thomas	£49.01	Expenses to 30/6/05
L.A.L.C.	£50.00	Training Fees
Viking Direct	£48.87	Stationery & Storage Boxes

For Approval:-

Fovia	£12.00	Copying
Morton P.C.C.	£ 6.00	Hire of hall

8. NEXT MEETING: - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd August.

9. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:-

District Councillor F. Cartwright said that she had been able to get hold of a second

hand pool table for the Morton youth club, and also suggested that the Parish Council might look into the possibility of taking over grasscutting of certain areas from the District Council.

County Councillor M. Horn told the meeting that he was trying to arrange for a representative of the County Council's Social Services Department to visit Morton to discuss what services are available in the parish. He also pointed out that Bourne has an excellent youth centre which could be used by the youth of Morton & Hanthorpe.

10. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:-

It was proposed by Councillor D. Creasey that due to the confidentiality of the next item on the agenda the Council should move into closed session, this was seconded by Councillor B. Hyde, and all were in favour.

11. STAFFING MATTERS:-

Various staffing matters were discussed in view of the Clerk's decision to retire in March 2006.

OTHER MATTERS:-

The clerk was asked to look into the following other matters.

1. Street light no. 7 Hanthorpe Road & no. 4 The Crescent.
2. Blocked gulley East Lane.

There being no other business the meeting then closed.