

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

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

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

**Members of the public present.** None

**1. APOLOGIES.** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Churchyard shrubs and gate post. Both matters had been reported to SKDC and would be dealt with in the next scheduled visit to Morton.

11 Haconby Lane. The clerk had contacted District Council enforcement officers to request a visit to 11 Haconby Lane where a property, partly built, had left the adjoining householder with problems. The District Council had contacted the developer and had been assured that he would make a visit to try to correct the problems in the near future.

A15 Footpath/cycleway. The clerk had contacted Lincolnshire Highways and had received an apology for not being informed of the procedure to redesignate the path.

Best Kept Village Competition. The Parish has progressed to the second round of judging, which will take place in July.

Trees for Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire County Council is again offering trees for public spaces in the county. It was agreed that this matter should be included in the agenda of the next meeting.

SKDC Approval has been given to Miss D Sinclair for erection of a garage Adj to 31a Station Road. (retrospective)

Planning Matters Due to time constraints a planning application from P. Ellington for outline permission to erect a dwelling on Plot 2, The Sidings, Station Road, had been dealt with by consultation. It was considered that the council had no reason to object to this application.

SKDC Private Sector Housing Stock Condition Survey Notification has been received that this survey will be carried out locally this summer, on selected properties.

Sustainable Development Guide. The Lincolnshire County Council have published this guide to assist future developers. It is available on the County Council website.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there have been 2 Excl.Rights applications, 2 Ashes interments and 2 Memorial applications. Total receipts £365.

Lincs Police. The Chief Constable has produced a pamphlet reviewing his first year in the post.

Publications. Available from the Clerk – Emda News, LCR newsletter.

Newsletter As the cost for production and delivery of the Summer newsletter had been quoted at £150, above the £100 agreed, the newsletter was produced in the usual way.

Allotments The Chairman had been in touch with a County Councillor with regard to the apparent hold up on consultations. Unfortunately there have been no further developments in the situation.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S. Fox. Alston Country Homes. Demolition of existing building. 40 East Lane. Conservation Area Consent.

S. Fox. Alston Country Homes. Retrospective substitution of house types (2). 3 & 4 Knotts Close.

The Clerk was asked to express the Council's disapproval of building alterations and changes being dealt with so frequently in this manner.

*The following application was received too late to be included in the agenda and was introduced for discussion only*

Mr & Mrs Shaw. Erection of sun lounge & front porch. 2 Knotts Close.

Councillors saw no reason to object and asked the clerk to use his executive power to reply on behalf of the council.

## 6. BUDGET FORECAST 2009/10

Copies of the revised budget forecast for 2009/10 were distributed and examined.

**Councillor Hyde proposed that the revised budget should be approved, seconded by Councillor Chubbuck, all were in favour.**

## 7. CROSSROADS MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

The clerk informed councillors that he had arranged a meeting with Mr Kevin Brumfield, Lincolnshire County Council Area Highways Manager, at 11am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, at Morton Crossroads. The meeting is intended to consider general matters of safety at the junction and any possible future improvements.

Copies of the letters of support received by the Parish Council and results of the village survey will be presented to Mr Brumfield.

## 8. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

T. Barnatt	June Salary	404. 93
T. Barnatt	¼ Expenses to 30.6.09	88. 67
W. Lawrance	Pl. Field Litter coll. ¼ to 30.6.09	195. 00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery Maint. ¼ to 30.6.09	300. 00
M. Lawrance	Extra hedge & grass cutting	175. 00
N. Wilkie.	Litter picking to 7.5.09	56. 00
Fovia	Office Supplies	10. 35
Morton PCC	Church Hall hire. 21.7.09	10. 00
T. Barnatt	July Salary	404. 93

**9. NEXT MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## 10. REPORTS

County Councillor Woolley said that it was hoped that local councils would be the first line of contact for parishioners during the growing spread of swine flu.

It was agreed to put the NHS contact details on the village website and to monitor the situation.

No other information, or advice, has yet been received from the authorities.

District Councillor Cartwright informed the meeting that Beverley Agass has now been appointed Chief Executive of the SKDC. Due to the present financial situation cuts would be necessary in the Housing Revenue Account and only urgent repairs are being carried out on council properties. The Chairman said he had cleared the earth heap at the cemetery.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The clerk was asked to look into or deal with the following matters –

Contact the SKDC Building Control dept. regarding 11 Haconby Lane where problems are still not resolved.

Contact householders on Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe regarding over hanging hedges.

Contact Mr Trafford, when possible, to ask contractors to clear the East Lane entrance to the playing field.

Add items to the next agenda – a) Refurbishment of bus shelters. b) Cemetery waste

The Chairman agreed to deal with shrubs growing over the bus shelter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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