

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 24th June 2008 commencing at 7.45 p.m.

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

Also in attendance Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O), District Councillor F. Cartwright And Mrs Dawn Temple, SKDC

Members of the public present None

Prior to the meeting proper Mrs. Temple explained why the cemetery waste had now been classed trade waste and, as such, could not be collected by the District Council. She apologised to the Council for lack of notice, and confusing information, when the free service was withdrawn.

Mrs Temple also confirmed that supplies of green bins were now being delivered to those on the waiting list. New applicants would receive them in about six weeks.

1. APOLOGIES.

Received and accepted from Councillors Lack and Taylor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Lawrance declared a personal & financial interest in item 6 – Tenders for Playing Field Rubbish Collection.

3. MINUTES.

The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Request for Road to be named after former Council Chairman A letter had been received from Miss M. Mills asking if a road in a new development could be named after her father the late Henry W. Mills. It was agreed that this request should be taken into consideration when the development near the Church was completed. The clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter.

The Annual Return - has been completed and sent to the auditors, Clement Keys.

Path to Jubilee Close - The hedge has now been cut.

Mobile Library The Clerk had contacted the County Library Service following confusion about the place/times of visits to the parish. After consultation the vehicle will stop near the post office once a month. A list of dates will be posted on the notice board. The clerk was asked to contact the Library Service again and query why it will now only stop in Morton for 30 minutes and other nearby villages for 1 hour.

Playing Field Complaint An email had been received regarding unsocial evening activities on the playing field and an overgrown area being used as a toilet. Councillor Lack had been to see the complainant and had also cut back the offending foliage.

Cemetery Rubbish The clerk had looked into the costs involved in arranging collection by private contractor. It was agreed that this should be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

Cemetery Since the last meeting there have been two Memorial applications. Receipts £132.00

BT Telephone boxes SKDC had objected to the removal of the boxes listed on a previous communication.

SKDC Town & Parishes Conference The conference will be held on Wednesday 26th November 9.30am – 4.30pm at Bourne Corn Exchange. Councillors will consider attendance at the next meeting.

SKDC Education for Parish Councillors - event will take place at Long Bennington at 7pm on 10th July.

SKDC Empty Houses Fund – this fund has been introduced to assist in returning empty houses into use.

Lincolnshire County Council – Free Trees Trees and hedge plants can be provided for local schemes. This matter should be considered again at a later meeting.

Footpath Diversion SKDC has advised that an application has been made for the diversion of Footpath 44 through Home Farm.

Planning Approvals SKDC has approved the following applications –

D. Fawcett Conservatory 28 Haconby Lane

M. Melville 2 storey rear extension & conservatory. 4 High Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Richardson. Single storey ext. to barn. Grange Farm. Planning & Listed Building Consent.

J. Murray Homes. Erection of bungalow. 27 Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

Mr. & Mrs. Rollings. 2 storey extension. 55 Piccadilly Way

J. Featherstone double garage. 29a Edenham Road, Hanthorpe.

Mrs. D. Cox Erection of bungalow 45 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe.

K. Graham Single storey extension. 1 Larks Rise

Taylor Developments Conversion of barns & erection of 2 dwellings. Home Farm. Planning & Listed Building Consent.

Dog Bin Service 'Clean & Green' offer an installation and emptying service for dog bins. This service would cost around £500 per year for each bin. It was agreed to retain the information for reference.

Woodland Site Services Repairs to play area surface have been recently been carried out and the Invoice has been received. The clerk is not satisfied that all the repairs quoted for have been dealt with. It was agreed that payment for the account will be held back until the work is completed.

Allotments The clerk reported that he has made tentative, informal enquiries about allotment land. The Lincolnshire County Council Property Services suggested contacting the Council's land agents, Savills, but considered that there was very little chance of any land being made available. Morton Town Lands Charity did not have any land that could be used for this purpose. Arrangements for a public meeting about allotments will be discussed at the next meeting.

Play Equipment One of the swings has had to be taken out of use because fixing bolts had been removed. Other items also need attention. The clerk is trying to arrange for a visit from a representative of Record play Equipment, the suppliers, to ascertain replacement requirements.

Voluntary News A copy is available from the clerk.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P. Hollingshead. Creation of Access. 10 High Street. Morton.

The Council saw no reason object to this application.

Councillor Lawrance left the meeting

6. TENDERS FOR LITTER COLLECTION AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Only one tender had been received for the contract to remove litter from the playing field, that being from (Councillor) Walter Lawrance who has quoted £780 per year for the next two years.

It was proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Bates, that this tender should be accepted. All were in favour.

Councillor Lawrance returned to the meeting

7. PLAYING FIELD BOUNDARY

Owners of land adjoining the playing field had requested that the Parish Council clear the overgrown ditch, to the east, outside the fence,. Referring to previous discussions, some years ago, on this subject, councillors decided that it was not the Parish Council's

responsibility to clear the ditch but it was happy for this to be carried out by those concerned.

8. TREE AT THE CORNER OF BAKER'S WAY

Following the last meeting the clerk had been in contact with the owner of 48 Station Road regarding the trimming of the tree on this corner. This resulted in the owner discovering that the tree was not on his property and therefore not his responsibility. After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk should ask the Highways Dept to either trim the tree, or remove it.

9. NEW PRINTER/SCANNER

The clerk reported that the Council's printer/scanner did not work and needed replacing. **It was proposed by Councillor Richardson, seconded by Councillor Wells, and approved by the meeting that a new printer/scanner should be purchased by the clerk.**

10. PURCHASE OF 'PRACTITIONERS' GUIDE FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 2008'

It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Richardson, and approved by the meeting, that the clerk should purchase a copy of this guide.

11. LALC COUNCILLORS' TRAINING COURSE

It was agreed to discuss attendance at a Councillors Training Course on November 11th at the next meeting of the council.

12. ACCOUNTS.

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

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| N. Wilkie | Litter Coll. to 8.5.08 | 52. 00 |
| T. Barnatt | May Salary | 384. 25 |
| N. Wilkie | Litter Coll. to 5.6.08 | 52. 00 |
| Morton PCC | Church Hall Hire 24.6.08 | 6. 00 |
| D. Creasey | Flowers. Chairman's Allow. | 22. 00 |
| T. Barnatt | June Salary | 384. 25 |
| W. Lawrance | Playing Fld Litter to 30.6.08 | 182. 00 |
| M. Lawrance | Cemetery Maintenance to 30.6.08 | 275. 00 |
| Woodland Site Services | Play Surface Repairs | * 285. 00 |

*** to be paid on satisfactory completion of repairs.**

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 5th August 2008 preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm.

14. OUTSIDE REPORTS

District Councillor Cartwright explained that the SKDC had looked into the possibility of extending the use of bus passes but costings had shown that if put into operation this would lead to an increase in the Council Tax.

OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to contact Lincolnshire Highways and ask why the nearly completed path to Bourne will not now be designated a cycle/foot path as original stated.