

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 23rd June 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.** County Councillor S. Woolley and Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O).  
**Members of the public present:** None

**Public Forum:** In view of the fact that Councillor Woolley needed to leave early she was given the opportunity to address the meeting. She reminded councillors that there was a general review of national speed limits in progress at the moment. The reactive signs, which had been awarded to the village, at no cost, should not detract from the eventual aim to lower the speed limit along the A15. There was always the option for the parish to invest in a crossing and control lights at the crossroads. Councillor Woolley had recently taken part in the village school 'walking bus'. Through Bourne Town Council she had learned that the Bourne to Morton A15 footpath was soon likely to be designated as cycleway/footpath. The Parish Council had not received any such notification.

**1. APOLOGIES;** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Richardson. District Councillor Cartwright was also unable to attend.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Allotments Following a further approach from the clerk Savills had said that a decision about the land had still not been made and that they were awaiting results of further consultation. Church View and 11 Haconby Lane. The clerk had contacted District Council enforcement officers to request a visit to the Church View development following concerns about the construction of the entrance and 11 Haconby Lane where a property, partly built, had left the adjoining property occupier with problems.

SKDC Approval has been given to T. Clark, for extension to dwelling, 21 East Lane. S09/0880

Planning Matters Due to time constraints a retrospective planning application from Miss D Sinclair, erection of detached garage, land adj. 31 Station Road, had been dealt with by consultation. There had already been a number of alterations to the original application at this address and Council had commented that it was not happy with this retrospective form of dealing with these matters.

The Police Mobile Office will be present in Morton on Friday 11 July between 9.30am and 2pm.

East Midlands Regional Assembly Consultation meetings, on the Regional Plan Review, will be held in Lincoln & Spalding during July. Dates available from the clerk.

The Annual Audit Return has been sent to the external auditors, Clement Keys.

Name Signs: Two road name signs in Hanthorpe, need replacing. The Grove nameplate has disappeared. SKDC has assured the clerk that new signs and supports are on order.

**5. ACCOUNTS:**

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

N. Wilkie.	Litter picking to 7/5/09.	56. 00
Fovia.	Printing & Office Supplies.	30. 05
Allianz.	Annual Insurance.	611. 13
N. Wilkie.	Litter picking to 4/6/09.	56. 00
T. Barnatt.	May Salary.	404. 93

Bailey Etchell Signs	Playing Fld. & Cemetery notices.	103. 50
Morton PCC	Church Hall Hire. 23/6/09.	10. 00

#### **6. CEMETERY SEAT:**

Following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Lawrance, it was resolved to publicise the desirability of replacing the seat sited near the cemetery entrance and to ask if any parishioner/s wished to donate a suitably substantial seat.

#### **7. NEWSLETTER/ANNUAL REPORT:**

It was resolved, following a proposal by Councillor Wells, that the clerk should arrange for the printing of the Summer Newsletter for each household in the parish and circulation with the Market Place publication, allowing a cost of up to £100.

#### **8. A15 SURVEY & SPEED LIMIT CAMPAIGN:**

The survey to record activity at Morton crossroads had taken place between 7am and 7pm on 4th June. A worthy set of volunteers, under the co-ordination of Councillor Lack, had carried out the work.

Total movements of 4974 vehicles, 850 pedestrians and 151 cyclists were recorded into, and from, the High Street and Hanthorpe Road.

It was hoped that the offer of reactive signs for the A15, present speed limit of 40mph, would not affect future efforts for lowering the limit.

It was resolved that the clerk should try to arrange a meeting, about the matter, with Kevin Brumfield of Lincolnshire Highways and to inform councillors of the date, when arranged.

#### **9. SKDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:**

Lengthy consideration was given to the maps supplied by the District Council, and information requested. Councillors asked the clerk to complete details of present facilities on the maps and requirements for future facilities and development.

It was considered that the parish was sadly short of general employment opportunities, little provision for youth activities, and lacking in suitable accommodation for the elderly, within the parish.

It was resolved to suggest that land to the east of the A15 just north of the village would be a suitable site for light industry/ work units at some time in the future but that no other development should be considered in the parish unless a suitable access road was constructed to relieve the already well documented traffic problems arising at the A15 crossroads.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2009.**

#### **11. REPORTS:**

District Councillor Cartwright had emailed the clerk regarding the A15 lay-by. Three old green bins have been provided by SKDC for drivers' rubbish. The District Council considers that the caravan occupier does a good job of keeping the lay-by clear of litter.

Councillor Lack informed the meeting that the District Council ranger had reported that the dog fouling situation had improved on the Morton side but remained a problem in Hanthorpe Road.

#### **OTHER MATTERS:**

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

Councillor Lawrance was concerned that bushes in the churchyard were becoming too large. The District Council, responsible for maintenance, should be requested to cut them back.

The verge cutting in Bakers Way had not been completed.

Councillor Taylor requested that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Waite for his efforts in clearing and refreshing the sundial in the High Street verge.

The authorities should be informed about an apparently irregular vehicle trading operation at the side of the A15.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

.

.