

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 21st June 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT : Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, C. Friend, P. Chubbuck, S. Reynolds, and A. Bates.

Also in attendance Mr T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O), District Councillor Mrs F. Cartwright, County Councillor Mrs S. Woolley, PCSO G. Parrott and PCSO N. Atkinson.

Members of the public present Three

PUBLIC FORUM:

PCSO Parrott introduced his new colleague PCSO Neil Atkinson, who is new to the area. The local team now consists of 9 members. He reported on several local vehicle thefts and warned of many metal items, including bicycles, being taken. He impressed the need for information about any suspicious sightings of vehicles, such as scrap vehicles. Councillor Lawrance asked if police could make visits to the school area where youths with motorcycles gathered most evenings. In response to a parishioner the Chairman said that the Parish Council had no further information regarding the matter of car parking at the Station Road bungalows. District Councillor Cartwright agreed to look into the matter again. Another parishioner was concerned about the Larkfleet social housing project, following a report in the local press about an associated company. No other information is available about the situation. The clerk was asked to report an uneven road repair on the A15 which was causing vibrations in nearby properties as heavy traffic passed by.

1. APOLOGIES. Received and accepted from Councillors Wells, Lack, Dickinson and Taylor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Overgrown footpath. As requested the clerk reported the condition of footpath No29, in Hanthorpe, to the County Council. The Highways reply said that the path was 'priority 3' and would be investigated and dealt with subject to availability of resources.

SKDC Standards Committee. The committee is seeking for more representatives from local parish councils.

SKDC Small Business Rate Relief. The measure will be extended for a further year.

SKDC Development Control Committee. An application, by EFR Construction, to erect 6 dwellings off East Lane has been referred to the committee and will be considered at a meeting on 28th June.

Lincolnshire County Council – Minerals & Waste 2009. Changes to the criteria in assessing waste management proposals in the Development Framework have been put forward. These will be included in a consultation document in late 2011.

Lincolnshire Police. Although affected by budget reductions, and a decrease in manpower, the force hopes, by making major structural changes and concentrating resources, to provide an improved service.

Community Lincs – TV Digital changeover. Parish Councils are being asked if they have any means, by local contact, of helping those who may not be aware of the Digital TV changeover implications, later in the summer. It was suggested that a message is included in the parish magazine to direct people to Community Lincs, who can give details of a Switchover Help

Scheme.

PAYE. The clerk is now operating the system and a payment will be made to HMRC each quarter.

Cemetery. Since the last meeting there have been – 3 Memorial applications, 3 Ashes interments, 3 Exclusive Rights applications and 1 Burial. Total receipts £634.

Stainfield Road. Land Registration. The registration has been completed and documented.

5. REPAIRS TO SAFE SURFACING

The safe-surfacing and a seat at the play area were recently damaged by vandals. The clerk arranged emergency repairs to the surface and replacement of the seat, by EKM Ltd. The cost will be £313.

Following a proposal by Councillor Hyde the repairs, and costs, were approved.

6. CONSECRATION REQUEST – DIOCESAN REGISTRAR

The clerk has recently signed a Request for Consecration of further part of the Cemetery, prepared by the Diocesan Registrar. This will enable the consecration to take place.

Following a proposal by Councillor Creasey the signing was approved.

The Bishop of Grantham's secretary had been in touch with the clerk and Wednesday, 28th September, at 2pm, had been suggested as the date for the ceremony to take place. *This was agreed as acceptable and the clerk was asked to confirm this arrangement.*

7. MEETING WITH LINCOLN CO-OP REPRESENTATIVE

The clerk was asked to contact the representative of Lincoln Co-op and suggest dates – Thursday 14th July 2pm or Tuesday 19th July 2pm - for an on-site meeting to discuss the future of the former King's Head.

8. ACCOUNTS

Following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Friend, the following payments were approved by the meeting

Fovia.	Office Supplies	13.60
N; Wilkie	Litter picking to 14.5.11	60.00
Morton PCC	Church Hall hire. 21.6.11	10.00
T. Barnatt	May Salary	409.20
N. Wilkie	Litter Picking to 11.6.11	60.00

9. THE NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th August 2011 and will be preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm

10. OUTSIDE REPORTS

District Councillor Cartwright had information about the replacement of a tree at the development in Edenham Road, Hanthorpe, following concerns expressed at the last meeting. Councillor Lawrance suggested that the proposed replacement was far too close to a neighbouring property. Councillor Cartwright agreed to take this information back to the planning officer.

Councillor Cartwright had also investigated the matter of a disputed boundary in East Lane. Until the situation had been clarified with the Land Registry, by the landowners themselves, the District Council could not be involved.

County Councillor Woolley informed the meeting that a County Safety Coffee Morning would be held at Bourne Fire Station on 1st July.

OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Lawrance reported an overhanging tree at the corner of Baker’s Way and Councillor Chubuck reported overhanging shrubs in the Crescent. The clerk was asked to contact the occupiers concerned and request that the foliage is trimmed.

Councillor Cartwright agreed to report the matter of path-side shrubbery in Station Road, beside District Council bungalows.

There was also some concern about rats seen in the High Street and the clerk was asked to look into this matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....