

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 29th March 2011 commencing at 7.42pm

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

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

Members of the public present. Two

1. **APOLOGIES.** Received and accepted from Councillors Richardson and Wells.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.
3. **MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Parish Grass Cutting An agreement has been signed with Lincolnshire Highways for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of parish grass cutting and receive a grant towards the cost of the work. A 3 year, fixed price, contract has been agreed and signed with Pilgrim Mowers & Services to carry out the work.

Cemetery Consecration. The Diocesan Registrar has asked for a letter of assurance from Lincolnshire Highways to say that no part of the cemetery land will be required for road improvement. An email, giving this assurance, has been received from Kevin Brumfield, Area Highways Manager, and it is hoped that this will suffice.

Request for additional Street Lights – Station Road & Broadway. Following a request the County Council informed the clerk that it is unable to make any further provision for additional lighting and it was pointed out that it is within the power of both District and Parish Councils to pay for the provision of lighting but this also entails added energy and maintenance costs.

Local Bus Service Reductions. Lincolnshire County Council has withdrawn support for some local bus services. An evening service between Bourne and Peterborough has been discontinued.

Planning matters

SKDC approval – C. Sandall. Conversion of barn to dwelling, Grove House, Hanthorpe. Full Planning & Listed Building Consent.

P. Perring. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch & dormer windows. 43 Haconby Lane.

Refusal – P.Perring. Erection of Dwelling. 43 Haconby Lane.

Chairman's Audit. The Chairman has carried out the six-monthly inspection of the accounts books and records and has found all being dealt with satisfactorily.

Churchyard Maintenance. Lee Gascoine, SKDC, had agreed that the work at the churchyard had not been satisfactory and it would be fully completed in the near future.

Cemetery. Since the last meeting 1 ashes memorial application has been received. Income £60.

Funds for pedestrian crossing A parishioner had expressed concern that the sum to be paid by Larkfleet Homes to Lincolnshire Highways, for provision of an A15 foot crossing, should be used for the purpose allocated and not go in the way of the Church View payment to the District Council. County Councillor Woolley said that she would try to ensure this.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION

EFR Construction. Erection of 6 dwellings and associated works. Part OS1037. East Lane.

Councillors saw no reason to object to this application but asked the clerk to put forward their concerns about the future maintenance of dykes and hedges around the perimeter of the development.

6. STREET NAME OF BOURNE ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Councillors considered the names put forward by Larkfleet- Greenfield Close and Field View *Following a proposal by Councillor Chubbuck it was resolved to suggest the name Hill View for the development.*

7. LINCOLN CO-OP LETTER & KINGS HEAD FUTURE

A letter from the CEO of Lincolnshire Co-op informed the Council that, due to various planning requirements and highway issues, no way could be found to use the Kings Head site as had been proposed. It was hoped that an economic use could be found for the site at sometime in the future. *Councillors were extremely concerned that the damaged building would now be left in its present near derelict state and, in addition to being an eyesore, would fall into further disrepair. It was resolved to ask the clerk to try to arrange an onsite meeting with the Lincoln Co-op CEO to discuss the concerns.*

8. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2011 ENTRY/ CPRE AFFILIATION

Following a proposal by Councillor Creasey, seconded by Councillor Lack, it was resolved to enter the 2011 competition for Lincolnshire Best Kept Village at a cost of £15, but not to affiliate to the CPRE.

9.ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved by the meeting

G Copley	Tree felling.	180.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rates	30.88
N. Wilkie	Litter picking to 20.2.11	60.00
SKDC	Cemetery Rates	9.91
N. Wilkie	Litter picking to 19.3.11	60.00
Morton PCC	Church Hall hire. 29.3.11	10.00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery. Maintenance/Hedges to 31.3.11	435.00
W. Lawrance	Playing Field litter to 31.3.11	195.00
T. Barnatt	March Salary	410.16
T. Barnatt	¼ Expenses to 31.3.11	80.91

10. THE NEXT MEETING The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 and will be preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm

11. OUTSIDE REPORTS

County Councillor Woolley reported that funding reductions would affect council staffing levels and cause other constraints on many local services. A public consultation was presently being carried out relating to the needs for adult social care and eligibility criteria levels.

OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to contact SKDC to report dog fouling at the end of The Crescent and on the path to the playing field. It was thought that this was being caused by dog-walkers very early in the morning.

Bourne Road residents were concerned at a suggestion that the A15 foot crossing may be sited near the end of Ford Lane. The clerk was asked to contact Lincolnshire Highways in an effort to ascertain whether this information was correct or not.

The Chairman pointed out that Councillor John Richardson did not intend to stand for re-election in May. Councillor Richardson has been a Parish Councillor since 1965 and was Chairman from 1975 to 2000. He has done a great deal for the benefit of the parish over those 45years, well beyond the requirements of his voluntary position. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Councillor Richardson to thank him for his long service on behalf of the Parish Council and the villagers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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