

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 25th October 2011 commencing at 7.15pm

PRESENT Councillors B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, P. Chubbuck, R.J. Wells, G. Lack, S. Reynolds and T. Dickinson

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

Members of the public present One

In the absence of Councillor Creasey the meeting was chaired by Councillor Brian Hyde.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Council had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding a delivery vehicle parking on the path at the Post Office. Having been notified by the clerk the proprietor, Mr Jones, attended the meeting to respond. He informed the councillors that delivery vehicles now had to park as close as possible to the entrance of the shop for security purposes. Thefts had been made from the vehicles in the few moments that they were left unattended. Every effort was made to keep the inconvenience to passers-by as short as possible and he hoped that the public would be understanding about the situation. Mr Jones was generally concerned about the number of thefts from his premises, especially by youngsters.

The registration numbers of two vehicles, reported to have noisy exhausts, will be passed on to the police.

1. APOLOGIES. Received and accepted from Councillors Creasey and Bates.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

3. MINUTES. The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2011 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Litter Bin, Station Road. The clerk had been in touch with SKDC regarding the provision of a litter bin on the grass area between Waterloo Drive and Paddington Way. At present the request has not been agreed.

Dog Fouling. The clerk contacted SKDC and passed on reports of dog fouling in Station Road. The District Council had renewed the dog fouling notices around the Crescent playing field, as requested.

BT Phone Kiosk. The clerk had been in touch with BT regarding refurbishment of the High Street telephone kiosk. He had been asked for, and had supplied, photographs of the kiosk for consideration by BT. The clerk had also written to BT asking if the Hanthorpe Road kiosk, due to be decommissioned, could be purchased by an individual. No response had been received on this matter.

ROSPA Play Equipment Annual Safety Inspection. The inspection was carried out in August. The equipment was all perceived to be in good condition. The problem of shrinkage around the safe surfacing was noted and reported as a medium level risk. The clerk has some material for filling in small gaps and will try to deal with the problem when suitable, warmer, conditions allow.

Cemetery. Since the last meeting: 3 grave reservations, 1 ashes plot reservation and 2 burials. Total receipts £620.

Planning Matters.

SKDC Approvals – EFR Construction for erection of 6 dwellings, part OS1037 East Lane;

Miss T. Merryshaw, Single storey rear extension to 14 Rosehip Road; D Cope, Single storey extension to 3 Templemeads Close.

Consultation. Because of time constraints the following application was dealt with by consultation – No objections were raised. Mrs J. Fryatt, Single storey dwelling & garage R/O 8 Ford Lane, Full planning.

Request for direction sign to New Day Baptist Church The Lincolnshire County Council had refused a request by the church, for a sign, on the grounds that locating the sign would be difficult, and set a precedent for applications from other establishments, such as the school and the Church. The Parish Council was now being asked for an opinion on a further request for the matter to be reconsidered. The clerk had contacted some councillors about the letter and the general opinion was in agreement with the County Council's reasons for refusal. Councillor Dickinson said he had not been made aware of the letter and after some further exchange of opinions it was considered that perhaps some form of general 'shops and services' sign would be acceptable, but unlikely to be provided.

Tourism signs. In future the County Council will require a letter of support from Parish Councils with any applications for tourism signs.

2012 Jubilee Beacons. The Council received a booklet outlining the arrangements for beacons and applications to take part. The Vice Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with the Chairman.

SKDC LDF Site Allocation & Development Plan. This plan was supplied on CDs and the clerk had examined the extensive set of documents for points relating to Morton & Hanthorpe Parish. Note had been taken of the opinions expressed by councillors who attended the Development Sites meeting in July. The plan includes the matters reported to the Council following that meeting - Minutes 9th August, P286, Item 7 refers. The CDs are available, from the clerk, for perusal if requested.

Publications Rural Links, available from the clerk.

5. A15 TENANCY MATTERS

A letter had been received from a dog training partnership at Haconby asking if the Council would consider leasing the land to them, expecting that the present tenant, Mrs Soames, would not renew her tenancy. Some discussion about the request, and possible vacation of the tenancy, lead to the suggestion by Councillor Lawrance of using the field for allotments.

It was agreed to consider the allotment proposal and the Vice Chairman, along with other councillors, agreed to visit the land and look at the suitability for growing produce.

The clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Soames to ask if she would in fact consider giving up the tenancy and also to acknowledge the letter of request.

6. BUDGET FORECAST & PRECEPT 2012/13

The R.F.O. presented the forecast for 2012/13 and responded to two queries on the figures.

Following a proposal by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Lack, the budget forecast was accepted and the precept request set at £11,500.

7. ACCOUNTS

Following a proposal by Councillor Lack, seconded by Councillor Chubuck, the following payments were approved by the meeting

Playsafety Ltd	Annual Play Equip. Inspection	93.60
W Lawrance	Playing Field Litter ¼ to 30.9.11.	195.00
M Lawrance	Cemetery Maint/hedge. ¼ to 30.9.11	435.00
T Barnatt	Sept. Salary	399.20
HMRC	PAYE Income Tax	98.00
T Barnatt	¼ Exps to 30.9.11.	50.55
N Wilkie	Litter Picking to 1.10.11.	60.00

Smith of Derby	Church Clock Service	249.60
Viking Direct	Comp. supplies	67.88
Morton PCC	Church Hall hire. 25.10.11.	10.00
T Barnatt	Oct. Salary	399.40

8. THE NEXT MEETING The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th December and will be preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm
 2012 meetings – 17th January, 28th February, 3rd April, 8th May, 19th June.

9. OUTSIDE REPORTS

Councillor Woolley was pleased to see the new school safety zone in place and that note had been taken of the Parish Council’s representation regarding the extent of the markings. The County Council was looking for volunteers to keep the youth club in Bourne in action. A good stock of salt had been obtained. Councillor Woolley was concerned that Police Forum meetings were poorly attended and hoped that these could be given wider publicity in future. District Councillor Cartwright reported that the SKDC had been given an improved ‘achieving level’ in a recent review of services. The new market place in Grantham will open with seasonal activities.

OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Chubbuck was concerned about a window cleaner emptying his waste on to the road at Hanthorpe.

Councillor Dickinson suggested that the new school safety zone markings made that part of Station Road even more dangerous, especially for residents needing to turn right into Needham Way at school time.

The clerk was asked to deal with the following matters –
 Request a salt bin for use in St.John’s Close.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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