



MORTON & HANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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2009/10



RECENT ICY ROAD CONDITIONS

The recent wintery conditions may have been very picturesque but they leave many problems when we need to get around. Residents were understandably concerned about the dangerous road and footpath conditions in Morton and Hanthorpe. The Clerk has had a number of calls asking for provision of grit bins at various locations and Lincolnshire Highways will be informed of these requests. Only Morton High Street and Haconby Lane are on the County Council Gritting Route and no gritting at all takes place to the West of the A15. The Parish Council recently asked the County Council to include the piece of Station Road down to the Primary School when gritting. It is to be considered in the next County Council budgeting year.

Lincolnshire County Council information states that 1915 miles of the county's highway network are gritted as a precautionary measure, covering a priority network of all the main traffic routes, providing treated links from each main village to the 'strategic network'. Generally no other roads will be dealt with except where they are impassable due to severe snow conditions or during prolonged icy spells.

The County Council has a fleet of 43 dedicated vehicles to spread the salt. Despite the high level of service provided, no guarantee can be given that roads will always be completely clear of ice or snow.

It takes time for the salt to become effective after the roads are salted. Rain can wash salt off roads leaving them prone to re-icing and drivers should remain vigilant and aware of the need to drive carefully when frost follows rain.

Below -8C even salt will not prevent roads from icing up.

'Dawn Frost' occurs on dry roads and involves development of early morning dew which falls on cold road surfaces and freezes on impact.. It is impossible to forecast with any accuracy where and when it will occur.

The Highways Agency is responsible for gritting 52 miles of trunk roads.

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MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES OF A LOCAL COUNCIL

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PERSTISTENT ABSENCE

If a member fails to attend a meeting of the Council throughout six consecutive months, they cease automatically to be a member of the Council, unless the failure to attend is due to a reason approved by the Council.

Employment A Councillor's employer must give the employee reasonable time off work to attend to the Council's affairs.

Excuses Membership of the armed forces in time of war is a statutory excuse for non attendance. Apologies need not be in writing, but reasons for absence should be minuted, when known.

Where a Council is considering a reason for persistent absence, this must be approved by affirmative resolution before the end of the six months, and there is nothing to stop a Council from approving a reason for absence in advance.

If a Council fails to consider the absence within the six month period, then the office falls vacant at the instant the six months ends, and the vacancy must be declared and filled in the proper manner.

DISQUALIFICATION

When a member ceases to be qualified or becomes disqualified he/she must at once cease to act or risk legal proceedings.

A member who resided in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole twelve months before election day, or who has during the whole of that period occupied land or had their principal place of work there, will remain a member for the full term of office even if he/she leaves the qualifying area on the day after entering office, whereas a member who is qualified only as an elector will cease to be a member when his/her name is no longer on the electoral role.

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER & APOLOGIES

The names of members present at a meeting must be recorded, and this record should form part of the minutes of each meeting. It is necessary as a rule to record a late arrival. It may be desirable to record briefly the grounds for which apologies for absence are tendered in case they have been approved to prevent a casual vacancy arising.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A member who has a direct or indirect interest in any matter on the agenda, must declare that interest, and as a general rule must withdraw from the meeting while that item is being discussed.

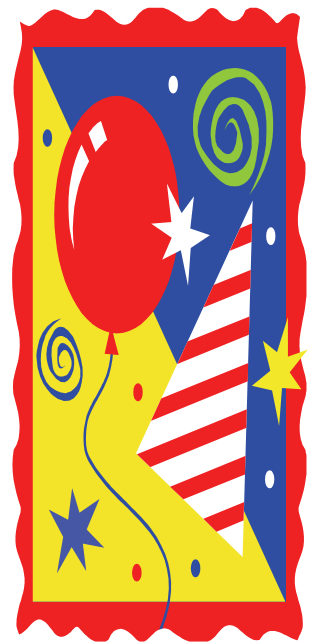
Interest Book The clerk must keep a special interest book and must enter in it all disclosures of Interest made at meetings. This book should be open to inspection at all reasonable times.

To be continued in another issue.

*The Parish Councillors &
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