

Morton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Rectory Rooms on the 17th November 2010.

Informal Session.

Police. The crime figures have been received from PCSO Gary Green and there were no recorded crimes in Morton during October. PCSO Green also stated that there were no incidents of nuisance within Morton during October.

PCSO Green then gave an interesting report about operations 'Safedrive' and 'Relentless' and also crime trends across this area of North East Derbyshire. 'Safedrive' resulted in four £500 fines to motorists caught using red diesel, cautions and fines to 32 motorists for not wearing seatbelts, 5 for using their mobile phones and 6 for tyre offences.

15 drivers whose vehicles had defects that seriously affected their roadworthiness, including a HGV with insecure wheels, were issued with prohibitions to stop them from going onto a public highway. The DVLA also dealt with 21 drivers whose cars were not taxed.

The headline figure from operation 'Relentless' was that there were 7,120 anti-social behaviour incidents throughout Derbyshire over the half term, Halloween and bonfire night period.

PCSO Green stated that there have been a number of keysafe thefts in the County as well as distraction burglaries; PCSO Green asked that if any of the stolen keysafes are found they should not be touched but instead reported immediately to the police.

PCSO Green was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting at this point.

District Council. Councillor Cotterill had nothing new to report. However, it was stated that there has recently been a problem with dog fouling on Evershill Lane and this was noted for possible action in the future if there is no improvement.

The fly tipping still needs removing from under the bridge on Higham Lane and Councillor Cotterill agreed to follow this up again with the District Council as although Sue Verovkins is off sick there is another officer covering this area of work.

County Council. There was no report as Councillor Lewis was not in attendance at the meeting.

However, the problem with water running through the wall onto the highway on Station Road was raised again as this has been freezing over in the recent cold weather and a local resident has sustained a serious injury as a result of falling on the ice.

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The landowners, Strawsons Property, are considering giving away the stretch of land forming the old dismantled railway; Councillor Lewis suggested that the County Council may well be the best recipient of this land and the Clerk has responded to Strawsons Property to this effect and he has sent a copy to Councillor Lewis.

It was reported that part of the fencing around the lagoon is now missing and this needs repairing as a matter of urgency as there is a real risk associated with this particularly for young people.

61/11 Members Present. Mrs E.R. McCullough, Mr W.H. Edson, Mr A. Coates, Mr C. Lawton, Mrs B. Roe, Mr D. Cotterill and Mr S. Cashin.

Also in attendance were Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk, PCSO Gary Green and 1 member of the public.

62/11 Apologies. Mrs M. Hawkins, Mr A. Cooper, County Councillor Mr B. Lewis and Mrs A. Holmes - District Councillor.

63/11 Councillors Absent. None.

64/11 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

65/11 Items from members of the public. The only items raised were dealt with under the County Council and District Council items on the agenda.

66/11 Non-Exempt Minutes - 20th October 2010.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October 2010 subject to Councillor Coates replacing Councillor Hawkins under item number 60/11 sub-heading "South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership".

67/11 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

68/11 Clerk of the Council's Report. Evershill Close - there was nothing further to report and the Clerk was asked to remove this item from the agenda for the next meeting.

Fly tipping - the Clerk has not had any further information in this respect and Councillor Cotterill agreed to follow this matter up again with the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report.

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69/11 Matters for Decision.

a). **Precept and staff wages 2011/12.** The Clerk presented a draft precept for the financial year 2011/12. After a brief discussion it was agreed to accept the figures as presented.

RESOLVED to keep the precept at £32,000 for the financial year 2011/12. Wages will remain in accordance with the nationally agreed rates of pay although the increase due on the 1st April 2011 has not yet been finalised; however, it is unlikely that this will exceed 1%.

70/11 Finance. The following payments have been made :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wages for October, November and December	-	1,422 . 66
HM Revenue & Customs - tax and NI July to Sept. 10	-	1,057 . 68
Mh-p - website costs	001184	88 . 13
Derbyshire County Council - superannuation	001185	164 . 41
Mh-p - annual website maintenance	001186	599 . 25
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - grant	001187	25 . 00

The Clerk reported that the Council's balances up to and including the 17th November 2010 are as follows :-

Capital Reserve Account	£ 3,000.00
Current Account	£11,261.11

RESOLVED that the payments listed above were authorised and the current level of balances noted.

71/11 Planning. There were objections to the following planning application :-

10/01044/FL - Proposed construction of a two storey 4 bedroom house with integral garage, change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of a stable on land (Private Drainage System) at 94 Main Road, Morton, Alfreton for Mrs Carol Noon.

This development apparently rests outside the settlement area and suggestions for possible development opportunities on very similar sites have been refused. On this basis the Clerk was asked to contact the District Council and ask if this application could be considered by the full Planning Committee rather than an individual officer at the District Council.

The following planning application has now been approved :-

10/00027/FL - Proposed outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of four bedroom bungalow with parking space (resubmission of 02/01420/FL) on land adjacent to the South Side of 24 New Street, Morton, Derbyshire for Mr J. Reast.

72/11 DALC Circulars.

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RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars **50/2010** - National Issues Update, **51/2010** - General Circular, **52/2010** - Derbyshire County Council matters and **53/2010** - No rise in subscriptions for 2011/12.

73/11 General Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were distributed amongst the councillors present.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as distributed at the meeting.

74/11 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

Village Hall - The Clerk will contact Chris Milner as a matter of urgency in order to ascertain the position in respect of the transfer of the small strip of land required to enable the creation of a proper access for disabled people hopefully before the meeting with the consultants on the 15th December 2010; this meeting will concentrate on possible sources of funding and after that it should be possible to determine the best timing for a full planning application and building regulations.

Church - Councillor Lawton reported that there would be a Christmas tree celebration in the Church during December. Councillor Hawkins had sent a message to say that she has spoken to the road sweeper with a view to clearing the leaves from the front of the Church on a regular basis

School - Nothing further to report at the moment but further publicity.

South Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership - Councillor Coates and McCullough will be attending the next meeting that is due to take place in January 2011.

Youth Activities - Councillor Cashin reported that the first event for young people in the Village Hall was a big success with around 40 people attending. It was agreed that Adam Gunby from the County Council would be invited to the January meeting in order that he can appraise the Parish Council of his future plans and suggestions.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm

Chairman 17th November 2010

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