

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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CLERK'S NOTES OF MORTON & HANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY 26th July 2022

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

7 members of the public were in attendance.

2 Items were raised:

There was a concern from a neighbour of Halls Garage regarding the orientation of the Mobile home on site. The Mobile home has planning permission but is seeking approval for re-orientation to a north/south alignment as opposed to the original east/west alignment. This change is proposed to minimise the overview of neighbouring properties and obscuration film has been applied to facing windows in the mobile home. The concerned neighbour still felt that her privacy was invaded. The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. R. Wells, clarified that the Parish Council does not have any power regarding planning but are asked to comment on the grounds of courtesy by SKDC Planning and to provide any local knowledge to their subsequent decision. SKDC Planning will review the revised orientation application and publish their decision in due course.

A number of residents of Millfield have concerns regarding the hedge and grass-way adjacent to their properties. Power cables had been seen shorting through touching tree branches and Western Power, the Fire Brigade and the County Council were contacted. Subsequently the Parish Clerk was contacted who chased Western Power who came out to top the offending trees on the same day. However, the residents do not believe the 'topping' goes far enough to address some still impeding branches and that the branches/tops felled were just dropped into the hedge line providing potentially more kindling for a fire threat. The residents view is that the overgrown hedge should be cut hard back to an appropriate hedge height & size and all cut waste removed. This is an action respective to the owner (to be ascertained) of the hedge. The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. R. Wells, clarified what the responsibilities and powers of the Parish Council are. The Parish Council can only request hedges to be maintained by their respective owners or escalate to a respective authority. This hedge issue has been passed to County Councillor, Martin Hill for investigation; the PC Clerk will visit the hedge location and take further photographs and seek further address from Western Power. The Clerk will liaise with C. Cllr. Hill accordingly.

6 of the Members of the Public left the meeting.

7.45pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance: Cllr. R. Wells (Chair) Cllr. B. Hyde, Cllrs.: W. Lawrance, M. Harris, S. Reynolds, K. Morris, M. Tuohy

Also in attendance: C & D Cllr. S. Woolley, N. Walker (Clerk & R.F.O.)

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from: Cllrs: A. Morris, M. Mumby, A. Tilley, S. Hardy and C.Cllr. M. Hill

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None submitted.

3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th JUNE 2022 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on 14th June 2022 were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. R. Wells.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

Village Fete run by MHE was very good and appreciated by parishioners. Many compliments received which I have been requested to pass on to the organisers through the Parish Council. PC laptop problem. Very slow and shuts down after 7-ish minutes. PC World investigating but support service to be withdrawn as item over 4 years old!

A proposition was made by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris, approved by the Council, that in accordance with the IT Refresh motion of 2019 (Proposed by Cllr. D. Parkes), the cost of repair of the current laptop and lack hence of support a new laptop be purchased. Drives and RAM of current laptop to be removed and destroyed in accordance with GDPR requirements.

1 incident of fly tipping – again in dyke, on South Fen Drove.

Correspondence:

Complaint received regarding dumping of plastic charity bags. Respective charity informed. Various telephone calls – addressed as best possible. Notification of RoSPA play equipment inspection in August. Notification of SK Big Clean week commencing 19th December 2022.

5. TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUDGET:

Payments:

Malc. Firth's L/scapes.	Grass cutting for May.	£ 674.10
Morton Village Hall	Hall hire 14 th June PC meeting.	£ 10.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/3 to 6/6	£ 15.32
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 27/5 to 17/6	£ 76.80
Mrs. L. Lawrance	1 st qtr. Playing field litter collection.	£ 210.00
Mr. M. Lawrance	1 st qtr. Cemetery maintenance.	£ 464.00
Smith of Derby	Church clock repair – remaining bill.	£ 963.48
HMRC	1 st qtr. P.A.Y.E.	£ 409.80
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for June.	£ 469.87
Mr. N. Walker	1 st qtr. clerk's expenses.	£ 172.04
Malc. Firth's L/scapes.	Grass cutting for June.	£ 674.10
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 25/6 to 16/7	£ 76.80

Total in period= £ 4,216.31

Following a proposal by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

Barclay's Bank	Interest for 7/3 to 5/6	£1.72
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Total in period = £1.72

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

- S22/0940 Holme Farm, 19 High St. Morton, PE10 0NR – Erection of oak framed garage with accommodation over.
S22/1105 74 Station Rd. Morton. PE10 0NN. Removal of garden wall and replace with wooden fence.

Due to SKDC Planning required response dates the above applications were reviewed by consultation with available councillors. No objections were raised.

Additionally:

- S22/1408 Halls garage – re-orientation of previously approved mobile home.
(See Public Forum notes).
S22/1419 Removal & replacement of willow tree. No objections.
S22/1404 Forty Foot Farm, 6 South Fen. Barn conversion. No objections.

Decisions:

- S22/0782 Land to the north of Morton North Drove. Change of use including building works to convert 2 existing agricultural buildings to form 2 dwellings. *Withdrawn by Agent.*
S22/0849 Oak framed pergolas, 4 Morton House Barns, 33 High St. Morton. *Granted.*

7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2022.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

County & District Councillor: Sue Woolley:

Attended the Scout hut open evening. Progress is very positive, Highways volunteering actions gratefully received.

2 further occurrences of fly tipping. The rundle, south side of Hanthorpe Rd., garden waste had been tipped into the dyke. The rundle is a major surface drain and any blockage could result in localised flooding. Additionally, a number of black bags were dumped at the old railway line entrance opposite Old Station Yard. SKDC Refuse addressed the issues.

A number of concerns regarding potential fire hazards have been raised regarding dry grass areas. Where appropriate the respective authorities have been informed (also noting the concern in the Public Forum).

A noisy man hole cover, during the recent A1 night time diversions, on the A15 was investigated.

The 40 mph speed on the A15 through the village will be decreased to 30 mph with the necessary works taking place in the week commencing 8th August.

OTHER MATTERS:

A PTA event at the school left large amounts of rubbish around the gate corner bin of the playing field. Please dispose of in the school skip at any future such event.

Difficulty with visibility exiting Ford Lane. Clerk to investigate possible improvements.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at: 8.30 pm.

N. Walker
Clerk & R.F.O., Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council