

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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CLERK'S NOTES OF MORTON & HANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023

In Attendance: Cllrs.: R. Wells (Chairman), B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, M. Harris, M. Tuohy, A. Morris, M. Mumby

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

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance and no questions submitted prior to the meeting.

7.20pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs: S. Reynolds, K. Morris, A. Tilley, and CC. 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 18th OCTOBER 2022 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Tuohy, seconded by Cllr. A. Morris, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on 29th November 2022 were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. R. Wells.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

In accordance with LGA 1972 Mr. S. Hardy was notified that he had relinquished his office of Parish Councillor through non-attendance for a period exceeding 6 months. A formal Notice of Vacancy has been posted and published respectively.

2023/4 Precept request submitted for the sum of £16,000

Fencing request for Hanthorpe Well triangle – 8 sq. metres parish land. Donated antique pump available. Seat location? Ground level and tree will require some work.

After discussion, the Council decision was to leave as is at this time given free works were not carried out.

Tender requests have been raised for: 3-year utility grass cutting (parish verges plus playing field, 3 year cemetery maintenance, 3 year playing field litter collection). (Period: 1/4/23 to 31/3/26)

Correspondence:

Letter received from SKDC regarding Morton Play Park (off the Crescent). Does Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council wish to take over the running (inc. maintenance) of the play park.

After some discussion the Council directed the Clerk to politely decline the offer but additionally contact EnvironmentSK requesting that the equipment and grounds be brought up to a safe and serviceable condition.

Annual fee notification; Information Commissioners Office.

Notice had been received from QuickLine (Broad band fibre provider) of works in the area/parish over the next 6 months. No further details other than any affected location will be contacted by letter.

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

Payments:

Morton Village Hall	November PC Mtg.	£	10.00
Smith of Derby	Church clock repair.	£	272.40
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for Nov. plus back pay.	£	802.93
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 12/11 to 3/12	£	76.80
G. Copley	South Fen hedge/tree cutting.	£	120.00
Anglian Water (Wave)	Cemetery tap use 7/9 to 6/12	£	13.66
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 10/12 to 30/12	£	76.80
Mrs. L. Lawrance	3rd qtr. Playing field litter collection.	£	210.00
Mr. M. Lawrance	3 rd qtr. Cemetery maintenance.	£	464.00
Information Commissioner	Annual data protection fee.	£	40.00
HMRC	3 rd qtr. P.A.Y.E.	£	522.60
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for December.	£	511.50
Mr. N. Walker	3 rd qtr. Clerk's expenses.	£	143.38

Total payments in period= £ 3,264.07

Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

None in period.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

S22/2191 57 High St. Morton. Change of use from E to C3 (Commercial to residential)

Due to required response date this application was reviewed by available Councillors by consultation. No objections or comments raised.

Decisions:

S22/1972 Re-submission: Conversion & Ext'n. to existing building, 17 High St. Morton.

Granted

7. TO CONSIDER ACTION I.R.T. THE VACANT COUNCILLOR POSITION.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris and approved by the Council to leave the vacancy open at this time as it is withing 6 months of elections; in accordance with LGA 1972. Clerk to inform SKDC Democratic Services and Elections Team.

8. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2023

9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

County & District Cllr. S. Woolley:

Revised Council taxes are under review by LCC & SKDC; a significant aspect of which will be an increase for Adult Social Care.

Large puddle in High St. reported on FixMyStreet. Wash from splashes affecting the barn/wall mortar.

Further pothole issues at St. John's Close. Clerk to photograph and report.

OTHER MATTERS:

Over Christmas/New Year fireworks were let off on the playing field off Station Rd. This act is against the rules of the playing field. Clerk to publicise this fact later at appropriate times this year.

Parking damage to verge in the vicinity of 44 Hanthorpe Rd. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk to write to PCC re: water ingress and dampness affecting church clock mechanism. Parish Council has incurred significant costs over the past 2 years for clock repairs with water issues likely prime cause.

Village Hall outside light remaining on for extended periods. Clerk to inform Village Hall Committee. Additionally, add larger or relocated 'No Ball Games' notice to Village Hall parking area.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.25 pm.

Original Signed

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