

# Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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## DRAFT MINUTES: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Morton Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.

### 7.15pm ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

#### 1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

None declared.

#### 3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. R. Wells.*

#### 4. MORTON TOWN LANDS CHARITY:

##### **Report to Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council for the year ended 31 December 2022**

##### **DONATIONS**

The following community groups serving Morton and Hanthorpe received a grant from the Charity during 2022: -

Morton PCC – cost of floodlighting the church plus 25% of net income.  
Morton CofE Primary School – swimming lessons transport.

The total of amounts paid out as grants during the year was £3,657.99

##### **COMMENTS**

There were no changes to the trustees during the year, but Keith Noakes (Clerk to the Trustees) had to resign as he has moved out of the area and Nicholas Hall has been appointed in his place.

It has taken some time, and much patience, to change the bank mandate and to register changes with the Charities Commission and BlackRock (investment fund managers) but all these amendments are now in place.

At 31 December 2022 the Charity held the following assets: -

Agricultural Land (approx. 43 acres) – no market value is currently available	
Cash at Bank	£ 18,295
Investments (at market value)	£155,060

The Charity is well placed to consider applications for grants to support local community groups or activities. Requests should initially be addressed to: -

Nicholas Hall (Clerk to the Trustees)  
[nick@humphreyshall.com](mailto:nick@humphreyshall.com)

or to 6 Station Road, Morton PE10 0NN

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further respective business the meeting closed at 7.\*\*\* pm.

*Original Signed*

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

## **Chairman's Annual Report**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council, which continues to maintain the Cemetery, Playing Field and Bus Shelters as well as the grass cutting.

We have seen a change in grass cutting contractor to one who operates from the village and will monitor his proficiency as he takes up the role. All Parish contracts have been re-assigned for the next three year period.

The Council made a significant contribution to the Scout Field in Haconby Lane and this project is progressing well.

There have been a number of problems with the clock on the church tower, which is a Parish responsibility, these have now been resolved.

A further development of 22 properties off Hillview Gardens was approved by SKDC, although the PC expressed reservations as to its desirability.

Councillor Mark Mumby resigned after 8 years service and we wish him well in the future. His place has been taken by Cllr Cath Holden.

This past year saw the first fair organised by the MHE committee on the playing field and we are looking forward to this year's event on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

With the retirement of Keith Noakes new Independent parish auditors have been appointed to oversee the accounts.

I would like to thank all the Councillors and District and County Councillors Sue Woolley and Martin Hill for their support throughout the year. And a special thanks to clerk Nick Walker for his help and devotion to the Council which is often over and above his basic brief.

Richard Wells

Chairman

16.05.23.