

# Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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## DRAFT MINUTES OF MORTON & HANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

In attendance: Cllrs: R. Wells, B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, S. Reynolds, M. Harris, A. Morris, K. Morris, M. Tuohy, C. Holden, S. Walker.

Also in attendance: County Cllr. M. Hill & N. Walker – R.F.O. & Clerk.

### 7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

A concern was raised regarding issues with dogs in a garden. The Parish Council had received a number of complaints re: this location. It is recognised that the dogs concerned are not aggressive however, their actions can be intimidating. This has caused passing school children to leave the pavement and walk in the road at obvious risk plus there is the associated noise nuisance from the dogs barking over extended periods. The Council directed the Clerk to write a polite letter to the householder with respect to these issues.

Rev'd. Bullen informed the meeting of the funeral of a Haconby resident, however also well known in Morton. The funeral of John Coddington's will be at St. Andrew's Church, Haconby, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.00 am.

### 7.30pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

District & County Cllr. S. Woolley, P. Cllr. A. Tilley

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

None raised.

#### 3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

*Following a proposal by Cllr. C. Holden, seconded by Cllr. B. Hyde, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells.*

#### 4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

Village Green – Tree issue – propose maintenance required.

*Clerk directed to campaign removal of lower branches to allowed 2 mtr. height clearance as per agreed approval (tree subject to a 'Tree Preservation Order').*

Requests (x2) to replace the High St. sundial plaque/instructions. Current one faded & degraded.

*The sun dial was provided to the village by Town Lands Charity. Clerk directed to raise the request for address to said body.*

Remembrance Wreath requested. Cllr. C. Holden will be the Council representative at the service?

Northern hedge line (trees/bushes etc.) of playing field require address. (Also, eastern end 2 hawthorn clumps).

Cllr. B. Hyde will arrange for this action to be addressed.

Correspondence:

Invoice raised & respective notification of grass cutting grant from LCC Highways.

No response from The Pastures developers re: dyke/hedge line/fence. SKDC Planning just advised to contact the developer!

Age UK – Warm and Wise poster and offer of advice. (Copy posted on High St. noticeboard).

Review of polling districts being undertaken – No proposed changes to Morton & Hanthorpe.

Community offers from Quick Line – forwarded to the Village Hall.

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

Payments:

SMV Contract Services Ltd.	Grass cutting for August.	£ 648.00
Morton Village Hall.	Hall hire for Sept. PC meeting.	£ 15.00
Playsafety Ltd.	RoSPA play equipment inspection.	£ 115.20
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/6 to 6/9	£ 17.51
TR Carlton	Cemetery ground works.	£ 350.00
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 19/8 to 4/9	£ 83.20
Mrs. L. Lawrance	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. Playing field litter collection.	£ 216.30
Mr. M. Lawrance	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. Cemetery maintenance.	£ 477.75
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for September.	£ 618.80
Mr. N. Walker	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. Clerk's expenses.	£ 137.59
SMV Contract Services Ltd.	Grass cutting for September.	£ 648.00
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 11/9 to 30/9	£ 83.20
HMRC	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. P.A.Y.E.	£ 524.60

**Total payments in period= £ 3,935.15**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris, the Council approved the payments.*

Receipts:

Barclay's Bank	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. Premium Acc. interest.	£ 61.43
Cemetery	Interment fee.	£ 80.00
Cemetery	Ashes plot + 2 interments.	£ 410.00
Set-in-Stone	2 x Memorial fees.	£ 250.00
Rent – ½ year.	Hanthorpe field.	£ 50.00

**Total receipts in period = £ 851.43**

## 6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

### Applications:

S23/1360 Change of use – Field to north of Southfield Nurseries to an off-leash dog walking & training field plus parking for 3 cars.

*Due to SKDC Planning required response date the above application was reviewed by consultation with available councillors. No objections were raised.*

### Decisions:

S23/0965 Bungalow off St. John's Close

Granted

S23/1362 Felling of 2 trees. Old Farmhouse, 71 High St. Morton.

Work allowed.

## 7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.

## 8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

C.Cllr. Martin Hill

LCC is to campaign increased EV electric charging provisions within the county.

Creation of a Coastal Country Path in commemoration of her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

Given issues of other county councils, LCC is financially sound.

The cancellation of the HS2 western link is expected to release additional funds for Highways.

Dunsby Fen roads have been maintained (recycled) by LCC Highways. For inf: there are three types of maintenance: Reactive, planned and preventative. Surface dressing with chippings comes under the preventative category and provides cost effective road surface extension of ~circa 10 years extra life.

### **OTHER MATTERS:**

Refresh of the filter road markings on the A15 crossroads was raised. This has already been requested of Highways.

It was queried if Town Lands had sold a parcel of land in the village. Members of the Council, who are also on the Town Lands committee confirmed that no land or property had been sold.

Properties in The Orchard are regularly experiencing a problem with burning fumes from a bonfire or incinerator. The authority to address this falls to the SKDC Environmental Health team.

2 lamp posts not working – reported to SKDC / Highways (separate responsibilities)

The superb job being done by volunteers of clearing the church graveyard and walls was highlighted.

A member of Town Lands charity has retired. He was not one of the Parish Council representatives therefore replacement / selection is within Town Lands. Cllr. R. Wells to discuss with Nick Hall, Town Lands Clerk & Financial Officer.

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

N. Walker

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