

# Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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## Draft Minutes of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 23rd July 2024

In attendance: Cllrs: R. Wells (Chair), B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, S. Reynolds, M. Harris, M. Tuohy, C. Holden, R. Carlton.

Also in attendance: C & D Cllr. S. Woolley, N. Walker – R.F.O. & Clerk 1 Member of the Public.

### 7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

Concern was raised regarding the overhanging hedge at the corner from Gunborough Hill into Hanthorpe. Address requested prior to the hay/straw lorries passing when this overhanging hedge will exacerbate straw fall. – Clerk to write to land owner.

### 7.25pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Cllrs. A. Morris, K. Morris, A. Tilley, C.Cllr. M. Hill

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

#### 3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells*

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

##### Report:

- Issues of grass cutting of last year prior to Morton School sports day were addressed and field was in a good condition for the event.
- -A15 Field re-let. Continues as a dog training facility.
- Numerous 'Fix-My-Street' reports were raised. These have been, or are, being campaigned.
- MHE music evening and fete was again a success with positive comments from many parishioners.
- Complaint regarding daily builder's bonfire received. Builders spoken with and hopefully problem addressed.
- Accounts audited by the independent auditors. AGAR submitted. Public Rights Notice posted.
- A number of requests raised to cut back overhanging hedges/shrubs.
- Weeping cherry tree on green pruned & tidied, strimmed below and litter removed as requested.

##### Correspondence:

- Thanks were received from the organisers of the Morton music evening and fete for the use of the playing field.
- Notification of RoSPA annual playground inspection received.
- Contacted by Police re: thefts at Morton Cemetery. Article was artificial flowers which may have blown away. Often, after heavy winds there are numerous artificial flowers against the hedge line which cannot be attributed to specific graves and are therefore removed.

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

**Payments:**

Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 29/4 to 21/5	£ 83.20
Morton Village Hall	Hall hire, June PC meeting.	£ 15.00
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 17/5 to 8/6	£ 83.20
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/3 to 22/6	£ 20.11
SMV Services	June Grass cutting.	£ 648.00
Mr. N. Walker	Reimbursement for ink cartridges.	£ 87.97
Mr. N. Walker	Reimbursement foe DE Accounting.	£ 168.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk’s salary for June.	£ 618.90
Mr. N. Walker	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr. clerk’s expenses.	£ 156.03
Mrs. L. Lawrance	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr. playing field litter collection.	£ 216.30
Mr. M. Lawrance	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr. cemetery maintenance.	£ 477.75
HMRC	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr. P.A.Y.E.	£ 526.20
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 15/6 to 7/7	£ 83.20

**Total payments in period= £ 3183.86**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Harris, seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds, the Council approved the payments.*

**Receipts:**

Barclay’s Bank	1 <sup>st</sup> . qtr. interest on Premier account.	£ 86.59
Cemetery	Ashes plot + Interment (Parishioner)	£ 205.00
HMRC	VAT Refund.	£ 779.87
SKDC	½ yr. Litter picking grant.	£ 463.32

**Total receipts in period = £ 1,534.78**

**6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Applications:**

S24/1120 Various works to a number of trees at St. John the Baptist Church, Morton.

*Consultation took place with available Councillors, No comments or objections raised.*

**Decisions:**

- S24/0225 Morton House Barns – addition of covered area to shed store. Granted.
- S24/0295 14 East Lane, Morton. Cut down Lombardy poplar. Granted.
- S24/0848 2 Longmeadows, Morton, Addition of garden room. Granted.
- S24/0935 71 dwelling development. Reserved matters. Acceptable.
- S24/0937 14 East Lane, Morton. Reduce Pine tree to 6m. Granted.

**7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

Unloading in High Street: - A large low-loader attempted to deliver a large excavator to the 71 dwelling building site from the High St. / side Barns. This is expressly forbidden in the planning approval. Access is off the A15 (Folkingham Rd.).

The first cohort of students has graduated from Lincoln Medical School. Initial impressions are that the graduates are intending to stay in the area, boosting our medical practitioners.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

- A number of comments/correspondence of praise received for the quality of the grass cutting, both of verges and the Station Rd. playing field.
- Road markings at the crossroads faded. Clerk to photograph / report.
- Exit from Co-Op continues with improper use – cars still using it as the entrance.
- Street lite adjacent to 51 The Crescent still not working. – Clerk to report.
- Weed growth in kerbs. Spraying regime ineffective. Clerk to report.
- East side of church wall untidy / overgrown. Numerous responsible parties to that area. Clerk to investigate.

There being no further business the meeting ended at: 8.05 pm.

*Original Signed*

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