

# Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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## **Draft Minutes of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 26th November 2024**

In attendance: Cllrs: R. Wells (Chair), S. Reynolds, M. Harris, M. Tuohy, C. Holden,  
A. Tilley, R. Carlton.

Also in attendance: County & District Cllr. S. Woolley, County Cllr. M. Hill, N. Walker (R.F.O. & Clerk)

### **7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM**

Rev'd. Neil Bullen informed the PC that this would be his final attendance as he is leaving the parish to take up a new post in the New Year. Rev'd. Neil's final service at St. John the Baptist Church, Morton will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr. Wells, Chair of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council thanked him for his service to the community of Morton & Hanthorpe, wished him well and every success for the future.

### **7.20pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (or at the conclusion of the Public Forum)**

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

Cllrs: B. Hyde, W. Lawrance, A. Morris, K. Morris

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

Cllr. C. Holden declared an interest ref: Item 8 of the agenda.

#### **3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2024 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Harris, seconded by Cllr. R. Carlton, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October were approved as Minutes and duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells*

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

##### **Report:**

Remembrance Wreath laid on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November by Cllr. Richard Wells on behalf of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council.

Highways / Anglian water contacted re: blocked drains in Hanthorpe.

2 faulty street lights reported – now fixed.

At the last meeting the Clerk was tasked with investigating the use of the St. John the Baptist Church Hall for next year's Parish Council meetings. The Clerk highlighted the outcome and the Council directed the Clerk to so arrange. The Council would like to thank the Village Hall Committee and Andy & Christine Baldock for their support and use of the Village Hall over the past years.

Clerk's telephone number. Due to changes by BT the Clerk's contact number will be his mobile, which many use already. The Clerk's mobile number is: **07547171357**

**Correspondence:**

E-mail from Balfour Beatty (71 dwelling development). Development will consist of 5 roads, input from Parish Council was requested and provided.

Notification from Mr. Paul Louth. He wishes to terminate tenancy of the Hanthorpe Field / allotment as of September 2025. Clerk to campaign with PC solicitors.

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

Morton Village Hall	Hall hire, October PC meeting.	£	15.00
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 5/10 to 27/10	£	83.20
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for October.	£	618.90
Mr. N. Walker	Reimbursement- wreath, ink, paper.	£	68.18
Viking Direct	Ink cartridges, paper & card.	£	76.20

**Total payments in period =     £     861.48**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. A. Tilley, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris, the Council approved the payments.*

**Receipts:**

Ashes plot – Exclusive Right	Ashes memorial.	£	125.00
SKDC	½ year litter picking grant.	£	463.32
Rose & Louth	½ year Hanthorpe field rent.,	£	50.00

**Total receipts in period =     £     638.32**

**6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:****Applications:**

S24/1923    The Old Steading, 71B High St., Morton. Retrospective single storey side and rear extension.

*No objections or comments were raised by the Council.*

**Decisions:**

S24/1557    38 Station Rd. Morton. Single storey rear extension.     **Granted**

S24/1633    9 Haconby Lane Morton. Single storey accessible ext'n.     **Approved Conditionally**

**7. TO CONSIDER MID-YEAR FINANCIAL POSITION & PRECEPT SUBMISSION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/6**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris, the Council approved the proposed £16,000 precept (no change from last 2 years) submission for financial year 2025/6.*

**8. TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NJC ANNUAL PAY RATES FOR MORTON & HANTHORPE EMPLOYEES.**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. R. Wells, seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds, the Council approved the pay rate increases in accordance with the 2024 NJC agreement.*

**9. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025.**

Note: venue will be St. John the Baptist Church Hall.

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

District & County Councillor Sue Woolley:

There have been numerous complaints regarding parking on the verge to the east of the church. Highways planning to install posts around the perimeter as a preventative measure.

County Councillor Martin Hill:

Parliamentary orders are progressing to create an administration for Greater Lincolnshire (Humber to the Wash) through the governance role of a Mayor. There is a white paper due shortly which will probably abolish the current 2-tier system (County & District) into a single unitary body.

Various changes introduced by the recent budget may affect Lincolnshire (national insurance, living wage, inheritance tax changes etc.). Potential for these to cause budget issues.

Locally:

Hanthorpe Road (south side) hedge cut back and rundle now cleared.

Edenham Rd. corner hedge: after numerous attempts to have the issue addressed (poor visibility / encroachment) by the owners Highways were informed and were considering enforcement action. Highways Dept. update to be obtained. (Chase-up).

Ditch / dyke north of Millfield continues to be an issue – holding water / not draining.

**OTHER MATTERS**

If the PC are asked would there be a representative available to undertake a reading at the Christmas Eve Service at St. John the Baptist Church. Cllr. Richard Wells would happily to volunteer if such an invitation was made to the PC.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.55 pm.

Signed:.....Chair Person

Dated:.....