

# Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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## **Minutes of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting,** **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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

Also in attendance: N. Walker (R.F.O. & Clerk)

### **7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Peter Roland, President of the Rotary Club of Bourne was present. Mr. Roland presented Mr. Nicholas Walker with The Award for Community Service in recognition of the varied and numerous activities he undertakes to aid and support the community.

### **7.25pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Cllrs. K. Morris, A. Morris, A. Tilley, also: S. Woolley, M. Hill

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells.*

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

##### **Report:**

Parish printer stopped/broken. Replaced by more robust 'office' printer + cheaper ink; -purchased in accordance with last meeting's direction.

Letter from HMRC received regarding amended accounting date (from 5<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month).

Balance for this intervening period paid. Next accounting qtr. from 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. to 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr.

Branches dropped on playing field & fall hazard. Clerk to write to householder to address.

Church clock. Toller problem. Likely to be circa~ £2,000 to repair. Clerk to campaign.

##### **Correspondence:**

Cemetery business rate confirmed as 'zero'.

Request to consider use of playing field for football received and circulated to the Councillors.

Complaint about bird scarers.

Cemetery query received and responded.

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

LALC	Annual subscription	£	108.00
HMRC	Re-date payment 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	£	70.89
Mr. G. Copley	Playing field northern hedge cut.	£	60.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for February	£	651.66
SLCC	Annual subscription	£	150.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/12 to 6/3	£	18.10
Mr. N. Walker	Printer reimbursement	£	209.99
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 23/2 to 15/3	£	87.60
St. John the Baptist Hall	Hall hire - March PC meeting.	£	15.00

**Total payments in period =     £   1,371.24**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Harris, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Council approved the payments.*

**Receipts:**

Cemetery + Wayleave	2 X Excl. Rts. + 1 int. + wayleave.,	£	950.07
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**Total receipts in period =     £     950.07**

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

S25/0287   31 High St., Removal of 5 Ash trees abutting Morton House.

S25/0319   The Farmstead, High St., Morton. Single storey rear extension + replacement windows.

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

**Decisions:**

S24/2227   The Old Butchers, 2 High St. Morton. Replacement windows, doors & wall panelling + solar panels. Granted

**7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025.****8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

None present.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Concern over installation of courier lockers on pavement at Co-Operative Store. Will encourage 'drop-offs/pick-ups' plus loading on busy corner. Highways reviewing. Clerk to monitor.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at: 7.50 pm.

Signed:.....Chair Person

Dated:.....