

# Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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## **Draft Minutes of Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting,** **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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

Also in attendance: County & District Cllr. S. Woolley, N. Walker (R.F.O. & Clerk)  
2 members of the public.

### **7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM**

Two members of the public attended the meeting. They raised concerns regarding the safe crossing of the A15, especially for children. The Council reiterated that it has, and continues to strive for a safe crossing to be installed. The clerk provided a brief history and data pack of actions taken / in progress. D & C Cllr. Woolley updated the meeting in that Highways are to re-evaluate the situation given that the new crossing at Thurlby overcomes some of the issues previously raised re: Morton location.

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

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

Apologies from Cllr. A. Tilley and C.Cllr. M. Hill

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

Cllr. Catherine Holden informed the meeting that her name has changed through marriage and henceforth will be Catherine Walker. Clerk to inform SKDC Democratic Services accordingly.

#### **3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. K. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M/ Tuohy, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells*

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

##### **Report:**

Survey received re: High St. telephone box. Structural & foundation issues plus possible lead paint. Deemed uneconomic to take on. Adoption declined.

*Supported by a proposal from Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris, Approved unanimously.*

North boundary hedge / tree line of playing field (Station Rd.) flailed back. Invoice awaited.

Parish printer issues being encountered. 'Home' type printers not up to parish business workload causing early failure.

Emergency planning event attended. Exercise to be planned for later in the year.

Church clock problem; chiming not working, appears to be a PC board problem. Smiths of Derby to investigate, advise and recover functionality.

Stands for road signs (closure etc.) circa £75 each. (Action to cost from last meeting).

**Correspondence:**

Cemetery business rate review.

Parish precept confirmation of receipt.

Residents flood concerns.

Notification of fence down over PRoW, Station Rd. Morton.

Pension registration redeclaration.

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

**Payments:**

Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking	£	87.60
St. JB Church Hall	Hall hire, January PC meeting.	£	15.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for January.	£	651.66

**Total payments in period =      £      754.26**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds, the Council approved the payments.*

**Receipts:**

Barclay's	Premium Account Interest	£	87.23
LCC - Highways	2024/5 Grass cutting grant.	£	3,232.05

**Total receipts in period =      £      3,319.28**

**6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Applications:**

S25/0170    14 East Lane, Morton. Demo existing outhouse, erect single storey side extension, Render & timber clad existing dwelling.

S25/0093    2 single storey dwellings, land east of 27 Stainfield Rd. Hanthorpe.  
Discharge of conditions: (S19/1853)

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

**Decisions:**

S24/2016	Elvidges Farm, South Fen. Erection of small agricultural building.	Granted
S24/1967	34 East Lane, Morton. Raising of roof + external rendering & side extension.	Granted
S24/1923	The Old Steading, 71b High St. Morton. Retrospective side and rear extension.	Granted

**7. TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF: USE OF PLAYING FIELD FOR MORTON & HANTHORPE FETE, SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025.**

*Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Harris, seconded by Cllr. B. Hyde, the Council accepted the proposal and wished MHE every success with the event.*

**8. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025.**

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

D & C Cllr. Sue Woolley

Highways have approached the Co-Op re: possible sign on the northern end wall of their building at The crossroads to clearly inform south-bound A15 users of the location of the entrance to their store. This is seen as a means of reducing / stopping inappropriate entry into the exit and respective problem. Also, No-entry marking on road noted as faded and requires refresh.

Highways aware of possible collapsed drain adjacent to the church. Investigations to be undertaken.

Parking on grass area to the east of the church continues to be an issue and a sight line potential danger. Highways proposed to erect a series of posts to negate this.

**OTHER MATTERS.**

A15 flashing crossing times were queried. It was confirmed that they are working but the morning period was suggested to be from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. To take account of the extended period of arrival at the two school levels at Morton School. Clerk to investigate and seek change of timings.

The current press speculation of the merger of SKDC and Rutland was questioned to D & C Cllr. Woolley. Cllr. Woolley provided a full answer that there are numerous speculations be circulated at this time. The government outline regarding smaller authorities is in review however this is separate from the Government direction on evolution.

Two potholes were identified at the top of Gunborough Hill. Clerk to investigate, photograph and report to Highways for repair.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

Signed:.....(Chair Person)

Dated:.....