

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, **Tuesday 23rd September 2025**

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

Also in attendance: CC. & D. Cllr. S. Woolley, N. Walker (R.F.O. & Clerk) + 1 Co-option candidate.

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

7.30pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (or at the conclusion of the Public Forum)

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. A. Morris, K. Morris, CC. Cllr. M. Hill

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

Cllr. C. Walker & Clerk, N. Walker declared an interest in Agenda Item 9

3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29th JULY 2025 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Tuohy, seconded by Cllr. B. Hyde, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 29th July 2025 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

On access to the AED (Defibrillator) cabinet at the school the unit was found to be different than that previously advised. Purchased battery & pad kit incorrect. New battery & pad kit ordered, received and fitted (£408.00). Equipment checked and now fully functional. School to re-instate active statement on The Circuit (EMAS accessible register). Original equipment returned which will hopefully be refunded.

Problem at Moorgate Close. Hedge line from grassed area impinging on garages / surrounding properties. Concern over roof damage. Area maintained by SKDC. SKDC contacted to address problem.

Request for a memorial area at Morton Cemetery for those not interned there. To be discussed at Agenda Item 10.

Meeting With Longstaff's i.r.t. tenancy of Stainfield Rd. field. – In progress.

Chased up responses i.r.t play equipment painting.

Correspondence:

Playsafety (RoSPA) inspection report of Station Rd. playing field & play equipment received. SBA acknowledged acceptance of AGAR submission and confirmed exception status.

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

Payments:

St. John the Baptist Church	Church hall hire – July PC mtg.	£	15.00
HMRC	1 st qtr. P.A.Y.E.	£	510.24
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for July.	£	651.66
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 11/7 to 2/8	£	87.60
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 9/8 to 30/8	£	87.60
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for August.	£	651.66
Playsafety Ltd.	Annual playing field RoSPA Insp'n..	£	124.80
Mr. N. Walker	Reimbursement- Defib spares.	£	408.00

Total payments in period= £ 2536.56

Following a proposal by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. R. Carlton, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

Cemetery fees.	Interments (x2)	£	250.00
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Total receipts in period = £ 250.00

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

S25/1606 Grove House, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Replacement windows and replacement glazing to existing windows.

No objection or comments raised.

S25/1609-1608 Grove House, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Demolition and replacement of existing garden room, internal alterations and erection of plant room / garage.

No objection or comments raised on the above applications.

S25/1628 10 The Grove, Hanthorpe. Removal of Beech tree and Oak tree – Trees subject to TPO 146.

(The above request S25/1628 was circulated to Councillors for review as the Planning response date was prior to this meeting. Clerk directed to raise objection to the application).

Decisions:

S25/0801 InPost UK 2 Bourne Rd., Morton (Co-Op.) Retrospective application for siting InPost lockers. Refused

S25/1446 Manor Farm, 38 High St. Morton. Section 211 Removal of Conifer.

Work Allowed

S25/1557 Church Barns, 8A Station Rd. Morton. Removal of Elder, Sycamore & 2x Wild Cherry trees. Dead & dangerous tree exemption.

Works Permitted

7. TO CONSIDER COUNSELLOR CO-OPTION SELECTION TO FILL CURRENT VACANCY:

One application was received for the vacant councillor vacancy: Mrs. Fiona Barker. Mrs. Barker was well known and respected by members of the Council.

Following a proposal by Cllr. R. Wells, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, Mrs. Barker was selected by the Council for co-option as Councillor.

8. TO CONSIDER PLAY EQUIPMENT PAINTING TENDERS:

5 tender requests had been issued; 4 responses received. The Council reviewed the quotes received. Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. M. Harris the Council selected LLB Services to undertake the repaint of the Station Rd. playing field play equipment. Clerk to progress.

9. TO CONSIDER GOVERNMENT PROPOSED PAY RISES:

Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025: Applicable from 1st April 2025 the LGSPA is 3.2% per annum.

Following a proposal by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. B. Hyde the Council approved the national pay award.

10. TO CONSIDER CREATION OF MEMORIAL AREA AT MORTON CEMETERY.

The Council discussed the proposal for the creation of a memorial area for parishioners that, due to other circumstances were not interred within the cemetery. It was agreed that this request from a number of parishioners could be progressed; similar to a number of other cemetery facilities. Clerk to produce a submission proposal accordingly.

11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 28th OCT. 2025

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

C.C. & D. Cllr. S. Woolley had raised an objection with the Traffic Commissioner's Office regarding an application for HGVs use of Elvidges Farm siting that it was on a narrow fen drove, with no ability for vehicles to pass each other and that the access to/from would be through the centre of the village.

OTHER MATTERS:

Grey van parking opposite the houses on Hanthorpe Rd. (and often one directly opposite on the other side of the road) causing problems to agricultural traffic and obscuring visibility on exit from the Crescent. Clerk to investigate.

Kerbs in The Crescent very weeded. Clerk to request SKDC to address.

Overgrown tree at old blacksmiths shop. Clerk to investigate.

Adjacent to Forge Lane hedges on A15 overgrown and causing obstruction to pavement / path.

Bushes at corner of Needham Way overgrown / hazard. Clerk to address.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at: 8.08 pm.

Signed:.....(Chair Person)

Dated:.....