

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, **Tuesday 13th January 2026 2025**

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

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

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM (No members of the public attended)

7.15pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. A. Morris, W. Lawrance, K. Morris

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 2nd DECEMBER 2025 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. R. Carlton, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 2nd December 2025 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

Although attempts have been made to address the 'littered' car in East Lane none of the authorities appear to be interested or take responsibility!

Tenancy agreement for Stainfield Rd. field signed.

One response, so far, to contract tender invitations.

Correspondence:

Notification that food waste collection is planned to commence in April.

Respective Note: There will be a small caddy for use in the kitchen, a larger one for collection. Collection will be every week. This will save some incineration costs and minimise recycling contamination.

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

Payments:

Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 30/11 to 19/12	£ 90.50
St. John the Baptist Church	Hall hire for Dec. PC mtg.	£ 15.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for Nov.	£ 672.52
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/9 to 6/12	£ 21.74
Mrs. L. Lawrence	3 rd qtr. playing field litter collection.	£ 216.30
Mr. M. Lawrence	3 rd qtr. cemetery maintenance.	£ 477.75
Information Commissioners' Office	2026 Data protection subscription fee.	£ 52.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for Dec.	£ 672.52
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's 3 rd qtr. expenses. inc. rem. wreath, stationery, printing	£ 211.91
LALC	Annual council subscription 2026/7	£ 558.66

Total payments in period = £ 2988.90

Following a proposal by Cllr. F. Barker, seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

LCC	Grass cutting grant for 2025/6	£ 3,287.78
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Total receipts in period = £ 3,287.78

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications: None in period.

Decisions:

S25/1802 34 East Lane, Morton. Section 73 application – changes to roof, new fenestration, external rendering and side extension following planning permission S24/1967
Granted.

S25/1897 Land east of Folkingham Rd. Reserved conditions. Acceptable.

S25/1606 Grove House, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Replacement windows & glazing. Granted.

S25/1608 Grove House, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Replacement garden room. Granted.

S25/1609 Grove House, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Listed building approval. Granted.

7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2026

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

C. Cllr. Hill was pleased to report that LCC's Fair Funding campaign had yielded positive results with the Government changing its formula. Result of this will be an improved budget allocation for Lincolnshire from Central Government.

C. & D. Cllr. Woolley informed the PC that planning changes by Central Government are resulting in significant development applications; some of which are likely to affect us locally.

OTHER MATTERS:

Overhanging bush on High St. has still not been addressed. Clerk to expedite.

A question was raised regarding access / condition of the stile at the north of the High Street, (leading to the 71 dwellings building plot off Folkingham Rd). This stile (and respective access to the field) is no longer in use. The public right of way is diverted and now follows the hedge line to the left of the stile. This has been formally changed to ensure site safety as the development progresses... Additionally, a number of stiles are being refurbished within the area.

The condition of the Millenium Sun Dial (north High St.) was raised particularly the month markers set into the verge which have subsided. Nothing can be done at present given current weather conditions but will be reviewed / addressed in the spring.

Playing field hedges require remedial action (predominantly east and west boundaries). Additionally, the 'clump' trees at the eastern end require removal as these are being used as dens for inappropriate activities / dangerous littering. The Council fully supported this proposed action. Cllr. Hyde to arrange / liaise to progress.

There being no further business the meeting ended at: 7.40 pm.

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