

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, **Tuesday 31st March 2026**

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

Also in attendance: C. & D. Cllr. S. Woolley, N. Walker (R.F.O. & Clerk), 1 member of the public.

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM

The attending member of the public raised the issue regarding the state of wear on the verges adjacent to the Village Hall, people parking on the verges (predominantly southern end of High Street, the state of the narrow northern verge alongside the church and continued parking at east end of the church/East Lane.

The Council discussed the issue with the attendee. Rigid bollards (as used at the post office & East Lane would create other issues, local 'hardening' would encourage parking, possibly to the detriment of the rundle. Notices; such as those used at Dyke village green could be deployed, affected areas scarified and re-seeded.

The narrow strip alongside the church is best left until post the planned works at the green in outside the Church Hall as the vehicle diversion planned is along the narrow stretch of the High St. between the Church and the pub. HGVs will likely have to ride this verge to get by! The Parish Council would like to kindly request homeowners/visitors to this stretch of road to avoid parking there during this work/diversion.

7.15pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs. R. Wells, W. Lawrance, M. Harris. C.Cllr: 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 24th FEBRUARY 2026 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. M. Tuohy, seconded by Cllr. R. Carlton, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 24th February 2026 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. B. Hyde.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

Independent accountants engaged for AGAR/End of Year Statement.
Contracts for: Grass Cutting, Cemetery Maintenance & Playing Field Litter Picking to 2029 signed.

Correspondence:

Business rate notification for the cemetery. (zero)

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

Payments:

St. John the Baptist Church	Hall hire for Feb. PC mtg.	£	15.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/12 to 6/3	£	19.01
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for February.	£	672.52

Total payments in period = £ 706.53

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

Receipts: None in period.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

S26/0272 14 East Lane, Morton. PE10 0NW Section 73 amendments to Condition 2 of S25/0170 – Alterations to floor layout.

S26/0278 & S26/0279 Church Barns, 8A Station Rd. Morton. PE10 0NN Demolish & re-build boundary limestone, underpin barn walls, Roof repairs.

S26/0347 Holme Farm, 19 High Street, Morton. PE10 0NR Conversion of a range of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings. – Renewal application:

S26/0377 44 High St. Morton. Replace & reposition electrical cable supply on property.

The above application was circulated to Councillors for review as the Planning Dept. response date was prior to this meeting. No objections or comments raised.

S26/0104 Forty Foot Farm, 6 South Fen, Morton. PE10 0XL. Submission of details reserved by standard notes: re: S25/0596 – Materials, biodiversity gain plan.

No objections or comments raised.

S26/0254 Land east of Folkingham Rd. Morton. PE10 0NR S73 application to vary planning Condition 1 – of approval S23/2032 – Elements of change: Layout, scale, drainage, appearance and landscaping.

After discussion the Clerk was directed to formally raise objections to a number of elements of this application; predominantly surface water & grey water management from the proposed development. Concern over potential flood risk.

Decisions:

S25/2456 Barn west of 6 & 7 North Fen, Morton. PE10 0XJ Conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling. **Granted.**

S26/0119 Grove House, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Demolition of garden room & erection of replacement. **Acceptable.**

S26/0150 74 Station Rd. Morton. PE10 0NN Section 73 to vary approved plan (S25/1070) – proposed side extension. **Granted.**

7. TO CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF STATION RD. PLAYING FIELD FOR: MUSIC EVENING FRIDAY 3rd JULY 2026, VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 4th JULY 2026.

Following a description of the planned event by Cllr. A. Morris, Cllr. M. Tuohy proposed, seconded by Cllr. F. Barker, the motion was approved by the Council

8. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 5th MAY 2026

9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

C & D. Cllr. S. Woolley: Concerns over fly-tipping across the district. SKDC considering steps to address.

Verge damage adjacent to church an ongoing issue; not helped by the very wet past winter.

OTHER MATTERS:

Cllr. Barker raised an issue regarding the state of the pumping station on the south east end of Station Rd. that had been brought to her attention by a parishioner. Cllr. Barker passed a copy of the concern including photos to the Clerk. Clerk to contact the respective authority to get the issue addressed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.