

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, **Tuesday 23rd June 2026**

In attendance: Cllrs: R. Wells (Chair), B. Hyde, S. Reynolds, W. Lawrance, C. Walker, R. Carlton, A. Morris, F. Barker

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

7.15pm PUBLIC FORUM No members of the public attended.

7.20pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs. M. Harris, M. Tuohy, K. Morris, C.Cllr. M. Hill

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

3. TO CONSIDER CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th MAY 2026 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. A. Morris, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 5th May 2026 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Report:

Independent audit concluded – no issues or concerns.

Public Rights Notice posted with respective information: High St. Notice Board, Facebook, Parish Website: This has to legally remain on the notice board until 10th July 2026. Therefore, due to space limitations, a direction to the parish website will be posted for the next Clerk's Notes/Draft Minutes for this meeting and copies of said Notes posted on Facebook and the Hanthorpe Notice Board.

SBA confirmed acceptance of AGAR Certificate of Exemption.

Cemetery: New additional ashes plots required: (only 2 available plots remaining):

-Council directed the Clerk to tender for works for additional plots.

Need to investigate alternative banking services/arrangements (HMRC Digital tax etc.)

Correspondance:

Informed by SKDC Democratic Services that a new DPI form is required to be completed and from now on will be required to be updated each year.

Bourne Town Council – advice requested re: speed devices.

Baston Parish Council – advice requested re: speed limit reduction case.

Formal notification of Post Office Relocation – to be in the crossroads Co-Op from 9th July.

Notification re: second consultation from National Grid – information requested – no date for consultation yet provided.

E-mail received re: Edenham Rd. / Gunborough Hill bend. After a number of close calls regarding converging vehicles on the double bend into and out of the village can the PC request Highways to relocate the 30mph speed signs west around the bend, prior to entering the village and add a new sharp bends sign.

After discussion the Council concluded that although there have been close calls on this corner no accidents have been reported. Drivers are expected to use common sense when approaching a blind bend. It was highlighted that one of the 30mph signs has degraded and requires replacement and that the hedge is partially obscuring the signs. The hedge is also encroaching on the carriage way and requires significantly cutting back by the owner when permitted to do so in September. Clerk to communicate with LCC Highways to address signage etc.

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

Payments:

SLCC	Annual subscription for 2026/7.	£ 158.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary April	£ 672.52
St. John the Baptist	Hall hire for May PC meeting.	£ 15.00
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 18/4 to 9/5	£ 90.50
LLB Decorating Services	Play Equipment repaint.	£ 2,220.00
Mr. N. Walker	Reimbursement for audit fee.	£ 168.00
JK Cutting Services	Verge & playing field grass cutting for May.	£ 764.00
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for May.	£ 672.52
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 15/5 to 6/6	£ 90.50

Total payments in period= £ 4,851.04

Following a proposal by Cllr. F. Barker, seconded by Cllr. A. Morris, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

Cemetery fees:	Various - multiple elements.	£ 1,280.00
SKDC	½ yr. Litter picking grant.	£ 463.32

Total receipts in period = £ 1,743.32

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

S26/00833 38 Station Rd. Morton. Erection of single storey extension to principal elevation to form a bay projection and external porch.

The above application was reviewed by consultation with available Councillors due to required Planning Dept. response dates. No objections or comments raised.

Decisions:

S26/0377 44 High St., Morton. Relocation of electrical supply cables.	Granted
S26/0527 27 Edenham Rd. Hanthorpe. Demolish existing conservatory. erect rear extension, alter roof, add porch & double garage.	Granted
S26/0590 The Cedars, Station Rd. Morton. Reduction in tree heights.	Work Allowed

7. TO CONSIDER ACTION IN RESPECT TO STATION RD. PLAYING FIELD:

-Hedges, Island Coppess, Redundant soft play area (north)

Discussion took place regarding the above elements of the playing field.

Boundary hedges & dyke encroachment. Overgrowth at south western corner of the field to be cut back. Norther boundary (cut back last year) to be re-appraised in Sept.

Eastern boundary (fence to dyke) to be cut back, sprayed to remove briers.

Dyke (to edge of Truesdale Trust field)- to be cut back, briers cleared and sprayed to inhibit regrowth.

The 3 Hawthorne Copse to be cut down and removed. They are currently being used inappropriately and creating a 'litter' hazard.

Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Council directed the Clerk to seek tenders for these works, to be carried out when permitted (September on) and prior to the field experiencing later wet conditions.

8. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: – TUESDAY 28th JULY 2026

9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:

C & D Cllr. Sue Woolley:

A resident has raised the question as to whether the Old King's Head site (owned by the Co-Operative Society) could be used for car parking when the Co-Op houses the Post Office Service.

The Clerk directed to write to the Co-Operative Society Holdings Team. However, from previous approaches this is unlikely. (Brown-field site value for development/holding of use).

Entry to the C-Op. Store via the 'No Entry' off the A15 is still occurring.

Clerk to write to the Co-Operative Facilities Management Team to request the south bound signage to enhanced.

71 dwelling development: Further breach of planning regarding access to the site. From Morton High Street is **NOT** the approved access. The approved planning access is via the A15 Folkingham Rd.

The Pumping Station, opposite Paddington Way on Station Rd. is in a poor state of repair. Anglian Water have been contacted, and chased up, to address the issue. Initial survey identified works required were greater than at first thought and work has to be resourced appropriately. Progress/update awaited.

National Grid have carried out an aerial survey, likely for pylon decisions. Next formal public consultation date awaited. However, note that National Grid are to have a stand at the forthcoming Marton & Hanthorpe Fete on Saturday 4th July.

OTHER MATTERS:

Problem with parked cars on the Hanthorpe Rd. just off the entrance from the A15. Extending the double yellow lines proposed to address the issue.

Opposite Rose Mount Farm a bush is protruding into the roadway. Additionally, at two further locations, hedges/shrubs are protruding over the pathway.

Hedge on Haconby Lane also causing pedestrian/buggies/mobility scooters to pass on the road as path compromised by overgrown hedge.

Clerk directed, in the first instant, to write to the respective home owners to request that they address the issue.

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

Signed:.....(Chair Person)

Date:.....