

Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Morton & Hanthorpe Parish Council Meeting, **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**

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

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

7.15 pm. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public in attendance. No prior questions raised.

7.18 pm COUNCIL MEETING:

1. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies received from: Cllrs: A. Morris, K. Morris, F. Barker & 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 28th JULY 2026 FOR APPROVAL AS MINUTES.

Following a proposal by Cllr. C. Walker, seconded by Cllr. W. Lawrance, the Clerk's Notes of the meeting of 28th July 2026 were approved as Minutes & duly signed by the Chair Person, Cllr. R. Wells.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Report:

JK Cutting Services professionally refrained cutting during hot weather/non growth period.

Tenders issued for the creation of new ashes plots at cemetery.

SKDC Planning contacted re: permission to remove Hawthorn hide-aways at playing field.

As directed, letters issued to respective householders regarding overgrown hedges.

2 requests to install seating in the two bus stops.

Council directed the clerk to have 2 perch seats installed (1 in each bus stop) as a trial.

3 requests received to install fencing/hedging at northern end of cemetery.

Due to a current pending planning application to the north of the cemetery full action is to be held over. However, the Council instructed the clerk to arrange for a post and wire fence to be installed to maintain clear boundary lines.

Re-application (with minor!!! amendment) for approval of the 71 dwellings (A15 Folkingham Rd.)

Objection to access off High St. re-stated.

RoSPA inspection carried out of playing field.

National Grid Survey information and return proforma received, answered & returned.

Notification of planned location of pylon in Hanthorpe/Stainfield field.

Request for dog waste bins. –

Rejected; as although the Parish Council could provide bins SKDC do not have capacity to empty them.

PlaySafety (RoSPA) playing field and equipment inspection report received.

No significant issues found.

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
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for July.	£	672.52
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 11/7 to 1/8	£	90.50
Mr. N. Wilkie	Litter picking 8/8 to 28/8	£	90.60
Mr. N. Walker	Clerk's salary for August.	£	672.52
JK Cutting Services	Grass cutting for July.	£	245.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery tap use 7/6 to 6/9	£	23.17

Total payments in period= £ 1,809.31

Following a proposal by Cllr. B. Hyde, seconded by Cllr. R. Carlton, the Council approved the payments.

Receipts:

LS Baker (Set-in-Stone)	Memorial fee.	£	125.00
TR Carlton	Cemetery fees.	£	205.00
LS Baker (Set-in-Stone)	Memorial fee.	£	175.00
Bourne Funeral Care	Cemetery fees.	£	250.00

Total receipts in period = £ 755.00

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

S26/0913 Land off A15 Folkingham Rd. (71 dwelling development). Application for certificate of lawful development re: S23/2032

Objection to access off Morton High St. re-submitted in accordance with Council direction.

Decisions:

S26/1068 The Granary, Station Rd. Morton. Pollard existing willow tree. **Work allowed.**

S26/1026 6 Station Rd. Morton. Non-material amdt. to allow 3 extra roof lights to approved extension. **Approved.**

S26/0833 38 Station Rd. Morton. Erection of single storey front extension. **Granted.**

S25/1781 Holme Farm, 19 High St. Morton. Variation of Cond. 2 – Alterations to windows & doors on barn conversion. **Granted.**

S26/1176 The Chestnuts, The Grove, Hanthorpe. Cut-back 2 trees. **Work allowed.**

7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 27th OCT. 2026

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

County & District Cllr. Sue Woolley:

Further complaints regarding overgrown hedges – the clerk had written to a number of households after this item was raised at the last meeting. 2 have been addressed, others outstanding. Where the hedges continue to be an obstacle to the footpath clerk to inform Highways for formal address.

Anglian Water are continuing to investigate the ‘sewage’ smell – Clark’s Close/Station Rd.

Ford Lane to be closed for works 5th October.

Bourne Recycling Centre: will be accessed by a booking system from 1st November.

Bin collection issues continue. SKDC Refuse Dept. looking at ways to address the problems. If your bin is not collected on the prescribed day please leave out for later collection.

The ‘Local Government Re-Organisation’ is now firmly on hold. No changes in the foreseeable future.

National Grid 2nd Formal Consultation to be held at Morton Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October.

New planning laws come into force shortly; less committee decisions – responsibilities cascaded to planning officers for smaller developments etc.

OTHER MATTERS:

Concern raised regarding the number of HGVs travelling from the Depot through the village.

Given the poor state generally of silver birch trees throughout the village due to the hot/dry summer one in Station Rd. appears to be thriving. This tree is in the close vicinity to the rundle. Clerk to request Anglian Water to carry out an integrity check on the rundle to ensure no root damage has occurred to the drain.

It was proposed that now the nights are drawing in to commence the Public Forum/Council Meeting at 7.00 pm rather than the current 7.15 pm. This was agreed and will commence from the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at: 8.05 pm.

Signed:.....(Chair Person)

Dated:.....