



Minutes of 27th AGM and Newsletter

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School garden

Minutes of the 27th AGM, held in the Memorial Institute on Tuesday 22nd July 2008 at 7.30pm. The Chairman, David Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Councillors Dorothy Clamp and Steve Pullan, and Malcolm Slater who had been a councillor for the ward for many years. He offered congratulations to the Gala Committee for a splendid Gala, happily this year in the sunshine.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Florence Bramall and Steve Foster.

2. Minutes of 26th AGM

They had been circulated in the newsletter following that meeting and were accepted as a true record of what had taken place.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Stephen presented his 27th report, having been a successful year due largely due to the Morton Lottery, missed the Pantry's support, there were still Morton books available. Gave a few examples of financial commitment for the future – graveyard (bench and maintenance contract), replacement bench for the Green, planters and planting for the front of the Institute and additional bedding for the Green, bedded out but not paid for yet. Also repairs to the bench up Alma had recently been carried out but did not appear in the accounts. If anyone wants a full copy of the accounts then please contact Stephen. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Karen Redhead and seconded by Dorothy Dennis, with all present in agreement.

David explained that the committees of the Institute and Village Society had merged earlier in the year, but were keeping separate accounts. Together with the Gala committee it was hoped that the spirit of community would continue.

5. Election of Officers and Committee members

John Stentiford wished to withdraw as a Committee member but was willing to continue to deliver the newsletter. There had been no nominations for the committee other than those members already standing. David proposed the existing committee be re-elected en bloc and all were in favour. Anyone wishing to join the committee would be welcome – just contact the Secretary. Most committee members did deliver newsletters three times each year, and other newsletters were delivered by Society members other than the committee.

David proposed Stephen and Mary continue for the coming year. Stephen proposed David continue as Chairman. (There were no other nominations). All were in favour.

6. Election of Auditor

Michael Millar was willing to continue as auditor for the coming year. Stephen proposed his appointment, with David seconding and all in favour.

7. Village Green Maintenance

The background to the Society's ownership of the Green was given by David as newer residents may not be aware that it was the site of the "old" Morton School. When the new school was built, the Society were able to rent the area from the Council for £10 per year.

Stepping Stones II, the project in Skipton who maintain the Green, do a wonderful job and David encouraged everyone to stop and speak with them if possible. The damaged seat had been removed in the spring and a new one was being made. The commemorative plaque for Marian Doyle would be put on the new seat.

The shrub bed at the back of the Green was in need of a few more hours work and the supervisor of Stepping Stones II, Mike Topham, was quite happy for our proposal of additional help with this. When



cleared in the autumn, the area would be mulched to keep the number of weeds to a minimum!!

Milton Duckworth asked whether the post box would always be in its present position, on the village green. The society had been "on the case" since April, but with little success. However, a new lead has appeared to follow up, so fingers crossed. The box is not well placed and is far too small for the amount of mail generated locally. Planning permission was not obtained - at least, no-one consulted us!

David expressed delight at the opening of the toilets. Six residents had offered to be keyholders and were on a rota for opening up in the morning at around 8am, doing a week in turn. He was very grateful for their support. Anyone else able to help on this rota would be welcomed. The toilets are cleaned by Bradford Met and locked by them each evening between about 4pm and 5pm removing the possibility of vandalism during the evening. This arrangement is working very well.

8. Proposed projects for Morton Lottery funding

Some ongoing projects were mentioned in the Treasurer's Report.

There was a possibility of some spending within the Institute, but this would not take place until the work financed with funding from the sale of Leeds/Bradford Airport had taken place. Bids for the £20,000 from this funding, to be spent on the Institute, had to be in by November. Councillors would provide a clear definition of deadlines and an urgent meeting of the joint Village Society and Institute committee would be convened to prioritise a list of work to be used as a basis for a bid.

Jill Clark had obtained quotes for a "deep clean" for the Institute.

Strimming the verges particularly up Alma to improve the entry to the village would be considered. Although this work had been requested from the Council, it had not yet taken place.

9. Any Other Business

It was noted that some footpaths around the village had been strimmed by the Countryside Rangers.

David Flaherty expressed concern as to the future of the Busfield Arms, which was now for sale. Residents were missing the shop and he did not want the pub to go the same way. Was there any way in which

the Society could become involved? Could it be sold as anything other than a pub? Housing for instance. In the present climate, pubs are closing their doors across the country at an increasing rate, so there was every reason to feel concern. After discussion, it was agreed that the first step would be to write to Mitchell & Butler to establish some facts, and take it from there.

Not everyone had the opportunity to recycle as they wished. Collections were inconsistent, Cllr Pullen informed that BMDC were carrying out a revamp of green waste at present.

Karen said that to celebrate reaching 500 numbers in the Morton Lottery, two prizes of £150 and £100 were awarded at the Gala. A party had been arranged for November 29th, a 60's - 70's night, with live band and pie and pea supper. She was confident of selling all the tickets and that it would be a good night.

Freda Denbigh had passed on information about a community group which had been established in a rural village with the aim of providing a point of social contact following the closure of their Post Office and shop. This had proved really successful in a very short period of time, with a group of volunteers running it. It was agreed this would certainly be something to consider and would be looked at when the work had been done in the Institute.

10. Morton in Bloom with Lee Senior

David introduced Lee, the Allotments Officer for Keighley Town Council, Chairman of Keighley in Bloom and judge for Yorkshire in Bloom, also an East Morton resident. Lee began by commenting that the East Morton allotment site is the best in the area and one of the best in the metropolitan district. He gave background to Yorkshire in Bloom and said that in

2007 there had been 103 entries. The category in which an area is entered is dependent upon population. Judging takes place in spring and summer and although the floral component is as it always was, great emphasis is put upon environment. The school has entered Yorkshire in Bloom this year in another category, and has improved the environment of the village with their garden.

Strengths already in the village provide the nucleus for a strong entry into the competition next year - School garden; Village green; Allotment site; Good front gardens/tubs etc.

Things to think about for enhancement -

- Removing weeds in the pavement (help from BMDC - Streetscene with this).
- Front of the Institute.
- Perhaps planting around the toilets (he commented that it was fantastic that they were opened - quite unusual).
- Planting around the village entry signs.
- Baskets/plantings at the Busfeild Arms, he feels we are halfway there.
- Why do it? It's fun. It brings people together
- Makes our environment a better place in which to live
- The tangible benefits are there every day

David asked the views of the meeting and it was agreed that we should enter in 2009. It would be discussed at the next committee meeting and we should advertise in the newsletter for support from anyone interested. Lee said that Keighley in Bloom may provide funding as we would be a new entry and he offered his help also. He had already been very supportive with plans for the Institute planters, and he was thanked by David.

David thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed.

Best kept gardens & tubs competitions

Our thanks to the 'Best Kept Garden' judge. The following gardens and frontages were chosen after spring and summer walks around the village, congratulations go to:-

Gardens

1st place 5 The Square - The whole of The Square looks absolutely fantastic this year - but special mention to the owners of No 5 - roses around the door and a beautiful selection of tubs and climbers. (pictures below)

2nd place 14 Alma Terrace - Nice to see that even having to make a parking area, this gardener has maintained lots of soft edges and a very pretty area in front of the house, which looks secluded and welcoming.

3rd place 35 Roedhelm Road, Waterside Fold - A very pretty well-kept garden with a nice selection of plants and great hanging basket.

Tubs & Baskets

1st place 12 Green End Road this has been an amazing year - there are several houses with fantastic baskets - but No 12 must take the award for the sheer amount of effort needed to look after a full spring and summer display this magnificent.

2nd place 3 Main Street - A tiny roadside garden which is full of colour - baskets and a wall area filled with blooms.

3rd place Corner Cottage - A dark corner of Main Street which is brightened with orange and red window baskets, a beautiful show.

Morton Village Lottery

We know have 500 members in the Lottery and you will see the details below for a party we are holding to celebrate

To follow the Morton in Bloom work we will need to do, it would be useful to have areas in the village notified that need tidying up to help us win!

Latest winners:

June

£75 F Graham; £50 C Shuttleworth; £25 D Lee; £15 S Jorgesen; £10 T Rogers

July

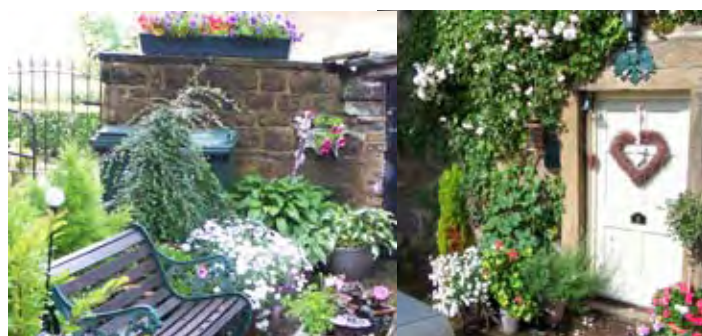
£75 A Brown; £50 K Trott; £25 D Morley; £15 S Allen; £10 S Nicklin

August

£75 C Grant; £50 J Crossley; £25 J Skinner; £15 K&R Crowder; £10 D&C Flaherty

Quiz night at Institute on 6th November

Pie & pea supper
Ring 567222 for further details



5
The Square -
1st Prize

To celebrate 500 members in the Village lottery we are holding a 60s/70s party

Saturday 29th November

Village Institute 7.30pm-midnight

Fancy dress optional (prize for best outfit!)

Pie and pea supper provided

£7.50 per person

(£6 if you have lottery number).

Dancing to live music from Amnesia

licensed bar

Contact Karen on 560279 or Mick on 510667 for tickets

East Morton School

The children in East Morton schools garden club have been working very hard this year to build on last year's success in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. The school achieved a silver award in 2007 and the children were determined to go one better this year and gain a gold award for their garden.

The greenhouse has been put into good use to raise many vegetables for the garden including: pumpkins, courgettes, tomatoes, swiss chard and spinach. The raised vegetable beds have potatoes, runner beans, peas, carrots and onions all growing well. The early potatoes have already been harvested and used by the kitchen for the school lunches.

In preparation for the Yorkshire in Bloom judging the children, with some volunteer parents, worked really hard to make sure the garden looked fantastic on the morning the judges visited. Luckily the weather was kind to us and the rain held off until after the judges had left! The school has been able to demonstrate how the garden supports National Curriculum activity, for example, Year 1 have been growing runner and broad beans from seed and there are many exhibitions of work in the

school where the garden has been used to enhance projects.

The judges were very complimentary about the garden and we find out how we have done in the competition in September.

In addition to Yorkshire in Bloom, the school is involved in a show garden project at Harrogate Autumn Flower Show with the aim of showing what children can grow and achieve in a variety of settings. The show garden is called 'A Place for Children to Grow' and is based on the garden at East Morton School. The schools garden club are growing vegetables and flowers which will be planted in the show

garden – quite nerve wracking with some of the wet weather we have been experiencing! The show is held from the 12th to 14th September at the Great Yorkshire Showground and members of the garden club will be attending the show to be a part of the whole experience.

Any questions about the school garden and our activities this year can be directed, via the school, to Angela Kennedy, a parent who has taken over the organisation of the garden club following Ann Scott's retirement.



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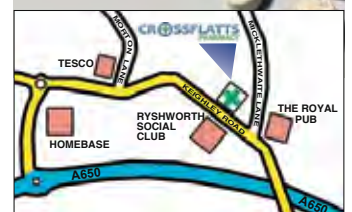
After relentless campaigning by the local population and fighting off objections from other pharmacies in Bingley, Crossflatts Pharmacy opened on 1st March this year.

The company has been formed by two pharmacists who have over 30 years experience in pharmacy between them. Also, the pharmacy is designed with modern fittings and incorporates the latest IT so that they can offer patients and customers a comprehensive service. The pharmacy prides itself on personal service.

Repeat prescription Collection\ Delivery Service - as well as a full range of services provided, this local pharmacy offers a repeat prescription collection service from local surgeries including those in Keighley. Please take full advantage of this as it will save you going to your surgery to pick up or order your prescription. All of this is done by the pharmacy who can have your medicines ready for you to collect or even deliver if you wish.

30 Keighley Road, Crossflatts,
Bingley BD16 2EZ
Telephone 01274 565992.

Opening hours are
Monday-Friday 9am – 6pm;
Saturday 9am – 12 noon;
info@cpharmacy.co.uk
www.cpharmacy.co.uk



Can we please remind householders to check their boundaries to ensure that trees and bushes are not obstructing street lights or pathways/pavements.

East Morton Gala 2008



The brief summer sun shined miraculously down on East Morton over Gala weekend making it a hugely successful family day out for everyone. After last years wet event the committee was more than keeping its fingers crossed for 2008...and it paid off villagers came out in their hundreds to support the day making for a wonderful community atmosphere. Thanks go to all the volunteers and helpers who set up and

manning stalls and to all of you for again supporting this great annual event. Money raised will be going to village projects.

Any ideas for next year? Would you like to join our small friendly committee? Then why not come along to our AGM on Tuesday 30th September at 7.30 in the Village Institute. Further details Kathy Myers 01274 567174.

Important dates for your diary

Institute Quiz 6th November

Village Lottery party Saturday 29th November in the Institute

Morton Village Society

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