

MORTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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We trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and has not suffered an undue weight increase as a result of seasonal indulgence.

Site Improvements.

Our recent requests for improvement of various sites are not meeting with much success at the moment. The grass verge on Carr Lane will be cut when the special type of mowing blade needed is available. The owners of the derelict site in Green End Road could not be traced but Bradford Met. are investigating further.

30 mph.

The W.Y.M.C.C. have advised us that there is no case for extending the 30 mph. sign on Carr Lane. However they have admitted the sign is badly sited and would be re-positioned. Also a "slow" sign will be put on the road approaching the junction with Street Lane, so at least some action is being taken. The Highways Department apparently see no problem if heavy lorries use the village as a thoroughfare and obviously consider the local roads suitable. They will not agree to a sign at the bottom of Swine Lane stating "Light Traffic Only" similar to one at Menston at the traffic lights.

Village Bonfire.

The elements were certainly not with us this year. Neither were various "inspired" youths who decided the village bonfire should be lit on Friday night instead of Saturday. This could have ruined an event which was designed for the enjoyment of the whole village. However, in spite of a howling gale and driving rain, another phoenix bonfire was put together on Saturday and a few hardy villagers braved the elements to enjoy the new bonfire and a pie and pea supper.

Civic Trust.

The Charity Commissioners have advised the Village Society that minor changes need to be made in the Constitution of the Society for it to be included as a member of the Civic Trust and be registered for exclusively charitable purposes. Members will be invited to vote on changes in the Constitution at a meeting to be held in the near future.

Parish Council.

C.C. Wells and a member of the National Association of Parish Councils have been invited to talk to the Committee on Monday, January 14th, at 7.30pm. in the Institute. This is to advise on the advantages of Parish Council status for Morton Village.

Upper Airedale Plan.

In the proposals for the Upper Airedale Plan, Morton will be designated a special landscape area and although it may be possible to develop land between Swine Lane and Riddlesden after 1996, land adjoining the Recreation Ground will become Green Belt thus preserving the village identity.

Exchange of land on Recreation Ground.

The saga continues - Bradford Met. Recreation Officer, at the time of writing, is still awaiting a reply from Messrs. Drummond, Neate. as to whether they wish to proceed with the exchange of land. If the prospect of a land exchange should appear to become a reality, then the whole matter is still subject to approval and Bradford Metropolitan Council have promised there will be a Public Meeting to hear the views of all the village. The Charity Commissioners have advised the Society that any contemplated sale or exchange of land may require their formal consent as the land in question is part of a Charitable Trust and was given to the village to extend the existing Recreation Ground.

Village Green.

Anyone who has passed through the village recently will know that work is well under way and the ground already levelled. Any queries regarding the site should be addressed to any committee member or to Mr. Donald Pinder, the architect, who kindly gave his time and talent freely to draw up the plans for the site.

Highways and Byeways.

Requests have been made for repairs to be carried out on various pot holes and for some street lights to be renewed and it is hoped that these will have been carried out by now.

Green End Road.

Comment was made at the last Committee Meeting regarding the terrible state of this road. The situation is that the road beyond the right hand bend halfway up is unadopted and the only way to improve the surface would be for all residents affected to share the cost of repairs although this would obviously be quite a feat of organisation and administration.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of wish everyone a happy and healthy 1985.

Forthcoming Events. The Busfeild Arms Football Club are to hold a Valentine Dance and Party Night on February 16th in the Institute. Any monies raised are to be shared between the football club and the fund for the village green. Mr. & Mrs. Hendry have suggested that the Village Society Committee might like to choose something to put on the village green. We wish them a successful event and an enjoyable one.