

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 17 February 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs C McLeod (CM) (Chair), D Eckles (DE) (Vice Chair), D Hastings (DH), B Clarke (BC), I Chapman (IC)

In Attendance:, Parish Clerk G Roderick-Jones, District Cllr R Elliott

1. To receive any apologies: County Cllr M Dewsbury

2. To accept and sign the minutes from 20 January 2025: the minutes were agreed and signed

3. To accept any declarations of interest: DH in item 7b

4. Adjournment for public participation:

A resident raised some issues for consideration:

- Application 2025/0039 Hill Farm, Hill Road (menage, fencing etc)
 - Where will the drains which will be installed under the menage discharge? There are already flooding issues in this area.
 - Can we ensure that this does not become a commercial enterprise with the traffic that would entail?
 - What lighting will be installed if this is to be used during the hours of darkness?
 - There is an accident blackspot at the junction of High Oak Road, High Oak Lane and Bucks Lane (District Cllr Elliott will discuss this at the Wicklewood PC meeting)
 - Roadside hedges and trees are overgrown in several places (householders will be approached to trim back where there is a hazard)
- 5. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury had submitted a report by email and this had been circulated to the council.

District Cllr Elliott presented a report on the following:

- The District Council portion of the Council Tax for 2025-26 will probably increase by £5 per household – to be confirmed in Wednesday's SNDC meeting.
 - Local government reorganisation will not be preceded by a public consultation. The final government decision is expected in September 2025. It is likely that there will be two councils covering Norfolk. County Council elections due in May 2025 have been deferred until May 2026, alongside mayoral elections, with new authorities from May 2027.
 - SNDC Employability Hub is intended to help people to get into employment. Information and access is via the front page of the South Norfolk website.
- 6. Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
- 7. Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:**
- a 2025/0039 Hill Farm, Hill Road – menage, fencing and gated access (council will raise concerns detailed in item 4 above)
 - b 2025/0099 Fairview Cottage, Golf Links Road – demolish garage and side & rear extensions and replace with front and side porches (no objections)
 - c 2025/0271 land opposite The Buck – AW sewage treatment works (to be decided by NCC) – cllrs will re-examine this application – are these alterations to existing building or a second building?
 - d Late applications - none

8. Financial matters:

a APPROVED payments (proposed by DE, seconded by IC)

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	February salary	£265.60
WJ Turner & Partners	Annual Turner Field rental	£160.00

b NOTED bank balances as at 9 February 2025

current	£6,467.09
savings 1	£103.34
savings 2	£2,643.26
Balance	£9,213.69

c NOTED: Receipt of Precept Demand for 2025-26 has been acknowledged by SNDC

9. Highways and road safety issues: CM will continue to follow up highway and road safety issues and will request assistance from County Cllr Dewsbury

10. Dog Walkers: a resident has complained about a dog walker using a third part's land for dog walking. CM has used social media to appeal to dog owners to be responsible when walking their dogs.

11. Playground: no current issues

12. Insurance claim for water leak: MVH have received £880 (after deduction of excess) in settlement of the claim.

13. Renewal of Insurance for 2025/26: ongoing; for next agenda.

14. Revised TTSR quote: revised quote has been circulated to councillors, with number of cuts for both St Botolph's and St Peter's regularised at 5 per annum. Clerk will confirm that the council wish to take advantage of the 3-year term arrangement.

15. Wymondham College bus service provision: District Cllr will follow up regarding the school travel plan via Planning and Enforcement.

16. Re-registering The Buck as an Asset of Value to the Community: The council can only reiterate what has already been given to SNDC; District Cllr Elliott will speak to Fraser Field at SNDC as the decision is due to be made on 18 February.

17. Maintenance of verges and hedges: clerk has spoken to both the clerk and the chair of Wicklewood PC but neither can shed light on how they originally opted out of NCC looking after verges and hedges in favour of receiving funding to employ a local contractor. NCC Highways have not responded – clerk will contact County Cllr Dewsbury for support.

18. Vacancies on the parish council: have been advertised on social media but no response as yet.

19. Correspondence: as above

20. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda: as above

21. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 17 March 2025 at 7.30pm