

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 19 January 2026 at 7.30pm

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

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

1. **To receive any apologies:** Cllr B Clarke (BC)
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 17 November 2025:** the minutes were agreed and signed
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** none
4. **for public participation:** none
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury and District Cllr Elliott each submitted a report by email and these were circulated to the councillors.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** re fencing & gates – two metal gates need repainting. DE has obtained quotes from Duncan Kerridge of £222.00 and from another contractor for £325.00. DE also obtained quotes for the repainting of two sections of fence, which are probably NCC responsibility but, repainted they would enhance the appearance of the area so could be undertaken by the PC – quotes were £150.00 (D Kerridge) and £250.00. Painting can happen only in warmer weather. The council decided to accept the two quotes from D Kerridge (proposed CM, seconded IC).
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:** none
8. **Financial matters:**

- a Payments APPROVED: proposed DE and seconded IC

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Salary Dec 2025 & Jan 2026	£574.00
Poppy Appeal	Remembrance wreath	£20.00
NCC	Traffic survey	£600.00
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Admin expenses 2025-26	£194.68
WJ Turner and Partners	Turner Field annual rental	£160.00

- b NOTED bank balances as at 8 January 2006

current	£8,946.25
savings 1	£104.70
savings 2	£2,678.04
Balance	£11,728.99

- c Mandate change at Barclays – clerk will follow up

- d Decision on precept demand for 2026-27. The council decided to increase the overall precept amount from £11,025.00 pa to £11,400.00, which is 3.5% and in line with current cost of living rises. With adjustments for a slightly increased number of households liable for Council Tax, this represents an annual increase in the Band D charge of £0.51 per household.
Proposed CM and seconded DH.

9. **Highways and road safety issues:** ongoing. CM will continue to request updates from NCC and will circulate emails to councillors. It seems that recently installed equipment is connected to the traffic monitoring survey, and CM will confirm with NCC.
10. **Tidiness around the village:** New signage is ongoing – DE will follow up.
11. **Turner Field car park resurfacing/fencing:** ongoing, with BC
12. **Tree survey at Derek Daniels Field:** ongoing; DE will follow up
13. **Wymondham College Travel Plan:** ongoing
14. **New Container for P Jewiss at MVH:** not proceeding

- 15. Flooding at MVH Carpark:** ongoing. DE coordinating. NCC suggest further Type 1 but the PC and TTSR will first need to clear the affected area of growth.
- 16. Vacancies on the Parish Council:** former Parish Councillor and one-time Chair Roger Cordey has volunteered to rejoin the Parish Council with immediate effect. He will bring completed Declaration of Interests form and Acceptance of Office form to the next meeting.
- 17. Correspondence:** as above; plus a complaint from a resident about dangerous parking in the mornings and afternoons in the area around the Primary School. CM will write to the head.
- 18. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above, plus potholes appearing on MVH carpark – to be discussed with BC; an old computer printer belonging to the PC is at MVH – CM will ask Corinna to dispose of it.
- 19. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm at Morley Village and Sports Hall, on Monday 16 February 2026