

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 16 March 2026 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk G Roderick-Jones,

- 1. To receive any apologies:** County Cllr M Dewsbury, District Cllr R Elliott
- 2. To accept and sign the minutes from 23 February 2026:** the minutes were agreed and signed
- 3. To accept any declarations of interest:** none
- 4. Adjournment for public participation:** The meeting was attended by Richard Squires, Senior Community Planning Officer at South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils. He gave an overview of the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Plan and the advantages of having one in place. Salient points included:
 - the need for funding and technical support;
 - the plan would be community produced, with the PC having oversight;
 - the plan would set objectives and policies for the next 20 years;
 - Neighbourhood Plans deal not only with development, but also with preservation and protection;
 - once adopted, the plan would be used by SNDC in considering planning applications;
 - plans have to conform with existing planning regulations, and should not restrict development;
 - plans are evidence based, have the support of the community via a referendum, and must be based on empirical data;
 - typical costs to develop a plan working with a consultant would be approximately £20k, spread over a 2-3 year period;
 - grants of around £6,000 can be obtained from SNDC
 - councillors should check the SNDC website to see examples of completed plans and plans under development for similar communities to Morley.
 - For the next agenda.
- 5. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury and District Cllr Elliott submitted reports by email and these were circulated to all councillors.
- 6. Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
- 7. Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:** none
- 8. Financial matters:**

- a Payments APPROVED: proposed by CM and seconded by DE, all agreed

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Salary March 2026	£287.00

- b NOTE bank balances as at 8 March 2026

current	£6,948.46
savings 1	£104.97
savings 2	£2,684.82
Balance	£9,738.25

- c Mandate change at Barclays (update) ongoing

- 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 (during school half term holiday) is connected to the traffic monitoring survey, and CM will confirm with NCC. CM will ask NCC to confirm that their full report and recommendations is being prepared, in order that the PC can pay the £5,400 invoice recently received – for next agenda.
DE asked CM to include in his discussions with NCC Highways the implications of the large Breckland housing development on land opposite the end of Golf Links Road, and whether this could be used to justify alterations to the junction, such as the installation of a mini roundabout.
- 10 Quotation from TTSR for 2026:** circulated to all councillors. Council decided to accept – price increases are because TTSR have added the additional work on the Derek Daniels Field as requested. Proposed by CM and seconded by DH
- 11 Tidiness around village (update):** DE is working on two signs for the recycling area; clerk will follow up with SNDC for the sign they have promised to provide.
- 12 Resurfacing of Turner Field carpark:** BC will soon be able to do this work with improving weather forecasts.
- 13 Tree Survey Derek Daniels Field:** ongoing (DE); DH will forward contact details of tree surgeon
- 14 Wymondham College Travel Plan:** ongoing. Apparently Wymondham College are now conducting a survey into transport use to and from the school.
- 15 Non-compliant email addresses:** Clerk will submit new email addresses consisting of surname initial @ ... for each councillor to see if NALC will accept this format.
- 16 Flooding at MVH carpark:** the weed clearing will be carried out regularly by TTSR (as included in their quote above)
- 17 Village Noticeboard:** ongoing (DH)
- 18 Vacancy on the Parish Council:** ongoing
- 19 PC reports for The Net:** RC will compile a write-up for the May/June edition; DE will contribute a piece about the climbing wall.
- 20 Correspondence:** as above, plus pre-renewal form for the insurers – DE will forward any additions/alterations to the clerk; also information from Norfolk Rivers Trust about possible free septic tank replacement
- 21 Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above
- 22 Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm at Morley Village and Sports Hall, on Monday 20 April 2026