

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 18 November 2024 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: County Cllr M Dewsbury, Parish Clerk G Roderick-Jones, District Cllr R Elliott

1. **To receive any apologies:** none
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 16 September 2024:** the minutes were agreed and signed; no matters arising
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** none
4. **Adjournment for public participation:** none
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury and District Cllr Elliott both submitted reports by email before the meeting and these were circulated to all councillors.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:**
 - a 2024/2650 installation of air source pump 52 Chapel Road – no comments
 - b late applications - none

8. Financial matters:

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

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	October, September, December salaries	£796.80
TTSR Ltd	Grounds maintenance (3 of 4 2024)	£1,141.62
RBL Poppy Appeal	Remembrance wreath	£20.00

- b NOTE bank balances as at 9 November 2024

current	£10,137.59
savings 1	£102.95
savings 2	£2,633.41
Balance	£12,873.95

- c NOTE payment by DD of £648.00 to NCC on 1 October 2024 (dog bins) and receipt of £5512.50 on 20 September (half year precept)

9. Football Club Lease: currently in abeyance

10. Highways and road safety issues:

- Progress on road safety will not happen until a full survey is carried out. CM will ask Adam Mayo (Highways) to prepare the way for the survey to go ahead; Morley PC will pay for the survey but will also seek additional funding (Cllr Dewsbury will discuss with Highways to see if any funds remain for this financial year and will inform the PC if funds are likely to be available in the next financial year). These actions proposed by DE and seconded by CM and agreed.
- Both CM and Cllr Dewsbury will discuss with Adam Mayo

11. Flooding on Permissive Path: next agenda

12. Playground: equipment all in good condition. BC has been advised to wait until the spring to do the resurfacing and will quote for the work at that time.

13. Insurance claim for water leak: Anglian Water were unable to locate the underground pipe to make a permanent connection to replace the temporary at MVH. They will return on 8 December and dig deeper, necessitating a further road closure. A claim has been initiated (DE).

- 14. Renewal of Insurance for 2025/26:** DE has investigated and has found several issues with the current insurance cover: there is a different type of front door lock, the defibrillator is already covered and should not be charged twice, the clerk is not covered as an employee, climbing activities (as opposed to the climbing wall as an asset) not currently covered.
- 15. Car Park resurfacing:** see item 12 above
- 16. Wymondham College bus service provision:** District Cllr Elliott will discuss with SNDC Planning from the point of view of non-compliance with conditions attached to the planning permission for the Prep School; Cllr Dewsbury will investigate reports of students moving from the fifth form to the sixth form being refused school bus transport as they are “new students”; CM will discuss with Wymondham College.
- 17. Pest Control:** OCS (new owners of Abate Ltd) have submitted reports (zero mole activity) but have not yet invoiced. Ongoing.
- 18. Re-registering The Buck as an Asset of Value to the Community:** the clerk will re-register with SNDC.
- 19. Vacancies on the parish council:** The council currently have five out of a possible seven councillors, after the resignation of Cllr Blake after many years of service to the community. There are still three bank signatories. Possibility of inviting people to join the council or advertising via social media will be considered. Next agenda.
- 20. Correspondence:** TTSR have sent a quote for the next three years should the council choose to continue with them. There are some details to be discussed, namely the number of cuts to each churchyard, which should be five each (and not 5 + 8), and inconsistency in the quotes for the three years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Clerk to follow up.
- 21. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** BC cuts verges for Wicklewood PC as they have opted out of the arrangement whereby this is arranged by NCC and carried out by their contractors. Clerk will contact Wicklewood clerk to find out the process for opting out, and any drawbacks they have found. BC will give a quote for Morley’s verges.
- 22. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 20 January 2025 at 7.30pm