

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 20 October 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D Eckles (DE) (Chair), D Hastings (DH), B Clarke (BC)

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

1. **To receive any apologies:** Cllrs C McLeod (CM) (Chair), I Chapman (IC)
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 15 September 2025:** the minutes were agreed and signed
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 submitted a report by email and this was circulated to the councillors. In addition Cllr Dewsbury summarised the following: NCC and the Prisons Service run a scheme in which prisoners clean and refurbish old walking aids, which are then donated to the NHS for re-use. The scheme has been nominated for a national award. The plan to plant 1 million trees in the county is ongoing. Local government devolution has been agreed at county level and has now been submitted to central government.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:** none
8. **Financial matters:**

- a Approved Payments (proposed by DE and seconded by DH)

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Salary October 2025	£256.60

- b NOTED bank balances as at 14 October 2025

current	£9,647.80
savings 1	£104.40
savings 2	£2,670.25
Balance	£12,422.45

- c Transactions since last meeting NOTED

receipt of £5,689.00 half-year precept from SNDC 19 September
payment of £667.20 by DD to SNDC 1 October for dog bin servicing

- d NOTED: Mandate change at Barclays (update) Clerk will continue to follow up to obtain a progress report

9. **Highways and road safety issues:** recent email conversations indicate that NCC Highways can carry out a survey for an estimated £8k, a considerable rise over their previous estimate of £6k. Highways have not yet accepted any of the traffic management ideas put to them, and traffic is getting worse as the Prep School population increases. The council would like a breakdown of the £8k estimate and an explanation of what we can expect to get in return, with some idea of possible outcomes should issues be identified as a result of the survey. Their view is that we should not agree to this expenditure until this information is given to us by NCC Highways. A Parish Partnership contribution may be possible but would only be possible with these details – and the closing date for applications will be early December.
10. **Tidiness around the village:** For the sign DE is having made for the Recycling Centre we need to confirm the correct number for reporting problems – clerk will obtain from SNDC
11. **Turner Field car park resurfacing:** surface work (BC) and fencing work (DE) will be completed at the same time.

- 12. Damage to St Peter's Churchyard:** Clerk has written to the parishioner who complained about the damage. She is having the marker replaced.
- 13. Wymondham College Travel Plan:** no further progress; District Cllr Elliott will contact the Planning Compliance team.
- 14. New Container for P Jewiss at MVH:** ongoing
- 15. Flooding at MVH Carpark:** DE explained that fallen leaves have gathered in the far corner, and weeds have grown there; an existing pipe seems not to be draining that area and a second pipe needs to be installed to drain into the nearby ditch. The PC need to ensure that the present growth is removed and annual cleaning takes place. Getting a quote from TTSR to add this to their maintenance schedule will require a site visit, so DE will coordinate this with TTSR. This proposed by DH and seconded by BC.
- 16. Vacancies on the parish council:** ongoing
- 17. Correspondence:** as above
- 18. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above
- 19. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm at Morley Village and Sports Hall, on Monday 17 November 2025