

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 15 September 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 July 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.

District Cllr Elliott informed the council that the District Council had successfully opposed government plans to replace the existing asylum seeking women and children from the Park Hotel in Diss with single men; SNDC have produced a planning policy document in response to concerns about the scale and location of the East Pye Solar proposals and hope that this will have an effect on planning applications, especially where developments are proposed on prime agricultural land; District and County Councils are working to mitigate the effects of job losses and the loss of skilled jobs in this area following announcements by the owners of Lotus in Hethel, with plans to improve site access for future growth of the site; grants are offered to help with domestic energy efficiency; as things stand now, elections will be held in May 2026 as a move towards local government reorganisation.

6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:** none
8. **Financial matters:**

a APPROVED payments

payee	description	amount
TTSR Limited	Grounds maintenance (3 of 4)	£1,058.39
Imprint Signs & Graphics Ltd	Sign for recycling centre	£162.00
Brian Clarke	Work on surface at recycling centre	£600.00
The Play Inspection Company	Annual RoSPA inspection Turner Field	£113.94
Gareth Roderick-Jones	August & September salary	£513.20

b NOTE bank balances as at 9 September 2025

current	£6,911.53
savings 1	£104.40
savings 2	£2,670.25
Balance	£9,686.18

c Mandate change at Barclays (update) – ongoing (clerk to follow up)

Items 8a-c proposed by CM and seconded by IC, all agreed

9. **Highways and road safety issues:** Ongoing. CM will continue to chase progress in arranging a full survey by NCC Highways; traffic is worsening in the area around Wymondham College and Prep School.
10. **Tidiness around the village:** two old signs have emerged following the trimming of the hedges at the recycling centre: one seems to have originated with SNDC and clerk will

send photo to request a replacement; DE will have the second sign replaced using the remainder of the funds allocated at the last meeting for recycling centre signage.

Fencing at Turner Field – 2 posts and 6 rails need to be replaced. DE will obtain the materials (budget up to £100) and BC will quote for the installation.

DH will look into either cannibalising the three old noticeboards to create one board, or will source new materials to create a board from scratch.

- 11. Turner Field car park resurfacing:** completed
- 12. Wymondham College Travel Plan:** no further progress
- 13. Vacancies on the parish council:** ongoing
- 14. Correspondence:** as above
- 15. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above
- 16. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm at Morley Village and Sports Hall, on Monday 20 October 2025