**MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 18 January 2016

**Present:** Councillors Craig Macleod (Chairman)(CM), David Eckles (Vice-Chairman)(DE), Jon Blake (JB), David Hastings (DH), Brian Clarke (BC)

**In attendance:** CountyCouncillorMargaret Dewsbury, District Councillor Michael Edney, Gareth Roderick-Jones (Parish Clerk); no members of the public.

146 **To receive any apologies** none

147 **To accept and sign the minutes from 116 November 2015**

 Accepted unanimously and signed by CM

148 **To accept any declaration(s) of interests** none

149 **Adjournment for Public Participation** none

150 **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

a **pest control issues** (JB): unable to obtain alternative quotes for mole control; the only likely candidate is on an extended overseas visit. Rabbit control is ongoing and weather-dependent;

b **Football Club lease** (DE): ongoing, awaiting response from Football Club: for next agenda

c **land registry of Derek Daniels Playing Field** (DE): ongoing, for next agenda

d **Playground Maintenance Action Plan:** (DE) ongoing: quotes have started coming in: for next agenda;

e **Asset Register** (GRJ): ongoing: updating items on Asset Register spreadsheet should start in February – clerk to organise information for next meeting;

f **Co-opting of 2 new councillors:** (All)has been advertised on Facebook but no response as yet: councillors to make the need known and encourage people to come forward;

g **Sale of printer**: was advertised on Facebook, no response yet. Will ascertain if cheap ink cartridges are available for this model as originals are prohibitively expensive (DE, based on info from GRJ); will try selling online (GRJ);

h **Update on new footpath:** (JB) weather has delayed progress recently; the old barbed wire has been removed, restraining wire has not yet been fitted and a section of the bank still needs to be removed (BC); GRJ to chase response from insurers in case new barbed wire is fitted.

151 **2016/17 Budget and Precept**

2015/16 spend previously circulated and checked; subsequent corrections and improvements were discussed in detail and agreed.

Totals for the 2016/17 precept were unanimously agreed as follows:

 total running costs (excluding externally funded projects) £7396

 amount of precept applied for £7255

 amount of precept grant from SNDC £141

 Band D figure £37.59

 (Band D figure 2015/16 £36.15)

percentage increase per household 4%

equivalent increase per household per week 3p

152 **Portacabin at Village Hall**

As the Portacabin is used as a for-profit business, the question of a charge for ground rent was discussed and a figure of £500.00 per annum (with a 50% discount for the first year) proposed. Proposed: JB, seconded CM, agreed unanimously.

153 **Planning Applications** none

154 **Correspondence**

a parcel of land at Morley St Botolph - CM has responded to this enquiry

b late correspondence: 3 quotes have been received for grounds maintenance: from Norse, CGM and TTSR. After discussion of the merits of the three quotes it was decided to award the contract to TTSR on a 3-year basis. Proposed CM, seconded DH and unanimously agreed.

 (GRJ to send copy of existing TTSR agreement to DE)

155 **Payments of Accounts and Receipts**

 Payment was agreed and cheques were signed for the following:

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|  **PAYEE** | **CHEQUE** | **DATE** | **AMOUNT (£)** |
| H Frary (clerk web trg) | 101289 | 18 Jan | 11.55 |
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| Abate Ltd (pest control) | 101291 | 18 Jan | 84.00 |
| Monarch Signs Ltd | 101292 | 18 Jan | 150.00 |
| Monarch Signs Ltd | 101293 | 18 Jan | 163.20 |
| Poppy Appeal | 101294 | 18 Jan | 17.00 |
| The Fencing Workshop | 101296 | 18 Jan | 1273.68 |
| G R-Jones (Jan salary) | 101297 | 18 Jan | 176.70 |
| Jo Rayner (clerk accounts) | 101298 | 18 Jan | 24.05 |

156 **To receive reports from Councillors and Clerk**

none

157 **Date of Next Meeting**

 Monday 15th February 2016 at 7.30 pm

 ***deadline for items for meeting agenda: 7 February***