**MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 16 November 2015

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

**In attendance:** CountyCouncillorMargaret Dewsbury, District Councillor Michael Edney, Gareth Roderick-Jones (Parish Clerk) and four members of the public.

132 **To receive any apologies** Cllr Brian Clarke

133 **To accept and sign the minutes from 19 October 2015**

Accepted – proposed DE, seconded JB and signed by CM

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

135 **Adjournment for Public Participation**

a Tom Childs enlightened the Council as to the meaning of geocaching and showed us an example of a hidden message; he would like the blessing of the PC to proceed to place items in this area and to advertise their coordinates via the Geocaching.com website. All in agreement – proposed CM, seconded DE (see item 137 below)

b A member of the public enquired whether it was minuted that ownership of the climbing wall will revert to the Village Hall. DE responded that it is documented in the Sport England agreement; he will email the details. We await the SNDC contribution, which Cllr Edney informs us will be coming soon.

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

a **pest control issues** (JB): we have a quote from Abate which arrived today and will be circulated by mail to the Council; JB will follow up to obtain alternative quote(s)

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

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

d **Child Protection:** (DE) Chairman and Clerk are first and second responsible persons who would be required to report any issues to the proper authorities – they have been given hard copies of information sheets for their reference.

e **Outlook software** (Clerk): benefits of new software have limitations and it might be more cost-effective to spend time learning how better to use Gmail; this can be reassessed at a later date if necessary.

f **Highways issues** (CM): CM has investigated the following –

(i) set of 2 flashing 20mph signs activated automatically according to Wyndham College’s schedule, one either side of the College, at a cost of £6,300

(ii) single 30mph Vehicle Activated Sign within village at a cost of £5,772

CM suggested prioritising (i) in view of the high cost of installing both (i) and (ii). Current funding includes a promise of £1000 from SNDC, £500 from Wymondham College, and £3,000 via the Parish Partnership. There may also be fundraising towards this from the Wymondham Parent-Staff Association (PSA).

CM will submit application papers for (i) – proposed JB, seconded DE and agreed unanimously

g **Playground Maintenance Action Plan** (DE): ongoing, for next agenda

h **Asset Register** (Clerk): Clerk confirms that there is an ongoing Asset Register, which is normally updated each March; inspections and assessments are carried out in January/February and this will be on the agenda for January.

I **Co-opting new councillors** (CM): none yet; CM will advertise via Facebook

137 **To discuss Geocaching** Discussed during Public Participation – see item 135 above

138 **Disposal of Parish Council computer/printer**

a DE will use facilities at work to dispose of old defunct laptop (which has had data wiped from hard drive)

b CM will advertise HP printer for sale via Facebook (Clerk will act as contact for the sale and will provide full details for Facebook entry)

139 **Update on College footpath**

a contractors can complete by scraping off current earth bank to provide safe width between road and hedge to link end of pedestrian pavement and bridge to new footpath, and can also level off uneven/bumpy areas. This will provide good visibility for pedestrians leaving & entering footpath.

b Owner wants to add single strand of barbed wire attached to the far side of the fence posts. JB is arranging to affix safety signs warning of the barbed wire even though it will only come into contact with pedestrians if they lean over or climb over the fence. Clerk will speak to insurers re possible liability on our part. Work to continue meanwhile.

c JB will check with owner to see if he would like his generosity to be publicly acknowledged (next agenda – formal thanks to owner and announcement of new footpath via Net magazine and elsewhere.

140 **To consider the view of the Parish Council regarding planning applications**

a 2015/2340 no comments or objections

b 2015/2436 no comments or objections

Clerk to inform SNDC

141 **Correspondence**

a Crime Stats none

b quote from Abate (see 136a above)

c (via JB) invoices newly received for fencing and signage

d letter which Barclays had sent to the old PC address informing us of further delays to Mandate and address changes. Clerk will follow up asap.

142 **Payments of Accounts and Receipts**

Cheques were signed for the following (and will be distributed once Barclays have confirmed our signatories)

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| **PAYEE** | **CHEQUE** | **DATE** | **AMOUNT (£)** |
| G R-Jones exp Sep/Oct | 101281 | 16-Nov | 93.13 |
| TTSR Ltd | 101282 | 16-Nov | 1,257.19 |
| G R-Jones salary Sep-Nov | 101283 | 16-Nov | 441.75 |
| G R-Jones salary Dec | 101284 | 16-Nov | 176.70 |
| J Rayner clerk training | 101285 | 16-Nov | 33.06 |
| J Rayner clerk training | 101286 | 16-Nov | 42.07 |
| H Frary website training | 101287 | 16-Nov | 40.94 |
| D Eckles tyre disposal | 101288 | 16-Nov | 5.00 |

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

none

144 **Clerk’s contract**

Contract signed by Clerk and Chairman; details such as normal hours of work will be reviewed once there has been a chance to monitor them, in the New Year.

131 **Date of Next Meeting**

18th January 2016. 7.30 pm

***deadline for items for meeting agenda: 10 January***

No meeting in December