**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 10 April 2017

**Present:** Craig McLeod (Chairman) (CM), David Eckles (Vice-Chairman)(DE), David Hastings (DH), Brian Clarke (BC)

**In attendance:** Gareth Roderick-Jones (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, District Councillor Michael Edney

1 **To receive any apologies** Jon Blake (JB)

2 **To accept and sign the minutes from 20 March 2017** The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

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

4 **Adjournment for Public Participation** none

**5 Report from District and County Councillors**

**County Councillor Dewsbury** gave information about various restructuring initiatives within the County Council designed to save money, at the start of the new financial year. Restructuring of the Highways Department will have a local impact. Dualling of the A47 and the NDR consultations are ongoing. Preparations for the elections in May are underway.

**District Councillor Edney** told the council about the extension of the Retailer Awards to cover the whole district, not just the four market towns (Diss, Wymondham, Loddon and Harleston) as before. There are 11 different categories and nominatiosn can be done online. Information will be distributed soon.

**6 Matters Arising** none

**7 Planning matters**

a 2017/0001proposed anaerobic digestion renewable energy unit:

no new information. An extension has been granted to allow the applicants time to answer objections. Cllr Edney will follow up with planners to ensure it is heard in the near future and the PC is kept informed.

 b 2017/0601 Lantern House, Church Lane demolish garage and replace windows

 no comment

 c 2017/0568 Wymondham College single storey extension to accommodation block

 no comment

**8** **Highways Issues:**

a Golf Links Road: JB is following this issue: ongoing. For next agenda.

 b SAM2 research omgoing: next agenda.

c Highways Department reorganisation. An email from the area’s new Highways Engineer, Bob West, has been circulated to all councillors and noted.

**9 Financial Matters**

 **a** The following payments were approved unanimously:

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| **payee** | **description** | **cheque** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary April | 101350 | £194.86 |
| Abate Ltd | pest control | 101351 | £142.80 |
| St Peters Church | annual donation (agreed in March) | 101352 | £200.00 |

b Balances as follows as at 31 March 2017 were noted:

 current account £2789.09

 savings 1 £1746.91

 savings 2 £100.24

 less outstanding cheques £nil

 Balance £4636.24

**10 Community Governance**

CM has received an enquiry from the Chairman of Wicklewood Parish Council with a view to the two parishes merging. After discussion it was decided that the needs and characteristics of the two communities are sufficiently different to make a merger undesirable at this point in time. GRJ will write to Wicklewood PC to this effect.

**11 Correspondence:** the following were noted

 emails regarding NCC Highways Department restructuring

 response from MPs office regarding application 2017/0001 (not being heard at March Planning Cttee meeting)

**12 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and AGM**

The APM will begin at 7pm on 22 May 2017 (although this is the fourth Monday, it means that it will avoid clashing with the District Council AGM on 15 May and the various bank holiday Mondays. The CM will provide GRJ with a list of people and organisations (two schools, village hall, sports groups, playgroup, police, Highways, PCC etc) and GRJ will send out invitations. Groups will be asked to provide a short written report on activities last year and plans for the coming year, or to deliver a verbal report lasting 2-3 minutes each.

The Parish Council AGM will follow the APM at approximately 7.30 pm. First business will be the election/re-election of officers.

**13 AOB/ Items for Next Agenda** as noted above, plus

* playground equipment
* invoice for NALC subscription

**14** **Date of Next Meeting**

22 May 2017 APM at 7pm and AGM at 7.30pm approximately.