**MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 16 January 2017

**Present:** Craig McLeod (Chairman) (CM), David Eckles (Vice-Chairman)(DE), Jon Blake (JB), 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** none

2 **To accept and sign the minutes from 21 November 2016**

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**

District Councillor Edney gave the council an update on proposed increases in council taxes. There is a public consultation on District Council spending which can be accessed online. Councillors have received information about this. Cllr Edney also discussed the new homes bonus which has come to an end sooner than originally planned.

County Councillor Dewsbury also discussed financial matters and explained the increased costs involved in maintaining today’s adult services. In future many non-statutory activities will have to be decentralised, and there is the possibility of a granting structure to support local authorities in this.

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

* The police have shown a presence at Morley Primary School and have also stopped speeding vehicles within the village.
* The Milestone Society have replied to the clerk regarding the milestone outside St Peters. They will not allow us to repair this ourselves and have now said they will see that it is removed for safekeeping until they can arrange professional restoration.
* CM is still waiting to see the Head of Wymondham College re the proposed new primary school.
* DE has a quote of £600 to fix both sets of damaged fencing (Derek Daniels and Turner Fields); proposed CM and seconded JB that we ask for this work to proceed on that basis and agreed by all. DE will confirm with the contractors so that work can start as soon as weather is suitable, and will forward paperwork to GRJ.

**7** **Planning application for the container to be used as a gym at the VH:** ongoing (DE)

**8** **Surface of car park near football changing rooms:**

Very muddy in one particular area. Rather than pay for the whole carpark to be resurfaced we should sort this area and budget for the rest next year. The council has already voted to accept BCs quote for the whole carpark (3 lorry loads). Proposed DH seconded CM that we request 1 lorry load to resurface and fill holes etc on basis of BCs previous quote, and all agreed.

**9 Highways Issues**

* We await word on our bid for funding for a SAM2.
* The fingerpost near the Buck appears to have been “forgotten”; CM has followed up and awaits a response; he will further contact Highways with a copy to Cllr Dewsbury.

**10 Planning Applications**

no late applications

**11 Correspondence**

Relevant correspondence previously circulated to councillors by email:

email regarding the 2017 South Norfolk Litterpick (which GRJ will forward to the school and the Village Hall Committee as being more likely to be able to organise an event

Crime statistics (GRJ will contact the Engagement Officer to see if a more useful format could be found for this data)

Your Norfolk Extra

**12 Financial Matters**

 a The following payments were approved (prop DE sec JB and all agreed):

* + Gareth Roderick-Jones salary January 2017 £176.70

TTSR Ltd grounds maintenance £1126.70

b Balances as follows as at 30 December 2016 were noted:

 current account £5335.64

 savings 1 £1746.91

 savings 2 £100.24

 no outstanding cheques

 Balance £7182.79

c Draft budget accepted (but without VAT reclaim on items relating to the climbing wall: as we are purchasing on behalf of another organization we are unable to claim the VAT back)

2017-18 Precept Demand: After discussion the council authorized the following precept demand for the financial year 2017-2018:

 Total funding £7845

 Grant £62

 Precept £7783

 Band D Charge £38.34

This represents an increase of 2% on the Band D Charge: a Band D household will pay £38.34 compared to £37.59 per year, an increase of 75p per year.

Precept demand proposed DE seconded JB and agreed unanimously.

 d Clerk’s salary etc deferred to next meeting

**13 Reports from councillors and clerk**

(CM) questionnaires regarding drainage are being circulated in the village.

Broadband: it has now been announced that the improvements promised will take effect in 2018.

**14 Items for the Next Agenda**

 as noted above

**15** **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 20 February 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.