**MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 21 November 2016

**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 17 October 2016**

The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

3 **To accept any declaration(s) of interests**

none

4 **Adjournment for Public Participation**

* A member of the public commented that the traffic situation at the Primary School is getting worse.

**5 Report from District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury discussed the fact that Highways have recommended SAM2 signs as static signs tend to be ignored; funding via the Parish Partnership scheme would therefore be for SAM2 signs.

District Councillor Michael Edney discussed devolution, which is now dead as far as South Norfolk is concerned. Suffolk (and possibly South Norfolk and Breckland) are still in favour; various possibilities are being discussed.

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

none

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

**8** **Highways issues:**

a CM has been in contact with Paul Sellick of NCC Highways regarding traffic problems outside Morley Primary School, but the response was not encouraging as far as action from NCC is concerned. CM has been unable to get Highways to visit to see the problems first hand, even though Highways have previously agreed that the situation in Morley, the school being outside the village along a narrow road, is unique.

The PCSO will try to visit during busy times to discourage parents from parking inappropriately.

Cllr Edney will discuss this with the head teacher.

A footpath was once costed but it proved too expensive, and there is no obvious safe route for a footpath.

b CM has some volunteers (6 are needed) for a Speedwatch scheme. PC Jim Squires (Engagement Officer) will contact whoever leads the project. Norfolk PCC is keen to drive down car crime and speeding and will support schemes like this. A team of Special Constables are being trained to target problem areas – in Morley’s case this would be around the Primary School and Wymondham College at arrival and departure times.

c Clerk to contact the Milestone Society to see if we can fix the broken milestone opposite St Peter’s ourselves (BC can undertake if acceptable).

**9 Proposed new primary school on WC site**

CM has requested a discussion with the Head but has not had a response yet.

**10 Planning Applications**

a 2016/2519 Clearview, Hookwood Lane: removal of chimney, extension to roof, replacement of windows and doors etc: no comment

b late applications: none

**11 Correspondence**

Relevant correspondence previously circulated to councillors by email:

correspondence re gritting this winter

correspondence re police budgets

re parish precepts 2017/18

re boundaries review

**12 Financial Matters**

a The following payments were approved

* + Gareth Roderick-Jones salary Nov/Dec 2016 £353.40
  + Mazars LLP external auditon £150.00
  + LCPAS training £75.00
  + SNDC dog bins (Direct Debit) £234.14
  + Poppy Appeal wreath £17.00
  + Brian Clarke Surfacing of new footpath £216.00

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

current account £5009.18

savings 1 £1746.69

savings 2 £100.23

no outstanding cheques

Balance £6856.10

c Simple Servicing Authority form to allow GRJ to have sight-only access to bank accounts is ongoing.

d Draft budget: about £600 will be required to carry out fence repairs. Cllrs will consider the draft budget figures before the next meeting.

**13 Reports from councillors and clerk**

BC and GRJ attended an interesting briefing with Inspector Provart at Wymondham Police HQ.

**14 Items for the Next Agenda**

as noted above

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

Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.