**MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 19 September 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)

1 **To receive any apologies** County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, District Councillor Michael Edney

2 **To accept and sign the minutes from 18 July 2016**

The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

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

none

4 **Adjournment for Public Participation**

* There is a problem caused by parking outside the Primary School. The school has gained a good reputation which means that attendance has increased and the number of vehicles, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day, has increased. Previous parking provision has decreased. Oncoming cars do not always give way, and the road is too narrow for two vehicles to pass each other when vehicles are parked on the road. The school are attempting a drop-off system in which children can be handed over to a waiting member of staff, thereby reducing the time parents’ vehicles are parked. Is there a way (a section of double yellow lines to form a pull-in space, for example?) to alleviate the problem. CM will contact Highways Department.
* There was an enquiry about plans for signage and/or traffic calming measures on Golf Links Road. CM has put in a bid for funding via the Parish Partnership Scheme for an electronic sign at the most dangerous spot on the approach to the village where the footway starts and causes a narrowing of the road. He has been informed that the official view is that these signs are now too common and have become ineffective; mobile SAM2 signs are more likely to be funded – but we need to cover that particular spot. CM will forward correspondence to the County Councillor, and GRJ will contact Cllr Peter Broome (SNDC) for advice.
* The possibility of a Speeedwatch campaign was raised. In the past this was discontinued for lack of volunteers, but CM will seek volunteers via Facebook and will ask Roger Cordey if he still has the equipment used previously.

**5 Report from District and County Councillors**

none

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

DE has investigated claims that weedkiller was used on the playing field and can see no evidence of that. DE will put down some additional grass seed on worn areas.

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

**8** **Sewerage/Anglian Water:**

JB reported that Anglian Water have now agreed that there is a problem and are looking into most cost-effective ways of dealing with it. This autumn they will conduct a full survey. Any solution will take time to implement.

**9 Speed signs & Parish Partnership bid**

see above

**10 Drainage/Playing Field at Village Hall**

The middle part of the playing fields are not draining well; the ditch is overgrown and clogged. It is unclear if this can be cleared and if it will solve the problem – BC will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

**11 Anglian Water land near the Buck**

 Deferred to next meeting

**12 Finger post near Recycling Centre**

 This should have been re-erected by Anglian Water; JB will contact them

**13** **Turner Field – damage to fencing**

(There is damage to fencing at both playing fields) – fencing damaged and bits are missing. Quotes needed for repairs; DE will obtain quotes for next meeting and will look into alternatives (eg bollards)

**14 Bowls Club area**

The Football Club were less active last year (mainly because of wet conditions) but anticipate doing more this year and want to incorporate Bowls Club area which is no longer in use. Parents will volunteer to clear and level, and want permission to remove the current fence. Unanimously agreed as long as they make good – DE will email them to that effect.

**15 Fireworks at Party**

 (for information) There will be a 50th birthday party on or around 5 November at the VH including fireworks.

**16 Footpath to Wymondham College**

* A member of the public has written regarding maintenance of the footpath and its surface – GRJ has already responded.
* Mains water leaks are causing surface problems along the footpath. Anglian Water have said they will deal with this but are unable to give a time frame. JB will contact the Safety Officer at Wymondham College to coordinate, and JB will send contact details for Anglian Water to GRJ. BC plans to work on laying hardcore on the footpath on 30 September.

**17 Planning Applications**

 2016/1944 Manor Farm, Deopham Road – erection of Dutch barn – no comments

**18 Correspondence**

 circulated to all councillors and duly noted

**19 Financial Matters**

* Morley PC will renew membership of NALC: proposed CM, seconded JB and agreed unanimously.
* The following payments were approved:
	+ G Roderick-Jones salary August & September 2016 £353.40
	+ Abate Ltd pest control Q3 £84.00
	+ Abate Ltd pest control Q4 £84.00
	+ NALC subscription £127.90
* Bank balances were noted as follows:
	+ current account £3362.68
	+ savings 1 £1746.47
	+ savings 2 £100.22

no unpresented cheques

balance £5209.37

* GRJ will email the treasurer of the VH Committee to acknowledge receipt of their portion of the insurance premium.

**20 Reports from councillors and clerk**

* Various street signs need to be refurbished or replaced – GRJ will obtain forms and councillors will inform GRJ of details for submission.
* A system for monitoring playing field inspections is needed – GRJ will set it up
* Football lease – still waiting for Football Club accounts to be audited.
* There have been changes to the Village Hall Committee. New members include:

Corinna Pharoah - Chair

Ellen Leary - Secretary

Helen Eckles - Treasurer

**21 Any other business and items for next agenda**

 none

**22** **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 17 October 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.