**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 17 July 2017

**Present:** Craig McLeod (Chairman) (CM), David Eckles (Vice Chair) (DE), Brian Clarke (BC), Jon Blake (JB)

**In attendance:** Gareth Roderick-Jones (Parish Clerk)

**1 To receive any apologies** David Hastings, County Councillor M Dewsbury

**2** **To accept and sign the minutes from 19 June 2017** The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

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

**4** **Adjournment for Public Participation**

There was a follow-up question about plans to extend the children’s play equipment. This si ongoing: DE is looking into the best position for additional equipment.

**5 Report from District and County Councillors** none

**6 Matters Arising** none

**7 Planning matters**

a 2017/0001 proposed anaerobic digestion plant: update. CM reported that the date for the hearing has been extended to 20 August; he will speak to Cllr Edney to seek clarification. CM circulated notes on updated objections on 3 July.

b 2017/1445 Methodist Chapel: demolish and replace rear extension: SUPPORT application as the extension will be used for good of community. Proposed DE, seconded CM and agreed by all

c late applications: none

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

a JB had a meeting on 17 July with Bob West, Highways Engineer about safety issues in Golf Links Road. Bob West has had information from Paul Selleck regarding the extension to the footway and the wooden post, and will come back with a costing (possibly via the Parish Partnership scheme). He has relocated the “Road Narrows” sign but this is now obscured by the hedge. He has also identified a good spot for the SAM2 over the road from the footway.

b SAM2 – paperwork is now complete. Proposal that we go ahead with the purchase with 50% coming from NCC; GRJ to follow up with NCC and send cheque to Westcotec once confirmation received from NCC. Proposed DE, seconded JB and agreed by all.

c Trod path maintenance: we are still waiting for a quote from Wil Smith to incorporate this into regular maintenance; JB will ask the owners if we can use spray and if they want to retain both fences or if the hedge-side fence can be removed.

**9 Financial Matters**

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

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary July & August | £389.72 |
| Westcotec | SAM2 | £3840.00 |
| Keep Britain Tidy | dog poo stickers | £54.60 |

b Balances as follows as at 30 June 2017 noted:

current account £4492.23

savings 1 £1746.91

savings 2 £100.24

outstanding cheques £40.00

Balance £4,452.23

c external audit has been submitted but not yet returned: noted

**10 Playing Fields:** DE has removed some dangerous broken pieces of fencing but other sections need attention: BC will attend to this. There is evidence of mole activity. JB will use traps and will use barrier tape around the area while this is being done.

**11 South Norfolk Climbing Club (SNCC):** Sport England are lottery and government funded, and require data on usage of the climbing wall. DE followed this up and obtained data from SNCC (though he was unable to enter the data online). It emerges that the PC cannot hand over the climbing wall for a period of seven years though the start date of this period is unclear. If the climbing wall is not a success, the PC could in theory be liable to reimburse the monies received; therefore, the PC have to take responsibility for the success of the equipment for the foreseeable future. DE has been in correspondence with the trustees of SNCC about this. Apparently a number of trustees are resigning from the SNCC so there are doubts about its ability to function. Proposal: an email be drafted to be sent to the trustees: proposed CM, seconded JB and agreed by all. DE will prepare an email and send it, with a copy to the Village Hall Committee.

**12 Correspondence:** correspondence previously circulated to councillors was noted.

* correspondence with Mr Bobbitt regarding dog poo stickers and quote from Keep Britain Tidy for £54.60 incl VAT (proposed CM and seconded DE that we will accept this quote and purchase stickers as already decided)
* Norfolk PCC newsletter
* local police newsletter

**13 AOB/Items for next agenda**

1. Village Sign: ongoing. BC has seen Fred West and he now has someone to help him with the work.
2. The 20mph sign previously reported still needs to be straightened.

**12** **Date of Next Meetings**

18 September

16 October

20 November