**Morley Parish Council**

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

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

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

**1 To receive any apologies** David Hastings

**2** **To accept and sign the minutes from 18 September 2017** The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

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

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

More parents than ever are walking their children to and from the Primary School, where speeding motorists are causing concern. A trod path has been investigated before but found prohibitively expensive and cannot be taken the whole length to the school because of the war memorial and a private garden. The school PTA should be leading moves to improve safety, with the parish council in support. Cllr Dewsbury will speak to Highways about the fluctuating speed limits along this road: a uniform 30mph limit with more signage and markings would be appropriate. Cllr Edney suggested involving the County Road Safety Team and Norfolk Police. CM will contact the school governors.

**5 Report from District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Dewsbury informed the council of moves by the County Council to save money currently spent on libraries; they wish to avoid closures by combining libraries with children’s centres where feasible.

District Councillor Edney informed the council about areas which BT have decided are not to have high speed broadband (“not spots”), for which there is funding albeit limited. Alternatives include B4RN which takes advantage of fibre infrastructure which already exists in a fragmented form, and which uses farmers to install across farmland to homes. Billingford, for example, will soon have 100G download speeds. Other news is that South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils have started the process of collaborating on shared services to provide for the community more economically.

**6 Matters Arising**

So far there has been no appeal against the decision not to allow the proposed anaerobic digestion plant (2017/0001); however, the period allowed for appeals is six months.

**7 Planning matters**

late applications: none

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

a The Parish Partnership Scheme bid for work on Golf Links Road for £1550 is in – this sum includes the post at the beginning of the footway.

b SAM2 update: further stats for the two weeks to 7 October are now available; the next position for the sign will be on Deopham Road at the 30mph sign as motorists enter the village.

c Road safety near Morley Primary School: see item 4 above.

**9 Financial Matters**

**a** The following payment was approved unanimously:

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary October 2017 | 194.86 |

b NOTED bank balances as at 29 Sept 2017

current account £4251.99

savings 1 £1746.91

savings 2 £100.24

Balance £6099.14

less u/p cheque -£226.80

cashbook balance £5872.34

c online banking update: Morley Parish Council have now obtained sight-only online banking facilities.

**10 Spooner Row update:** As part of the Community Governance Review being conducted by SNDC, Spooner Row, Suton and Wattlefield have requested that they be allowed to break away from Wymondham Town Council to form their own Parish Council. The clerk attended an open morning held recently in Spooner Row church. The second phase of the consultation process is underway and results of the consultations will follow.

**11 South Norfolk Climbing Club (SNCC) Governance Document:**

There has been correspondence between sncc’s secretary and CM. SNCC are waiting for some information from the Charities Commission and will inform the PC further in due course.

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

For follow-up:

GRJ will contact Mark Bobbitt to make sure the dog poo stickers he sent him were received and are to be deployed;

M Edney will look into the detached gate at the Anglian Water site opposite The Buck;

**13 AOB/Items for next agenda**

Road signs: GRJ to follow up with NCC/SNDC

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

20 November at 7.30pm