**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 14 January 2019

**Present:** Craig McLeod (Chair) (CM),Brian Clarke (BC), David Hastings (DH), D Eckles (DE), Jon Blake (JB), Ellen Leary (EL) and Innes Chapman (IC)

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

The Chair opened the meeting by greeting Councillor Leary and Councillor Chapman to the Parish Council.

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

**2** **To accept and sign the minutes from 26 Noveber 2018:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

**3** **To accept any declaration(s) of interests** DE declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 2018/2383 (Item 7)

**4** **Adjournment for Public Participation:** none

**5 Reports from District and County Councillors:** none

**6 Matters Arising** none

**7 Planning matters** (previously circulated to councillors)

a 2018/2383 Brook Cottage, Deopham Road erection of new dwelling (revised plans). The Parish Council have no comments to make at this stage but will inform the Planning Department that we are aware of numerous residents’ concerns about the scale of the proposed development.

b 2018/2842 Hunters Cottage, ground-standing array of solar panels: The Prish Council support this application

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

a The SAM2 is due to be moved to a new location

b Golf Links Road: the footway extension and bollards recently installed are an improvement, but further “Slow” (or similar) signage would also help safety – CM will discuss with Highways

c Potholes will be reported by the clerk, but individual councillors are also encouraged to make online reports of these and similar problems:

i Low Road at the junction with High Common, on the left travelling towards Wicklewood

ii Stone Brigg at junction with New Road, approx. 1 metre from the road’s edge

**9 Financial Matters:**

a The following Payments were approved:

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary December 2018 & January 2019 | 388.72 |
| Abate Limited | pest control | 120.00 |
| Poppy Appeal | remembrance wreath | 17.00 |

b NOTED bank balances as at 8 January 2019

current account £2615.90

savings 1 £48.65

savings 2 £100.46

Balance £2765.01

c Budget for 2019/20: preliminary figures agreed, but full information will be presented at the next meeting after the precept for next year has been agreed.

d Decision on 2019-2020 precept. Following detailed discussion, the Parish Council agreed the following:

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| Total precept | £9,070.00 |
| Grant | £0.00 |
| Band D charge | £45.35 |
| Band D change | +£5.10 |
| Band D change % | +10% |

The increase is considered necessary to compensate for the reduction of the annual grant from government to £0, and to enable the council to continue to carry out its obligations to the community in the face of increasing costs. The increase will show as a 10% increase, but in real terms that represents a small amount of additional money, to the tune of approximately 10p per household per week. (proposed by DE, seconded by CM and agreed with one objection)

**10 South Norfolk Climbing Club (SNCC) Governance Documentation:** Ongoing; to be added to the next agenda.

**11 Football Club Lease** CM is liaising with Tim Chenery; to be added to next agenda.

**12 Community Defibrillator:** The Village and Sports Hall have obtained funding from various local sources. The equipment will be installed at the front door of the Hall.

**13 VH Carpark:** for the next agenda. Budget to be checked for available funds, with work ideally carried out before the 2019 Beer Festival.

**14 Dog Bins:** A further bin is required to replace the damaged bin. Authority has been given for GRJ to source and order a bin if one can be found at under £100, and BC has volunteered to install it. GRJ will wait to see if JB can find a better price via his pest control contacts.

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

TTSR has written to express interest in a further 3-year extension to their grounds maintenance contract. The clerk will contact them to obtain explicit agreement that this will be on the same terms and conditions as the current agreement. If this is the case, he is authorised to agree to this arrangement. (proposed by CM, seconded by DE and agreed by all).

**16 AOB/Items for next agenda**

items noted above, plus:

Wymondham College Prep School

invoice from Brian Clarke for £210.00 for hedge cutting

TTSR (Wil Smith) new contract

**17** **Date of Next Meeting:** 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm, and on the following dates thereafter:

18 Mar, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 16 Sept, 21 Oct, 18 Nov