**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held remotely following government guidelines

at 7.30 pm on 11 January 2021

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

**In attendance:** Gareth Roderick-Jones (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, District Cllr Richard Elliott

**1 To receive any apologies**: Brian Clarke (BL)

**2** **To accept the minutes from 14 November 2020:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed as soon as possible.

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

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

**5 Reports from District and County Councillors:**

Cllr Dewsburyreported on the range of online activities designed to replace libraries and children’s centres which remain closed. There will be a Cabinet meeting tomorrow evening to discuss setting up regular contacts to anticipate and/or respond to flood-related issues, and to look into the causes of the recent spate of flooding, particularly in South Norfolk.

Cllr Elliott has reported by email, and this has been circulated to all councillors; CM will add the Facebook page.

**6 Matters Arising:** none

**7 Planning matters:** a 2020/2357 Morley Village Hall – installation of sign at entrance (no objections)

 b no late applications

**8 Wymondham College:** The consultation document from Wymondham College has already been circulated. The parish council have no issues to raise. WC are looking for additional local pupils to fill spaces for an anticipated September opening. CM will arrange a date and time for the next meeting between the PC and Wymondham College.

**9 Financial Matters:**

a Approval of Payments: proposed by CM, seconded by DE and agreed by all

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary January 2021 | 211.40 |
| Abate Limited | pest control | 120.00 |
| High Oak PCC | annual donation | 200.00 |

b NOTED bank balances as at 5 January 2021:

 current account £3,397.40

 savings 1 £4,048.77

 savings 2 £100.74

 Balance £7,546.91

c Precept for the 2021-2022 financial year will be as follows:

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| Total precept | £9,657 |
| Tax base | 195 |
| Existing Band D charge | £47.57 |
| New Band D charge | £49.52 |
| change to Band D charge £ | +£1.95 |
| change to Band D charge % | +4% |

This will incur an increase of 4% for a household paying Band D, which translates to less than £2 per year per household. The increase is to cover a reduction in the precept caused by changes in the number of participating households, so that the council can continue to provide essential services to the community.

proposed by CM, seconded by JB and agreed by all.

d Noted: receipt of £250.00 from SNDC 20 November 2020 (recycling centre)

e Noted: internal transfer of £4,000.00 from current account to savings 5 January 2021

f Noted: outstanding payments for 2020-21 to be settled in the February or March meetings

**10 Village Hall: repairs to fencing between car park and football fields** ongoing – with BC

**11 Village Hall: Children’s Play Area** ongoing

**12 Grant for Play Equipment** ongoing – DE will report when appropriate

**13 Drainage issues** JB has been dealing with Anglian Water and can act as point of contact in the event of any queries

**14 Anglian Water** (see 13 above); Anglian Water have informed JB that they plan to start the work before the end of 2021, rather than that being their target date to complete the work.

**15 Correspondence:** correspondence previously circulated to councillors was noted; there was a letter regarding dog fouling; the clerk will investigate the cost of an extra dog bin plus servicing and will add to next agenda

**16 AOB/Items for next agenda:** as noted above, plus (for information) the possibility of holding a Beer Festival in 2021 will be assessed in March.

**17** **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday15 February 2021 at 7.30pm (details of arrangements to be confirmed)