

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
On Monday 16 January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs C McLeod (CM) (Chair), J Blake (JB), D Eckles (DE), D Hastings (DH), B Clarke (BC), E Leary (EL), I Chapman (IC)

In Attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Cllr M Dewsbury

1. **To receive any apologies:** District Cllr R Elliott
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 21 November 2022:** signed
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** none
4. **Adjournment for public participation:** none
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** Cllr Dewsbury reported that on 17 January there would be an extraordinary meeting to discuss the reorganisation of the structure of local government in the county, with an elected leader who would remain separate from the County Council – the District Councils would remain unchanged. The idea is that the new organisation would attract more funding from central government. Changes will be subject to public consultation.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:** none
8. **Financial matters:**
 - a APPROVED payments (proposed CM, seconded DE)

Gareth Roderick-Jones	salary Jan 2023	£211.40
Abate LTD	pest control	£120.00
WJ Turner & Partners	annual rental, Turner Field	£160.00
Leah Smith	internal audit fee	£50.00
Action Play & Leisure	swing seats	£465.60
 - b NOTED bank balances @ 10 January 2023:

current	£6,614.83
savings 1	£100.84
savings 2	£4,053.06
BALANCE	£10,768.73
 - c DECIDED: precept demand for 2023-24:
The council decided to increase the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax by 5% to account for increased costs to maintain current services. The impact of this will be as follows:

Previous precept total:	£10,000.00
New precept total:	£10,500.00
Previous Band D charge:	£50.00
New Band D charge:	£51.98
Difference per household (per year):	+£1.98
 - d To consider latest government payscales for clerks: deferred to next agenda
9. **Flood Alleviation Measures:** Steve Halls (NCC) has obtained the necessary funding and has produced new plans. He needs the PC to approve the plans so that work can start in April. The plans were approved by the council (proposed by CM and seconded by IC) and the clerk will confirm with Mr Halls. The start date will depend on the effect the work has on events at the hall, notably the Annual Beer Festival.

- 10. Football Lease:** ongoing
- 11. Playground Equipment Update:** no new equipment to be installed until Anglian Water have completed their work.
- 12. Highways and road safety issues:** CM and Adam Mayo of Highways to hold a site meeting; for the next agenda.
- 13. Bus shelter/Parish Partnership Scheme:** Clerk awaits information from Westcotec regarding contact with NCC and the bus company; also await NCC decision on Parish Partnership in March 2023.
- 14. Financial Assistance for MVH:** next agenda
- 15. Village Noticeboards:** next agenda
- 16. Replacement of council's laptop:** clerk to arrange invoice for next meeting. Of the options looked at, the council preferred the £349 choice (including software) and this figure will be at or near the acceptable price point.
- 17. Local Plan:** noted
- 18. Anglian Water Issues:** AW were originally going to go alongside the road but have now started to encroach on the play area and car park. The council await an expected email detailing their proposals for making good after the work (noticeboards, replacing fencing etc). DE will investigate whether the person representing the farmers could also represent the PC. For the next agenda.
- 19. Celebration of Coronation of King Charles III:** next agenda (perhaps in coordination with the MVH picnic)
- 20. Correspondence as circulated to councillors and late correspondence:** as above
- 21. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above
- 22. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 20 February 2023 at 7.30pm