

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Morley Village and Sports Hall
on Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury, District Cllr R Elliott

1. **To receive any apologies:** Cllr I Chapman (IC)
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 20 November 2023:** the minutes were agreed and signed
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** none
4. **Adjournment for public participation:** A flyer has been distributed to residents regarding road safety, Wymondham College and Chapel Road, and the fact that WC appears not to be adhering to conditions attached to planning consent for the Prep School. Residents gained the impression that the flyer was prepared by, or with the knowledge of, the PC but this was not the case, though the PC have been looking in to the same issues. CM is attempting to engage further with Highways on these and similar issues.
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury has submitted a written report which has been circulated to councillors. District Cllr Elliott informed the council that a budget consultation is currently underway, with details on the website. Pride in Place grants are currently available until the end of the month, and member's grant funding is available for small community projects.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** Item 12: lockable bollards to be installed in lieu of fencing to allow emergency access to football field – DE obtaining quotes with a view to applying for District Member's grant funding.
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:**
 - a. 2023/3837 – 24 Chapel Road rear extension and front porch (no comment)
 - b. FUL/2023/0048 Anglia Water pumping station to be decided by NCC (no comment)
 - c. Late applications - none
8. **Financial matters:**

a APPROVED Payments:

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Salary January 2024	£245.60
Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath	£20.00
TTSR	Grounds maint 3 of 4 2023	£291.00
High Oaks PCC	Annual contribution 2023 DEFERRED TO NEXT AGENDA*	£200.00
WJ Turner & Partners	Turner Field rental 2023	£160.00
The Play Inspection Co	Annual RoSPA inspection fee	£99.00

- Deferment for full discussion next meeting proposed by CM, seconded by DE

b NOTED bank balances as at 9 January 2024

current account	£6741.49
savings 1	£101.80
savings 2	£4091.65
Balance	£10,934.94

- c Precept demand for 2024-25: the council voted for an increase in the annual precept of 5%, with a new annual precept figure of £11,025 and an increase per Band D annual charge of £1.80. Proposed by CM and seconded by DE, all agreed

- d MVH contribution to annual insurance premium – they will be invoiced for 60% of the total premium. Proposed by CM and seconded by JB, all agreed

9. **Football Club Lease:** DE will forward documents to CM for follow-up
10. **Highways and road safety issues:** as discussed above; CM seeking a site meeting; DE is preparing a residents' survey but will hold until site meeting has been held.
11. **Flood Alleviation:** last week the car park flooded by about 4" but was almost drained by the next day, and there was no flooding on Hall Road. Tim Chenery reports a blocked pipe under the field but is unable to locate one end of the pipe. Possibility that John Smith will install second pipe running alongside the existing pipe along the private road to protect nearby property currently prone to flooding. Proposed by CM and seconded by DE that the PC support this. Work will continue to locate end of pipe. DE will speak to NCC's Steve Hall to request signage warning drivers against parking in flood area.
12. **Expansion of P Jewiss Group business at MVH:** The business needs additional space, possibly in part of the proposed extension to MVH. Meanwhile a small additional container would provide 50% extra space. The PC will support as long as access to/from the fire escape is not compromised.
13. **Water Meter at MVH:** there is a leak between the water meter and MVH. DE has alerted the insurers that it could cost £2k – either the meter needs to be moved or a new pipe installed. Anglian Water would charge £115 to do a survey – this was proposed by CM and seconded by JB
14. **Quote by TTSR for maintaining both churchyards:** awaited. Clerk will chase.
15. **Bus Shelter:** in principle we have go-ahead from NCC but need formal permission – clerk will follow up.
16. **Turner Field Play Equipment:** ongoing work needed in the spring. John Allison will obtain painter quote, and DH will help with repairs.
17. **Insurance:** ongoing
18. **Anglian Water:** bottle bank is still at Turner Field. JB will email Sarah at Savills. EL will obtain quote from Dale for noticeboard
19. **Correspondence as circulated to councillors and late correspondence:** as above, plus mail from Mr Shingleton re road safety
20. **Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above, plus invoice from BC for £252.00
21. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 19 February 2024 at 7.30pm