**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held observing social distancingat Morley Village and Sports Hall

at 7.30 pm on 20 July 2020

**Present:** David Eckles (DE) (Acting Chair),David Hastings (DH), Ellen Leary (EL), Brian Clarke (BL)

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

**1 To receive any apologies**: Craig McLeod (CM), Jon Blake (JB), Innes Chapman (IC), County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, District Cllr Richard Elliott

**2** **To accept the minutes from 15 June 2020:** The minutes were proposed by DH, seconded by DE and accepted unanimously and will be signed at the next full meeting by the Chair of the June meeting.

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

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

**5 Reports from District and County Councillors:** A Covid-19 Test & Trace centre has been set up on the outskirts of Norwich. Full text of July report below

**6 Matters Arising:** none

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

a 2020/0811 Wymondham College (update) – discharge of conditions relating to highway and pedestrian safety; the Case Officer had indicated that this would be re-examined on 10 June 2020 but still no new documents have appeared on the SNDC Planning portal. However work appears to have started at the site. Clerk to follow up.

b late planning applications if any (none)

**8 Financial Matters:**

a Payments APPROVED:

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary July/August 2020 | 389.72 |
| Norfolk ALC | annual subs | 178.29 |
| TTSR Ltd | grounds maintenance (2 invoices) | 1413.44 |
| Miss M D Purdy | internal audit | 50.00 |
| B L Clarke | hedgecutting (2019) | 216.00 |

b NOTE bank balances as at 15 July 2020:

current account £7889.43

savings 1 £48.76

savings 2 £100.73

Balance £8038.62

e Discussion of Parish Clerk’s salary deferred until the full council meet.

**9 Road Safety/Highways Issues:** SAM2 – next agenda

**10 Reopening of Play Area:** play equipment is now in use; DE will install signs regarding social distancing etc. DH will check reports of broken wooden rails. The hedge around the Turner Field playing area is overgrown and constitutes a risk as children cannot be seen from the road; BC will cut these hedges asap (proposed DE, seconded DH and agreed by all).

**11 Village Noticeboard maintenance:** Freddy West has offered to attend to these for £40, which the council agree to. However, he has been unwell since he made that offer. The clerk will check if he is still able to carry out the work and will give the go-ahead.

**12 Climbing Wall:** After some remedial work the wall has had an annual inspection. The first session is due to take place on 26 July (after the Hall reopens on 25 July).

**13 Morley Youth Football Club:** next agenda

**14 Maintenance issues around Village Hall**: deferred to the next full meeting

**15 Grant for Play Equipment**: deferred to the next full meeting (DE to follow up)

**16 Correspondence:** correspondence previously circulated to councillors was noted

**17 AOB/Items for next agenda**

hedge cutting (in addition to Turner Field as in item 10 above)

**16** **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday21 September 2020 at 7.30pm (details of arrangements to be confirmed)

**Full text of County Councillor’s Report July 2020**

Covid 19

Using the £3.7million allocated by the Government NCC is one of only 11 authorities setting up a Test and Trace system.

There is a Test Centre drive in at Postwick Park and Ride. If you have symptoms, self isolate, visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119 to book a test.

Monitoring and tracking people that those testing positive have been in contact with should help to prevent the spread of the virus by ensuring a quick response to contain infection but NCC has a Local Outbreak Control Plan ready in case there is a spike in COVID 19 cases. It sets out how we will work with districts, NHS, Public Health and emergency services to prevent local outbreaks to: Protect ourselves,  Protect others,   Protect Norfolk.   The plan can be found on NCC website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/control](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/control) plan.

Equality

Norfolk County Council is committed to equality and diversity and community cohesion. We have a Stop Hate in Norfolk protocol to encourage members of the public to report any hate incidents that they observe.

Libraries

The larger libraries, including Dereham and Wymondham, are opening where there is space for social distancing. People will need to take their library card to gain access and follow the one way systems.

Several library activities such as the Bounce and Rhyme and Stay and Chat will continue on line.

The children’s Summer reading Scheme will also be run on line this year although the council is also sending out some books with food parcels to families who do not have access to books on line.

Highways

The Parish Partnership Scheme is available again this year. Applications must be in by December.

Parking

The Fire Service is asking people to think before they park as they recently experienced difficulty in getting to a fire because cars were badly parked, they could not get through and had to reverse and find another access. Time is precious when they are attending a fire.

Recruitment of full-time fire fighters

We are currently advertising to fill some full time posts across the county. The role includes preventative work and dealing with a wide range of emergencies, not just putting out fires. There will be some taster sessions for people to find out more about the work. We would like to encourage more women and people from ethnic minorities to apply.

Economy

All councils across the county are working together to get the economy restarted so that businesses survive and people keep their jobs.

Cllr. Margaret Dewsbury

Cabinet Member for Communities and Partnerships

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