

# MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Morley Village and Sports Hall  
on Monday 17 July 2023 at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), District Cllr R Elliott

1. **To receive any apologies:**, County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury, Cllrs Chapman (IC), McLeod (CM)
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 19 June 2023:** with an additional note in item 9 (Football Club lease) relating to responsibility for pest control on the field, the minutes were signed
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** none
4. **Adjournment for public participation:**
  - Mr and Mrs Smith attended to seek clarification of the position as regards the payment made to Mr Evans for work he has carried out to maintain the churchyard. It was explained that as the PC's Financial Regulations do not allow payment for goods or services in advance, then as far as the PC was concerned, he had been paid in arrears, and therefore whatever he had been paid was his to keep.
  - A resident commented on the fact that wild flowers had been cut back on the new footpath. It was explained that this is privately owned land, and the management of the land is not properly the business of the PC.
  - The hedge bordering the old footway is encroaching and is potentially dangerous, with pedestrians having to step in to the road. BC will approach the landowner.
  - The permissive path is not maintained as well as it might be – TTSR will be asked to increase the maintenance.
  - Is the PC considering planting some trees? (next agenda)
  - Wymondham College have not honoured their commitment to provide bus pickup and setting down within Morley – can the new head be approached? (for CM on his return)
  - Can the 1629 map be placed on the PC website? Clerk will find out on receipt of information regarding the file size and format.
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** Cllr Elliott will look into the promise of a school bus service in Morley; there is grant funding for small projects, with an October closing date, and there is also the member's grant available.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:**
  - a 2023/1692 and 1693 Old Hall: repairs to collapsed moat wall – no comment (proposed by DE and seconded by JB)
8. **Financial matters:**
  - a Approved Payments: proposed by DE, seconded by JB)

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	salary July & August 2023	£491.20
TTSR	Grounds maint (2 of 4)	£835.28

- b NOTE bank balances as at 12 July 2023

current account	£tbc
savings 1	£tbc
savings 2	£tbc
Balance	£tbc

- c To note current banking situation with Barclays: Barclays have online access to the PC's accounts. Since February 2023 the clerk has been attempting to resolve issues with Barclays regarding checking of identity and address etc. The bank have failed to answer numerous emails. Awaiting a telephone call to resolve tomorrow. (next agenda)
- 9. Football Lease:** It has been agreed that responsibility for pest control on Derek Daniels Field will be transferred to the Football Club. The lease will include a requirement that MVH have access to the field for events when it is not in use by the Football Club.
- 10. Highways and road safety issues:** CM is following up with Highways especially regarding the pedestrian crossing and the boundaries between Morley and Besthorpe parishes – for the next agenda.
- 11. Flood Alleviation:** The work is now expected to start w/c 14 August – the paperwork requirements which have held up the start have now been resolved. Because of a function at MVH there is a deadline of 2 September. The football schedule will not be available until mid-August, but the carpark will be needed on 9 September. If car park is not ready by the deadline (if there are weather-related delays, for example) an alternative parking arrangement will be provided. Highways will pay for the materials for post and rail fencing – DE will forward quote to Steve Halls. The banked areas will be finished with a wild flower mix. Steve Halls is planning to prepare and distribute flyers to inform residents of details of the project.
- 12. Bus shelter/Parish Partnership Scheme:** new forms and photos have been submitted for permission for the installation.
- 13. Financial Assistance for MVH:** next agenda
- 14. Insurance:** next agenda
- 15. Anglian Water update:** AW have announced that when they need to remove turf at the Turner Field, they will strip and then replace it. DE will use some topsoil and turf from MVH for repairs to Turner Field and will also get some rubber matting to replace worn material.
- 16. Correspondence as circulated to councillors and late correspondence:** as above, plus a form from SNDC to confirm details of the spending of the Coronation Grant (handed to DE); clerk will complete and submit the annual Recycling Centre agreement.
- 17. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above including pest control, playground play equipment
- 18. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 18 September 2023 at 7.30pm