

MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Morley Village and Sports Hall on Monday 18 March 2024 at 7.30pm

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

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

1. **To receive any apologies:** Cllrs B Clarke (BC), I Chapman (IC), District Cllr R Elliott
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 19 February 2024:** the minutes were agreed and signed
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** DH in item 7b
4. **Adjournment for public participation:** The football field is currently too wet for use, with pooling in two areas. With the Beer Festival just weeks away this is a concern. DE informed the council that the blockage in the pipe under the field has been identified and photographed, between the hedge and the driveway on John Smith's land. Mr Smith is insured, and he will arrange contractors; however, a sudden release of water under pressure could endanger the contractors, so one or more pumps will be needed to control the flow. DE will obtain a quote for pump hire, initially for one week (see item 11 below). DE is also, via Steve Halls at NCC, in touch with SNDC Flooding expert Nathan Harris. Once pumping is underway, DE and Mr Smith will try pressure washing to clear the blockage as a test.
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury has submitted a written report which has been circulated to councillors.
6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:**
 - a 2024/0405 Carlton's Decoy, Attleborough Road, 2-storey extension – no comment
 - b 2024/0360 High Common Farm, change of use from agricultural (disused) to commercial – veterinary physiotherapy – no comment proposed by DE and seconded by CM
8. **Financial matters:**
 - a APPROVED payments (proposed by CM, seconded by DE)

payee	description	amount
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Salary March 2024	£245.60
Abate Limited	Pest control	£240.00
Gareth Roderick-Jones	Admin expenses/travel 2022-2024	£422.84
David Eckles	Reimbursement for grass seed	£15.99
 - b NOTED bank balances as at 12 March 2024

current account	£4,644.01
savings 1	£102.18
savings 2	£4,106.95
Balance	£8,853.14
 - c Proposal to adopt 2023 NALC pay scale (with clerk's pay adjusted to £13.28 per hour) and to automatically adjust to reflect future updates in the NALC pay scale proposed CM and seconded DE
9. **Football Club Lease:** next agenda
10. **Highways and road safety issues:** CM will contact Adam Mayo (Highways Engineer) to see that actions arising from the recent site meeting are followed up. JB will check the house number in Chapel Road where Anglian Water have blocked a drain with asphalt, and will discuss with Sarah at Savills.

- 11. Flood Alleviation** see Item 4 above; DE to arrange pump hire for one week initially at a cost of up to £250 – proposed by CM and seconded by JB
- 12. Flooding on Permissive Path:** There appears to be a blockage near the metal bridge so water is not flowing into the main ditch but is flooding the footpath. DH will ask BC to investigate.
- 13. Expansion of P Jewiss Group business at MVH:** ongoing
- 14. Water meter/Leak update:** ongoing
- 15. TTSR Quote for St Peter’s Churchyard:** felt to be excessive; clerk will contact TTSR to negotiate a quote on a reduced area of the churchyard or a reduced number of visits per year to bring the cost in line with St Botolph’s
- 16. Bus Shelter:** To accept the new quote from Westcotec including road closure/partial closure, and to inform them that the preference is for clear panels rather than solid. Proposed by CM and seconded by JB.
- 17. Insurance for PC/MVH update:** DE is working on a list of insurable assets held by MVH and by the PC. Clerk will forward Excel asset register to him. Asset Register needs to be updated.
- 18. Correspondence as circulated to councillors and late correspondence:** as above
- 19. Any other business (for information only)/items for next agenda:** as above, plus updating asset register (April or May); arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting; DE will provide quote for goalpost painting; place “Playground” on each future agenda; discuss hardcore for parking area at Turner Field once bottle banks have been moved.
- 20. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 15 April 2024 at 7.30pm