

# MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Morley Village and Sports Hall  
on Monday 20 November 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs D Eckles (DE) (Chair), J Blake (JB), E Leary (EL), I Chapman (IC), B Clarke (BC)

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

1. **To receive any apologies:** Cllr C McLeod (CM), D Hastings (DH), District Cllr R Elliott
2. **To accept and sign the minutes from 16 October 2023:** the minutes were agreed and signed
3. **To accept any declarations of interest:** none
4. **Adjournment for public participation:** A member of the public raised concerns about road safety and especially pedestrian safety on Golf Links Road/Chapel Road. The resident has spoken to the police and to County Cllr Dewsbury, and will email the clerk (to forward to CM and councillors; DE will draft a residents' survey.

Concerns were expressed that the recently installed flood prevention measures proved ineffective in the recent rainy weather. DE replied that adjustments had been made since the recent rain to improve the flow rate and monitoring would continue.

There is a dangerous dislodged manhole cover on the verge on High Oak. DE will discuss with CM to add to his list of items for Adam Mayo (NCC Highways).

Hedges on roadsides within Wicklewood Parish need to be cut – clerk will write to Wicklewood PC.

5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:** County Cllr Dewsbury reported that the Fire & Rescue Service were very busy as a result of the recent floods, and they have also been helping with the serious problems in Suffolk. The PC needs to remind landowners that ditches need to be kept clear.

A public budget consultation is underway.

NCC is supporting people in the county who find winter conditions hard to cope with by providing warm places in libraries, and through the Household Support Fund. The fleet of gritters has been increased ready for wintry conditions.

6. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:** none
7. **Planning matters previously circulated to the councillors:** none
8. **Financial matters:**

a APPROVED Payment (proposed IC, seconded DE)

| payee                 | description                     | amount  |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary November & December 2023 | £491.20 |

b NOTED bank balances as at 14 November 2023

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| current account | £7523.69    |
| savings 1       | £101.45     |
| savings 2       | £4077.45    |
| Balance         | £11, 702.59 |

9. **Football Lease:** ongoing
10. **Highways and road safety issues:** as discussed above; ongoing
11. **Flood Alleviation:** see item 4 above; also seeds are to be sown in spring (now too wet) and changes to be made to divert surface water from the football pitch.

12. **Additional Fencing Required:** at end of MVH to prevent parking on the football field, BC will provide a quote.
13. **Maintenance of St Peter's Churchyard:** clerk will contact TTSR to obtain a quote for including this in their schedule.
14. **Bus Shelter:** in principle we have go-ahead from NCC but need formal permission – clerk will follow up.
15. **Turner Field Play Equipment:** Swings and see-saw to be repainted in spring; half the rubber matting has been laid, and the rest will follow in the spring. The inspection company reported dangerous loose swing chains; JB will make more secure
16. **Insurance:** Corinna will obtain a quote for the MVH insurance to give us a starting point
17. **Winter Grant Available:** neither the PC nor MVH would be able to make good use of a grant
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 Mill Lane potholes (IC will check and submit report to NCC); precept demand for 2024-25
20. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.30pm