**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held remotely following government guidelines

at 7.30 pm on 19 October 2020

**Present:** Craig McLeod (CM) (Chair), David Eckles (DE),David Hastings (DH), Ellen Leary (EL), Jon Blake (JB)

**In attendance:** Gareth Roderick-Jones (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury

**1 To receive any apologies**: Brian Clarke (BL), Innes Chapman (IC), District Cllr Richard Elliott

**2** **To accept the minutes from 21 September 2020:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed as soon as possible.

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

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

**5 Reports from District and County Councillors:** reports have been received by email, and have been circulated to all councillors.

**6 Matters Arising:** none

**7 Planning matters:** none

**8 Wymondham College:** A remote meeting took place between Julie Taylor of Wymondham College and CM and JB representing the parish council. Constructive discussions confirmed that the footways and other pedestrian safety measures are still a part of the College’s commitment to the community to help to offset their planned expansion; they have brought in a highways consultant to oversee this aspect. There will be further meetings, monthly before each scheduled PC meeting.

**9 Financial Matters:**

a Payments APPROVED: proposed by CM and seconded by DE, all agreed

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary September 2020 | 194.86 |
| Poppy Appeal  | remembrance wreath | 17.00 |
| Action Play and Leisure Ltd | play equipment repairs – spare parts | 126.00 |
| Morley Village and Sports Hall | donation (see item 9d) | 1,000.00 |

 NB clerk will contact Roger Cordey to order wreath as usual

b NOTED bank balances as at 13 October 2020:

 current account £10,470.48

 savings 1 £48.77

 savings 2 £100.74

 Balance £10,629.99

c NOTED: receipt of half yearly precept of £4,828.50

d Village Hall: financial assistance and development. Although the hall is benefitting from being open and well used compared to other halls in the area, income is still reduced this year, and there are projects the PC would like to support including new signage and the possibility of a new play area. The Parish Council will make a one-off donation towards these and other projects of £1,000; proposed by CM and seconded by DH, all agreed. The clerk will contact the VH Treasurer to arrange the paperwork.

e To discuss Parish Clerk’s salary. It was proposed to increase the clerk’s hourly rate of pay to bring it into line with pay scales negotiated between NALC and the government and currently in use. The new hourly rate of £10.57 was proposed by DE and seconded by DH, and agreed by all.

f NOTED: The current balances above include £3199.34 CIL monies which need to be allocated to infrastructure projects, which could include repairs to fencing to improve safety at the hall and play area.

**10 New Sign for Village Hall:** The VH Committee will forward the application and associated papers to the clerk for processing.

**11 Fencing Repairs at MVH:** BC has been asked to quote for repairs to fences; also the present fencing around the old Bowls Club area will need to be removed and the remainder of the perimeter fencing in that area replaced. The Football Club are looking into this; BC will assist. For the next agenda.

**12 MVH Hedge Cutting:** DE will discuss with BC as the front hedge facing Golf Links Road is now overgrown.

**13 Village Hall Proposed Play Area:** The VH Committee have identified a need for children’s activities at the hall, especially during weddings and other functions, and at various children’s clubs. There are areas which will not be used by the Football Club. The parish council have no objection to this, and the VH Committee with keep the PC informed as to progress.

**14 Fencing around Play Areas:** This work has been carried out.

**15 Golf Links Road: Wymondham College Traffic**: JB has installed the SAM2 to gather traffic data.

**16 Grant for Play Equipment**: ongoing; to be added to the next agenda.

**17 Correspondence:** correspondence previously circulated to councillors was noted; the annual play equipment report was received today and has been forwarded to all councillors. To be added to the next agenda.

**18 AOB/Items for next agenda:** as noted above

**19** **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday16 November 2020 at 7.30pm (details of arrangements to be confirmed)