**Morley Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Morley Village Hallat 7.30 pm on 16 September 2019

**Present:** Craig McLeod (CM) (Chair),Jon Blake (JB), David Hastings (DH), David Eckles (DE), Ellen Leary (EL), Brian Clarke (BC), Innes Chapman (IC)

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

**1 To receive any apologies**: District Cllr Richard Elliott, County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury

**2** **To accept and sign the minutes from 15 July 2019:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and signed.

**3** **To accept any declaration(s) of interests:** DE declared an interest in item 9b

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

**5 Reports from District and County Councillors:** none

**6 Matters Arising** none

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

a 2019/1476 Morley Village and Sports Hall, siting of storage containers (no comment)

b 2019/1719 Wymondham College, construction of Prep School and associated works

The council will lodge an objection based on the following:

* the numbers quoted in the pedestrian survey carried out before the application have already been exceeded;
* an effective traffic control system needs to be put in place at the major bottleneck at the junction between London Road and Golf Links Road, in particular to enable traffic to turn right out of Golf Links Road towards Besthorpe: currently traffic is unable to exit Golf Links Road at this junction and many drivers are now looking for alternative routes through Morley village;
* effective traffic control is also required on Golf Links Road where the road narrows between the College and the village where current measures have failed to prevent regularly reported near misses;
* the application mentions a trod to run along Golf Links Road between the College and the London Road junction, but insufficient detail of the route and timescale are given; there remains the equally important issue of pedestrian safety between the College and Morley village;
* there is no information about signage and other traffic calming measures which will be needed to mitigate the effects of increased traffic;
* “encouraging car sharing” is cited as one means by which the College expects to reduce traffic: this sounds laudable in principle but it is unclear how this will work in practice

The clerk will request a site visit by NCC Highways to discuss these issues and to seek solutions and will also ascertain if this application will lead to a CIL payment or if it has been given exemption.

Individual councillors are encouraged to make their own opinions known by submitting comments to SNDC.

c 2019/1554 3 Chapel Road extension to dwelling (no comment)

**8 Financial Matters:**

a Approval of Payments (APPROVED):

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| **payee** | **description** | **amount** |
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary Sept 2019 | 194.36 |
| TTSR Ltd | grounds maintenance | 691.98 |
| Abate | pest control | 120.00 |

b NOTED: bank balances as at 11 September 2019

current account £1329.79

savings 1 £48.71

savings 2 £100.61

Balance £1478.11

**9 Road Safety/Highways Issues**

a SAM2: Statistics will be downloaded. For the next agenda.

b Flooding: a detailed report on findings and recommendations following the flooding on 2 June 2019 has been received and circulated. There are some questions on matters of detail within the report, which require clarification. DE will draft a response for the clerk to submit. For the next agenda.

c Speed limit on Deopham Road – for the next agenda: clerk will follow up with County Cllr Dewsbury who was looking into a 20mph limit either side of the Primary School

**10 South Norfolk Climbing Club (SNCC) Governance Documentation:** Discussions between MVH Cttee and SNCC are ongoing; to be added to the next agenda

**11 Renewal of Community Asset Status of The Buck PH:** Current listing expires December 2019; the clerk will check the procedure and timing with SNDC and inform CM, who will complete the paperwork.

**12 Community Woodland:** DH has spoken to David Jones at Morley Research, who does not believe the woodland is open to the public. He was going to check with a trustee but has not yet come back with a response. DH to follow up. EL and IC also to speak to the Primary School. For the next agenda.

**13 Morley Village and Sports Hall:**

a The AGM is on 7 October and all are welcome.

b The slabs forming a path alongside the hall have worked loose and are now hazardous. They can be lifted and replaced with gravel when the main gravelling job (already approved) is carried out. BC will price this additional work. For the next agenda.

c Derek Daniels Field sign. If this is affixed to the main building it will free up two oak posts, which can then be donated to St Botolph’s Church. The MVH Committee meeting at which this was to be discussed has been deferred but this will be discussed before the next PC meeting. For the next agenda.

**14 Litterpick Equipment:** The clerk has submitted a request for £198 worth of litterpicking equipment, and has followed this up. SNDC have run out of equipment but it should soon be ready for collection.

**15 Book exchange:** Freddy West has generously offered to make a weather-proof book exchange cabinet for the community, to be sited at the recycling centre. The clerk will write to thank him.

**16 Drone Flying over Playing Field:** DE has received a request for a drone pilot to practise flying over the playing field. The council have no objection as long as this is done subject to norms and regulations, and as long as there are no objections from residents. DE will respond accordingly.

**17 Repairs to Play Equipment:** reports were received that one of the play equipment uprights had worked loose. JB checked the equipment and could not find the problem. Will monitor.

**15 Correspondence:** correspondence previously circulated to councillors was noted.

**16 AOB/Items for next agenda**

Review of governance documentation; pond at Robert Andrew Close needs clearing out – EL will speak to Saffron;the clock at St Botolph’s is not working – DE will check.

**17** **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 21 October 2019 at 7.30pm.