



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 25 January 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton on Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chairman), J Sanderson, K Weston, P Weighell,
A Ross
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale
County Councillor: A Wilkinson
District Councillor: B Phillips
Public: 2 members of the public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
23 / 01 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.	
23 / 02 Declarations of Business Interests	There were no declarations of business interests.	
23 / 03 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. <i>Resolved: That with the addition of a planning application, the minutes be agreed as an accurate record. These would be amended and signed off at the next meeting.</i>	
23 / 04 Matters Arising	Litterpicking There was nothing to report regarding litter-picking. Playground It was noted that the quarterly inspection had taken place and the report received. There were no major issues with one seat on the swing to be replaced. A quotation had been received at £65 plus £20 delivery plus VAT. It was noted that the pruning of the willow-tunnel would be undertaken by the Chairman. <i>Resolved: To go ahead with the repair to the swing.</i> Community Resilience Plan It was noted that the meeting due to be held prior to Christmas would be rearranged. Village Signage It was noted that clarification had been received from the Local Authority that the village signs could be repaired but not completely renewed. A quotation had been sought for the repairs at a cost of £650 plus VAT.	Chair Clerk Clerk

	<p>Resolved: That the quotation be accepted and that the work be undertaken.</p> <p>Defibrillator It was noted that the defibrillator would need to be moved from its current position. The Chair had sought clarification from the Local Authority as to whether this could be fed from a lamp-post. This had been confirmed at a cost of approximately £400 plus £10-£20 per annum for electricity. The site ascertained was opposite the Whites property.</p> <p>AS sought clarification regarding the maintenance of the defibrillator. It was noted that the RFO is the guardian, checking the unit on a regular basis. The cabinet is changed every eight years and the battery every 5 years. The unit had been installed in 2015.</p> <p>Resolved: The Clerk to contact the Local Authority to ask for this work to be undertaken.</p>	Clerk
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23 / 05 Police Report	<p>Circulated: The Police Report The police report was noted.</p>	
23 / 06 Finance	<p>The following financial information was circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bank Reconciliation for January 2023 ➤ Budgetary Update as at January 2023 ➤ RFO Report to Council – January 2023 <p>Budgetary Update The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current A/C Balance – £787.71 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £8911.16 ➤ Petty Cash - £49.60 ➤ Payments pending - - £548.00 ➤ Receipts pending - £00.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £9200.47 <p>At this point the RFO explained about an alleged unpaid invoice which was not recognised. This was from a company specialising in digital mapping. After a discussion with the company, it had been agreed that this would be waived but the Parish Council had been offered a three month free subscription then £40 per year.</p> <p>It was noted that there was currently £297 of ring-fenced funding available for the play-park. It was suggested that this be allocated to the repairs to the zip-wire.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the invoices for the previous month be approved as set out in the bank reconciliation. (b) That the three-month subscription would be accepted to see if the digital mapping would be useful. (c) That the ring-fenced play-park funding should be allocated to the repairs to the zip-wire. 	RFO
23 / 07 Public Forum	There were no items from the public.	

23 / 08 Planning	There were no planning applications to note.	
23 / 09 Correspondence	All correspondence had been circulated and was noted.	
23 / 10 Member Reports	<p>Tree It was noted that the Clerk was still trying to clarify the ownership of a tree which required some work. A quotation of £530 plus VAT had been received for the removal should this belong to the Parish Council. It was also noted that the hedge-cutting had been undertaken.</p> <p>Resolved: That once clarification had been received the work be undertaken subject to procurement rules.</p> <p>North Yorkshire Council The Chairman asked for an update on the merger of the two Councils. County Councillor Wilkinson explained the on-going work with information available on the North Yorkshire Council website. This included the links for websites and the workstreams taking place. It was also noted that the next NYC webinar would take place on 9 February 2023 10.00 – 1.00 pm.</p>	Clerk / RFO
23 / 11 Future Meeting Dates	<p>Wednesday 29 March 2023 Wednesday 31 May 2023</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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