



# Morton-On-Swale

## Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 23 March 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm  
At Morton on Swale Village Hall**

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

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
<b>22 / 12 Welcome / Apologies for Absence</b>	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Roger Dale.	
<b>22 / 13 Declarations of Interest</b>	There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>22 / 14 Police Report</b>	The Police report had been circulated for information and noted. A copy would be placed on the Parish website.	
<b>22 / 15 Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 March 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting.  <b><i>Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.</i></b>	
<b>22 / 16 Matters Arising</b>	<b>Meadowfields</b> It was noted that the hedge at St Helens had been removed.  <b>Litter-picking</b> It was noted that due to reports of increased dog fouling the dog warden from Hambleton District Council had been informed. Spray painting would take place and it was suggested that a leaflet drop be undertaken.  <b>Playground</b> The following was noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The willow tunnel had been cut back by Northdale.</li><li>➤ There was still an issue with a finger trap on the roundabout.</li><li>➤ The next quarterly inspection was due in two weeks' time.</li><li>➤ The handyman would repair both gates the next day.</li><li>➤ A quotation for a repair to the zip wire had been received at £500 plus VAT. The inspector had been asked to look at this at the next inspection to see what was actually required.</li><li>➤ The handyman had been asked to spray the park.</li></ul>	

	<p><b>Parish Council Vacancy</b> It was noted that two expressions of interest had been received for the vacancy. The information had been circulated to Councillors.</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: That the vacancy be left unfilled until after the local elections on Thursday 5 May 2022. The Clerk would inform the candidates of their options.</i></b></p> <p><b>Community Resilience Plan</b> Further work had been undertaken on the Community Resilience Plan and the updated draft had been circulated to Parish Councillors for their comments.</p> <p><b>Queen's Jubilee Tree</b> The Queen's Jubilee tree had been planted that day. The plaque would arrive later. The handyman had been asked to quote for a tree guard which would be paid for by Hambleton District Council.</p>	Clerk
22 / 17 Public Forum	<p><b>Parking</b> A request had been received to make the two parking spaces outside the Village Hall into disabled spaces. The correspondence had been acknowledged and it was agreed to pass on to the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>It was felt that a polite remainder should be sent to The Dales School asking them not to park in the layby outside school.</p>	
22 / 18 Finance	<p><b>Invoices Received Since the Previous Meeting</b> <b><i>Circulated: The updated accounts for the 2021/22 year end and the Bank Reconciliation as at 8 March 2022</i></b> The receipts and payments information was noted. <b><i>Resolved: That all the invoices received since the previous meeting be agreed unanimously.</i></b></p> <p><b>Budgetary Update</b> The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current A/C Balance – £893.56</li> <li>➤ BMM A/C Balance - £8,347.62</li> <li>➤ Petty Cash - £49.60</li> <li>➤ Cheques not yet presented - £0</li> <li>➤ Balance C/F - £9,290.78</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the current level of allowable petty cash stood at £100. The RFO was suggesting that this be lowered to £50.</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: That the petty cash allowance be £50 with immediate effect.</i></b></p> <p><b>Website</b> It was noted that the new website is now live and fully functional. All relevant archived content had been transferred. The photo competition had been completed with the winning photographs included on the website along with some of the other photographs received. Thanks were expressed to Councillors Phillips and Wilkinson for judging the competition.</p> <p>The main outstanding task is to arrange for the activation of logins to the new website for all Councillors and the Clerk and to</p>	

	<p>arrange some training for Councillors and the Clerk to enable them to use the website going forward.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked to place on record their thanks to Roger Dale for his hard work to enable the new website to be functional prior to the year end.</p>	
<b>22 / 19 Planning</b>	There were no planning applications to note.	
<b>22 / 20 Correspondence</b>	All correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors for their attention.	
<b>22 / 21 Member Reports</b>	<p><b>Flooding</b> It was noted that discussions would be required regarding the improvements from Leeming Bar to the M6 and the fact that the A684 had not been included. There were also issues around the placing of signage during the recent flooding at Morton on Swale.</p> <p><b>Community Payback Team</b> It was noted that due to Covid restraints the Community Payback Team were unable to undertake work in places where they would need to be transported.</p>	
<b>22 /22 Future Meeting Dates</b>	<p>Wednesday 18 May 2022 (Annual Meeting)</p> <p>Wednesday 27 July 2022</p> <p>Wednesday 28 September 2022</p> <p>Wednesday 30 November 2022</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	<b>Parish Council</b>

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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