



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 31 May 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton on Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), J Sanderson, P Weighell, K Weston
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale
County Councillor: A Wilkinson
Public: 1 member of the public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
23 / 23 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Council vacancy was going through due process with the deadline for expressions of interest to North Yorkshire Council being 15 June 2023.</p>	
23 / 24 Elect a Chair / Vice-Chair	<p>Councillor Poulter expressed an interest to continue as Chair for the forthcoming year. As there were no further nominations he was duly elected. It was noted that the Parish Council does not elect a Vice Chair.</p>	
23 / 25 Declarations of Business Interests	<p>There were no declarations of business interests.</p>	
23 / 26 Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 March 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That with the addition of information regarding the purchasing of a further dog waste dispenser, the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</i></p>	
23 / 27 Matters Arising	<p>Litterpicking There was nothing to report regarding litter-picking, but dog waste continues to be an issue. The cost of a further dog waste bin would be approximately £310 and could be placed in St Helens next to the snicket. CIL funding could be used to purchase a bin.</p> <p>Playground There were one or two issues with posts on the climbing equipment and a post on one of the swings.</p>	

	<p>➤ Notification of Dates for Exercise of Public Rights</p> <p>(a) It was noted that the internal audit report had been carried out with a recommendation that it would be appropriate to dispense with the petty cash account.</p> <p>Resolved: To dispense with the petty cash account in accordance with the Internal Auditor's recommendation and to change the Financial Regulations to reflect this move. The remainder of the petty cash would be used on administrative expenses.</p> <p>(b) The Certificate of Exemption to be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2023 had been shared.</p> <p>(c) The Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 had been shared with Council.</p> <p>(d) The Accounting Statements for 2022/23 had been shared.</p> <p>(e) The notification date for the exercise of public rights was noted.</p> <p>Budgetary Update</p> <p>The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <table data-bbox="437 936 1145 1137"> <tr> <td>➤ Current A/C Balance –</td> <td>£1326.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ BMM A/C Balance -</td> <td>£11372.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Petty Cash -</td> <td>£49.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Payments pending -</td> <td>- 746.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Receipts pending -</td> <td>£00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Balance C/F -</td> <td>£12992.16</td> </tr> </table> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>(a) To dispense with the petty cash account in accordance with the Internal Auditor's recommendation and to change the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to reflect this. The remainder of the petty cash would be used on administrative expenses.</p> <p>(b) That the Certificate of Exemption be agreed.</p> <p>(c) That the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/we be agreed.</p> <p>(d) That the accounting statements for 2022/23 be agreed.</p> <p>(e) That the notification date for the exercise of public rights would commence on 19 June 2023.</p> <p>(f) That the budgetary update be noted.</p> <p>(g) That the receipts and payments list be agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Grasscutting</p> <p>It was noted that there would be a contribution from North Yorkshire Council for the grasscutting (for cutting visibility areas).</p> <p>Resolved: To give 50% of the contribution to The Green Association.</p>	➤ Current A/C Balance –	£1326.75	➤ BMM A/C Balance -	£11372.69	➤ Petty Cash -	£49.60	➤ Payments pending -	- 746.88	➤ Receipts pending -	£00.00	➤ Balance C/F -	£12992.16	
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23 / 30 Planning	There had been no planning applications received.													

23 / 31 Correspondence	All correspondence had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors for their information.	
23 / 32 Member Reports	There were no member reports.	
23 / 33 Future Meeting Dates	Wednesday 26 July 2023 Wednesday 27 September 2023 All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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