



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 27 September 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton on Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), P Weighell, H Rees Jones, J Sanderson
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert / R Dale Absent
County Councillor: Absent
Public: 2 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
23 / 44 Welcome / Apologies for Absence / Introductions	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Haydn Rees Jones to his first meeting.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from County Councillor Wilkinson and RFO R Dale Non-attendance: Councillor K Weston.</p>	
23 / 45 Declarations of Business Interests	<p>There were no declarations of business interests.</p>	
23 / 46 Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 July 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</i></p>	
23 / 47 Matters Arising	<p>Litterpicking There was nothing to report regarding litter-picking.</p> <p>Playground The Clerk had met with Streetscape to clarify some of the decisions by the inspector. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ To contact Blueberry to ascertain their views on the issue in the inspection report regarding the roundabout.➤ To seek information about signage for the fitness equipment.➤ To ask the contractor to undertake spraying.➤ To undertake work to the Willow Tunnel.➤ To seek to undertake work to the tree covering the streetlight. <p>Community Resilience Plan The Clerk would undertake the final amendments to the CRP.</p> <p>Village Signage</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>The work to the village signage had commenced and would continue.</p> <p>Railings SGS to be reminded about the work to the white railings and spraying of the cobbles.</p> <p>Dog Waste Incidents had been reported.</p> <p>Parish Council Vacancy It was noted that the Parish Council vacancy had now been filled.</p>	Clerk
<p>23 / 48 Police Report / Public Forum</p>	<p>Three items had been raised prior to the meeting:</p> <p>Wensleydale Railway – concerns about Station Road and overgrown shrubbery and litter.</p> <p>The Old Royal George – concerns about the volume of live music on 19 August. To be monitored.</p> <p>Electric Charging Cable – concern about running an electric charging cable across a public footpath.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>23 / 49 Finance</p>	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accounts Summary – September 2023 ➤ Bank Reconciliation for September 2023 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – September 2023 ➤ Receipts – September 2023 ➤ RFO Report to the Parish Council including the draft precept calculations for 2024/25 <p>Budgetary Update The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current A/C Balance – £647.56 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £8,749.31 ➤ Petty Cash - £37.92 ➤ Payments pending - -£313.15 ➤ Receipts pending - £00.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £9,121.64 <p>It was noted that the CIL funds would need to be spent. The following suggestions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Litterbins x 2 (Meadowfield / Cromwell) ➤ Playpark signage ➤ Seat for Meadowfields ➤ Items requested by Ainderby Primary School ➤ Dog waste bin <p>The following donations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ainderby Church - £350 ➤ Village Hall - £600 <p>The draft precept was presented to Council and would be confirmed at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>23 / 50</p>	<p>It was noted that the VAS signage would need to be monitored.</p>	

Highway Matters		
23 / 51 Planning	Concern was expressed about the planning application for the small development which had stated a move for the VAS machine. The Clerk had contacted Darren Griffiths who had informed her that the VAS machine could not be moved towards the bridge and would be informing planning of this.	
23 / 52 Correspondence	All correspondence had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors for their information. A letter had been received from Ainderby Primary School asking for a donation. This would be discussed at the November meeting.	
23 / 53 Member Reports	There was an issue with a hedge growing over the footpath on the north side of the A684.	Clerk
23 / 54 Future Meeting Dates	Wednesday 29 November 2023. All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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