



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 31 January 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton on Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), P Weighell, H Rees Jones, J Sanderson,
K Weston
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale
NY Councillor: A Wilkinson
Public: 6 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
24 / 01 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.	
24 / 02 Declarations of Business Interests	There were no declarations of business interests / dispensations.	
24 / 03 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting. <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</i>	
24 / 04 Matters Arising	Litterpicking DP reported on the status of litterpicking with around two bags a week being collected. The Parish Council asked to thank the litterpickers for their work. Playground <i>Shared: The play equipment inspection report.</i> Blueberry had informed the Clerk of their charges for attending to look at the roundabout and the suggested fingertrap which is showing on the annual report but not the quarterly reports. In the meantime the Clerk had asked Streetscape to discuss this issue further with the Playground Inspector before any further action is taken. The quarterly inspection report had been received and was noted. Concern was expressed about some of the wooden posts that were rotting. The Clerk to clarify as to the guarantee for the equipment. It was suggested that caps would need to be put on the posts.	Clerk

	<p>It was noted that there were moles in the park. The contractor would be asked to investigate.</p> <p>The mulching and trip hazards on the report would be undertaken by the handyman.</p> <p>A quotation for the fitness equipment signage had been sought and was awaited.</p> <p>It was noted that a further year of inspections had been booked but had asked the contractor to give more notice for his visits.</p> <p>Community Resilience Plan The final draft of the CRP would be available before the next meeting.</p> <p>Dog Waste It was noted that dog waste was getting worse and new signage was required. It was suggested that a publicity exercise be undertaken and engage with the children.</p>													
<p>24 / 05 Police Report / Public Forum</p>	<p>There was no police report.</p> <p>Concern had been expressed about the time it had taken to open the road following the most recent flooding. Cllr Wilkinson explained that it had taken time to clean the road due to the pressure of the flooding across the County and that the clean-up contained hazardous waste and as such must be disposed of safely.</p>													
<p>24 / 06 Finance</p>	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accounts Summary – January 2024 ➤ Bank Reconciliation for January 2024 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – January 2024 ➤ Receipts – January 2024 ➤ RFO Report to the Parish Council – January 2024 ➤ Schedule of Routine Payments for 2024/25. <p>Budgetary Update The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">➤ Current A/C Balance –</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£446.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ BMM A/C Balance -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,057.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Petty Cash -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Payments pending -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£8.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Receipts pending -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>➤ Balance C/F -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,523.04</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was noted that the CIL funds had been allocated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 x litter / dog waste bin - £315.00 ➤ 1 x Storyteller's Seat - £546.00 ➤ 2 x bench seats - £1,000.00 <p style="text-align: right;">Total: £1,861.00</p> <p>The Council spending was in line with budget, with some maintenance funding still unspent.</p> <p>A suggestion regarding traffic calming with CIL funding was noted. It was also suggested that a meeting be set up with the</p>	➤ Current A/C Balance –	£446.81	➤ BMM A/C Balance -	£9,057.99	➤ Petty Cash -	£26.24	➤ Payments pending -	-£8.00	➤ Receipts pending -	£00.00	➤ Balance C/F -	£9,523.04	
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	<p>candidates for the mayor to discuss the speeding issues in Morton-on-Swale. Cllr Wilkinson to send through information on traffic monitoring. The VAS data to be analysed.</p> <p>The request for a donation from the CAB was noted.</p> <p>Resolved: That the schedule of routine payments for 2024/25 be approved.</p>	RD
24 / 07 Highway Matters	<p>It was noted that the bus service had not run when the road was closed. This had been shared with NYC who were awaiting a response from the contractor. It had been suggested that an additional service be put in place when the road is closed and that a car share scheme be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson outlined the recent meeting with Parish Councils affected by the flooding which had been attended by Councillors Poulter and Sanderson. There had been 12 closures for a period of 36 hours since 2015. There would be various phases of a feasibility study including reviewing signage, realigning and elevation of the road itself, measure of traffic, the economic impact of road closures, local intelligence, public consultation. A report of the meeting would be circulated in due course. Councillor Weston to set up a meeting.</p>	KW
24 / 08 Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ZB24/00013/FUL – Trelawney – No objections ➤ Whites Butchers – Change of use – This application had been granted 	
24 / 09 Correspondence	All correspondence had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors for their information.	
24 / 10 Member Reports	<p>Friends of Morton-on-Swale Village</p> <p>It was noted that fundraising would take place with three to four events across the year including a Village Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween and Scarezone and a Christmas event. There was an open invitation to all parishioners to attend the Friends meetings and events.</p>	
24 / 11 Future Meeting Dates	<p>Wednesday 27 March 2024.</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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