



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 29 November 2023 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
County Councillor: Apologies
Public: 2 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
23 / 55 Welcome / Apologies for Absence / Introductions	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from County Councillor Wilkinson.	
23 / 56 Declarations of Business Interests	There were no declarations of business interests.	
23 / 57 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 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>	
23 / 58 Matters Arising	Litterpicking There was nothing to report regarding litter-picking. Playground A telephone conversation with Bluberry had been booked to discuss the roundabout. The annual inspection was still showing a finger-trap, but Bluberry had said this had been rectified. Clarification was required. Signage was discussed as this was required for the adult exercise equipment. It was suggested that a quotation be sought for A3 signage. The playpark had been sprayed but a rail was still required on the wooden goalpost. Railings It was noted that the railings had been painted. The stones still required some cleaning work.	

	<p>Village Signage Work to the village signage had now been completed.</p> <p>Community Resilience Plan The Clerk would undertake the final amendments to the CRP.</p>	
23 / 59 Police Report / Public Forum	There had been no police report received and no items from parishioners.	
23 / 60 Finance	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accounts Summary – November 2023 ➤ Bank Reconciliation for November 2023 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – November 2023 ➤ Receipts – November 2023 ➤ RFO Report to the Parish Council including the 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 – £345.33 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £13,299.31 ➤ Petty Cash - £30.73 ➤ Payments pending - -£8.00 ➤ Receipts pending - £00.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £13,667.37 <p>It was noted that the CIL funds would need to be spent. The following suggestions were:</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>Resolved: That the CIL funding be used to purchase the above products.</p> <p>It was noted that the new NALC pay scales for staff had been implemented. Backpay had been calculated on the new rates from April to September 2023.</p> <p>The end of year balance was looking to be £6,818.27 which was in line with the overall budget for 2023/24.</p> <p>The Locality Fund remains unspent, but the work had been undertaken.</p> <p>The precept for 2024/25 had been drafted and discussed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: To set a precept for 2024/25 of £11,000 which was a 4.76% increase.</p> <p>A donation to the CAB would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
23 / 61 Highway Matters	It was noted that a meeting had been arranged to discuss flooding. The Chair to attend.	

23 / 62 Planning	There were no planning applications to consider.	
23 / 63 Correspondence	All correspondence had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors for their information. Morton Green Association – thank you email for the donation for grasscutting.	
23 / 64 Member Reports	There were no member reports.	
23 / 65 Future Meeting Dates	Wednesday 31 January 2024 Wednesday 27 March 2024 All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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