



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 27 March 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton on Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), H Rees Jones, J Sanderson,
K Weston
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale
NY Councillor: A Wilkinson
Public: 8 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
24 / 12 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Councillor P Weighell.	
24 / 13 Declarations of Business Interests	There were no declarations of business interests / dispensations.	
24 / 14 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 31 January 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. <i>Resolved: That with one amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</i>	
24 / 15 Matters Arising	Litterpicking There was nothing to report. Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ It was suggested that the playground inspection report be sent to Bluberry regarding the issue with the roundabout.➤ Some of the signage on the gates would need to be replaced.➤ Work to alleviate the mole issue had been undertaken.➤ Work to the Willow Tunnel had been undertaken along with trimming of other shrubs.➤ A few more plants were required for the tubs. Community Resilience Plan The final draft of the CRP was being finalised. Dog Waste Dog waste was still an issue. The Clerk to contact the dog warden about markings.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

	<p>Speeding The letter of invitation had been drafted for the combined authority Mayor candidates. It was suggested that feedback from the villages should be sought before the meeting takes place.</p> <p>The Clerk had requested the black box to be installed to look at the speed of vehicles through the village.</p> <p>Friends of Morton on Swale A Friends of Morton on Swale group was in the early stages of being set up with the following events in the pipeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Easter Egg trail in the play park – Sunday 31 March 2024. ➤ Raffle / Bingo in the pub. ➤ Summer event / fun day. <p>Meetings would take place on the first Saturday of the month and a request had been made for funding to be received through the Parish Council to be repaid. This was to ensure there was essential infrastructure in place to hold the events.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the Parish Council would fund Friends of Morton the sum of £500 for initial set up to be repaid.</i></p>	KW
<p>24 / 16 Police Report / Public Forum</p>	<p>Police - There was no police report.</p> <p>No 73 Bus Service Concern was expressed about the Number 73 bus service which was changing from a half hour service to hourly. It was also noted that the Number 54 bus service from Kirby Fleetham would not be stopping in Morton and that the Number 53 bus service from Leeming to Northallerton would discontinue with effect from 6 April 2024.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the Parish Council would write to Proctors to ask if they would stop in Morton on Swale.</i></p> <p>School Signage Concern was expressed regarding the amount of signage for The Dales School and that speeding is an issue at school times. The Parish Council was doing everything it could regarding the speeding through the village and it was suggested a further meeting should take place with the agencies to discuss the matter again.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>24 / 17 Clerk's Report</p>	<p>The Clerk reported on her attendance at the Parish Workshop on 19 February 2024. The following topics had been discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Potholes ➤ Pest Control / Dog Warden ➤ Highway Safety Inspection Manual ➤ Budget information ➤ Parish Portal developments ➤ Communication issues ➤ Central Planning Team – restructure ➤ Utility repair 	

	Resolved: That the Parish Council would include the link for the Highway Safety Inspection Manual onto the website.	
24 / 18 Finance	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accounts Summary – March 2024 ➤ Bank Reconciliation for March 2024 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – 2023/2024 ➤ Receipts – 2023/2024 ➤ RFO Report to the Parish Council – March 2024 ➤ Accounts for year ending 31 March 2024 ➤ Fixed Asset Register <p>Budgetary Update The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current A/C Balance – £234.37 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £8,108.52 ➤ Petty Cash - £8.29 ➤ Payments pending - -£8.00 ➤ Receipts pending - £00.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £8,343.18 <p>It was noted that the budget target for the year end was on track. A meeting with the internal auditor would take place on 9 April 2024.</p> <p>Resolved: That the budget information and year end accounts be noted.</p>	
24 / 19 Highway Matters	There were no other highways matters to note.	
24 / 20 Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ZB24/00013/FUL – Trelawney – Granted ➤ ZB23/01667/REM – Land and building West of Brigadoon - Granted 	
24 / 21 Correspondence	All correspondence had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors for their information.	
24 / 22 Member Reports	It was noted that the path between Ainderby Steeple and Morton on Swale had been cleaned up but that the edging was corroding. The turf had unfortunately been put onto the grass verge which would be in the way of the grasscutting. This had been resolved.	
24 / 23 Future Meeting Dates	<p>Wednesday 29 May 2024 – Annual Meeting.</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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