



# Morton-On-Swale

## Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 24 September 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm  
At Morton-on-Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), K Weston, H Rees, K Weston,  
P Weighell, J Sanderson  
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale  
NY Councillor: Apologies  
Public: 7 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
<b>25 / 54 Welcome / Apologies for Absence</b>	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.  Apologies had been received from NY Councillor Annabel Wilkinson.	
<b>25 / 55 Declarations of Business Interests</b>	There were no declarations of business interests / dispensations.	
<b>25 / 56 Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 July 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting.  <b><i>Resolved: The minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</i></b>	
<b>25 / 57 Matters Arising</b>	<b>Litterpicking</b> There had been an issue with litter in the playpark, but things are starting to improve.  <b>Playground</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The work to the play equipment had not yet been undertaken but communication had taken place with the contractor. Ian Orr would be undertaking the work and would do the mulch at the same time.</li><li>➤ The spraying had still not been undertaken.</li><li>➤ The tree inspection was still to take place.</li><li>➤ It was suggested that the play equipment inspection for October should be cancelled until the play equipment had been repaired.</li><li>➤ The exterior hedges had been cut but the ones in the play park were still to be done.</li></ul> <b>Community Resilience Plan</b> Work to the Community Resilience Plan was ongoing.	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>         <b>Clerk</b>

	<p><b>Friends of Morton on Swale</b> Councillor Weston reported on a meeting of the Friends. There is currently a net profit of £546.50 and there is an appetite to continue. The draft terms of reference had been circulated.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>(a) That the Friends of Morton should.</b>  <b>(b) That the group become the Events and Fundraising Committee of the Parish Council.</b>  <b>(c) There would be three committee members.</b>  <b>(d) That the terms of reference be agreed.</b>  <b>(e) That a decision-making tree be drawn up.</b>  <b>(f) That the current funds be spent on 30 mph speed limit stickers for the bins on the main road and the rest to the maintenance budget for the play park.</b></p> <p><b>Highways Issues</b>  ➤ It was noted that Yorkshire Water work to the new houses had been completed except for some replacement tarmac required.  ➤ The VAS sign had been put in the correct place but would need a service for which the developer had agreed to pay.  ➤ Communication had taken place with NY Councillor Wilkinson regarding the work to the flood signage. It was noted that this work had not yet been completed.  ➤ It was felt that the repairs to the bridge had gone well.</p>	
<b>25 / 58 Public Forum</b>	<p><b>Our Morton</b> Correspondence had been received from a group called Our Morton, a fundraising group who were introducing themselves and were asking whether any financial help could be given to help with a start-up.</p> <p>The Parish Council explained how their budget worked and where funding could be allocated to but did discuss ways forward to assist the Group.</p> <p><b>Resolved: That the Parish Council would add a budget line for 2025/26 for Section 137 funding which allows local councils to incur expenditure for their area's benefit, but not for other authorised purposes.</b></p>	<b>RD</b>
<b>25 / 59 Clerk's Report</b>	There was nothing to report.	
<b>25 / 60 Police Report</b>	The Police report was noted.	
<b>25 / 61 NY Councillor Report</b>	Councillor Wilkinson was absent from the meeting.	
<b>25 / 62 Finance</b>	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>RFO Report – September 2025</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Accounts Summary – September 2025</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Bank Reconciliation – September 2025</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Expenditure Transactions – September 2025</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Receipts – September 2025</b></li> </ul>	

	<p>➤ <b>Recommended Budget &amp; Precept Calculations for 2026/27 – first draft</b></p> <p>➤ <b>Draft IT Policy</b></p> <p><b>Budgetary Update</b></p> <p>The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <table><tr><td>➤ Current A/C Balance –</td><td>£400.27</td></tr><tr><td>➤ BMM A/C Balance -</td><td>£18,804.93</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Cash in hand to be banked -</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Payments pending -</td><td>- £14.99</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Receipts pending -</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Balance C/F -</td><td>£19,190.21</td></tr></table> <p>It was noted that a defibrillator battery had been required at a cost of £279.65 along with a print cartridge at £14.99. A second-hand filing cabinet had also been acquired for Council records.</p> <p>The first draft of the budget for 2026/27 had been shared and noted. Final agreement would need to be made at the November meeting.</p> <p>At this point, the new Assertion 10 which would be part of the AGAR was explained. This would mean purchasing new Council-owned email addresses for Parish Councillors to comply with data protection and compliance rules.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>(a) That Council-owned email addresses be purchased for the remainder of the Parish Council. It was noted that the Clerk, RFO and Chair already had these.</b></p> <p><b>(b) That the draft IT Policy be agreed.</b></p> <p><b>(c) Following an updated request from Ainderby School to purchase a Reading Seat, that this be agreed.</b></p>	➤ Current A/C Balance –	£400.27	➤ BMM A/C Balance -	£18,804.93	➤ Cash in hand to be banked -	£0.00	➤ Payments pending -	- £14.99	➤ Receipts pending -	£0.00	➤ Balance C/F -	£19,190.21	
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<b>25 / 63 Planning</b>	There had been no planning applications to consider.													
<b>25 / 64 Correspondence</b>	<p>All correspondence had been circulated to Parish Councillors. It was noted that correspondence had been received regarding the damaged sail in the playpark and the litter issue.</p> <p><b>Resolved: That the sail be removed.</b></p>	<b>Chair</b>												
<b>25 / 65 Member Reports</b>	There were no member reports.													
<b>25 / 66 Future Meeting Dates</b>	<p>Wednesday 26 November 2025 – apologies HRJ.</p> <p>Wednesday 28 January 2026</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	<b>Parish Council</b>												

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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