



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 26 November 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton-on-Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), K Weston, J Sanderson
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale
NY Councillor: A Wilkinson
Public: 3 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
25 / 67 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Councillors H Rees Jones and P Weighell.	
25 / 68 Declarations of Business Interests	There were no declarations of business interests / dispensations.	
25 / 69 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting. <i>Resolved: The minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</i>	
25 / 70 Matters Arising	Litterpicking It was noted that the recent issues by North Yorkshire Council with emptying of bins had been resolved. Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The tree survey had been booked.➤ Signage had been ordered.➤ Spraying had been undertaken.➤ Hedges had been cut – it was noted that the cuttings would need to be cleared away.➤ Repair work to the play equipment had been undertaken.➤ Quotes for the quarterly inspections for 2026 were being sought.➤ A new padlock had been purchased for the gate. Community Resilience Plan Work to the Community Resilience Plan was ongoing. Fund-Raising & Events Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ It was noted that the 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins had arrived.➤ A meeting would be arranged for January 2026	KW

	Highways Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A pothole in the village had been repaired. ➤ Flood signage was in place and working well. ➤ It was noted that a roundabout sign had been knocked over. The Clerk to inform Highways. ➤ The litterbin at the entrance to Morton Grange had not yet been repairs / replaced. 	Clerk
25 / 71 Public Forum	There were no matters from the public.	
25 / 72 Clerk's Report	There was nothing to report.	
25 / 73 Police Report	No Police report had been received.	
25 / 74 NY Councillor Report	Councillor Wilkinson reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ North Yorkshire Council Liaison – circulated to Councillors. ➤ North Yorkshire Proposed Development – Call for Sites. It was noted that the information collated will feed into the Local Plan. 	
25 / 75 Communication	<p>Shared: Proposed Community Survey Councillor Weston explained the proposed survey to parishioners and the proposed action tracker to be completed following each meeting. Councillor Weston would be happy to be the custodian of the tracker.</p> <p>Resolved: (a) That the action tracker be added to the agenda at the next meeting. (b) That the Community Survey be approved and sent out the residents.</p>	Clerk
25 / 76 Community Donations	<p>Shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project Plan ➤ Draft Donations Policy and application process ➤ 2026 Community Survey ➤ CIL Investment Strategy <p>Councillor Weston explained the Project Plan for S137 funds including the draft Donations Policy and the application process for the funding. Councillors were reminded about the last survey in 2018 which had highlighted speeding through the village, along with litter and dog waste. Funding was also required for repairs and improvements to the playpark. The results of the 2026 Community Survey would be considered in January.</p> <p>Biscuits Donation Councillor Weston requested that biscuits be donated to those in the village who were alone.</p> <p>Resolved: That nominations be sought for biscuit donation.</p>	
25 / 77 Finance	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RFO Report – November 2025 ➤ Accounts Summary – November 2025 ➤ Bank Reconciliation – November 2025 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CIL Summary 2026 - 2025 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – November 2025 ➤ Receipts – November 2025 ➤ Final Precept Calculations for 2026/27 ➤ New HSBC Mandate <p>The RFO explained that the Synergy quotation for the quarterly inspections had been received. One other quote was awaited.</p> <p>It was noted that the new HSBC mandate had been completed. This was part of the five yearly reviews.</p> <p>Budgetary Update The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current A/C Balance – £511.42 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £18,804.93 ➤ Cash in hand to be banked - £0.00 ➤ Payments pending - - £2,027.33 ➤ Receipts pending - £0.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £17,289.02 <p>Resolved:</p> <p><i>(a) That a precept of £13,200 be sought from North Yorkshire Council. It was noted that this equates to 0.5% increase in the Parish Council share of the Council Tax.</i></p> <p><i>(b) That a budget heading for S137 be created with a budget figure of £500 for 2026/27.</i></p> <p><i>(c) That the Fundraising and Events Committee budget should be £750 for 2026/27.</i></p>	
25 / 78 Correspondence	<p>Our Morton</p> <p>Following the previous meeting, correspondence had been received from Our Morton asking further questions about funding and the Fundraising and Events Committee. A response had been sent and a meeting held with Our Morton attended by members of Our Morton, the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Weston, Councillor Sanderson, the Clerk and the RFO. Further questions were answered at the meeting.</p>	
25 / 79 Planning	There had been no planning applications to consider.	
25 / 80 Member Reports	<p>Members asked to note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The broken snicket barrier ➤ Loose cobbles ➤ The white railings. <p>Councillor Wilkinson agreed to use some of the North Yorkshire Locality Budget to pay for the snicket barrier.</p>	
25 / 81 Future Meeting Dates	<p>Wednesday 28 January 2026</p> <p>Wednesday 25 March 2026</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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