



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 28 January 2026 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton-on-Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), K Weston, J Sanderson, P Weighell
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert, R Dale
NY Councillor: A Wilkinson
Public: 9 Members of the Public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
26 / 01 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Councillor H Rees Jones.	
26 / 02 Declarations of Business Interests	There were no declarations of business interests / dispensations.	
26 / 03 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 November 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved: The minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
26 / 04 Matters Arising	Litterpicking There were currently no issues. Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pruning of the willow tunnel required.➤ Steps to the zip wire were slippery.➤ Painting of springs required➤ Tree inspection was awaited. Community Resilience Plan Work to the Community Resilience Plan was ongoing. Highways Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Cobbles outside the old butchers are slippery.	
26 / 05 Public Forum	There were no matters from the public.	
26 / 06 Clerk's Report	It was noted that the Clerk would be attending a webinar on Parish Council Casual Vacancies.	
26 / 07 Police Report	No Police report had been received.	

<p>26 / 08 NY Councillor Report</p>	<p>Councillor Wilkinson reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Road safety / speeding. ➤ Footpaths / cycleways safety. ➤ Flooding / drainage. ➤ Community and Social Value. 	
<p>26 / 09 Fund-raising & Events Committee</p>	<p>Fund-Raising & Events Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There had been a poor response to the bin stickers. ➤ Google calendar had been created for the whole village to add to although concern was expressed about parishioners who do not access the internet. ➤ Events to be arranged include a Fun Day, events for families and a Village weekend. ➤ The minutes and the terms of reference had been circulated to Parish Council. <p><i>Resolved: That the terms of reference to include a Quorum of 3 including the Chair be approved.</i></p>	
<p>26 / 10 Communication</p>	<p>Community Survey</p> <p>It was noted that the community survey had been based on the previous surveys, the last one being 2018. There had been some confusion by parishioners regarding the survey which had now been dealt with. There had been 70 responses so far which equates to 25%. The deadline is 31 January 2026.</p> <p>Action tracker</p> <p>The action tracker would be completed on an ongoing basis.</p>	
<p>26 / 11 Finance</p>	<p>The following financial information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RFO Report – January 2026 ➤ Accounts Summary – January 2026 ➤ Bank Reconciliation – January 2026 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – January 2026 ➤ Receipts – Year ending 31 March 2026 ➤ Schedule of Routine Payments for 2026-2027 as of 14 January 2026 ➤ CIL Investment Strategy ➤ Community Donations Policy and Application Pack <p>Budgetary Update</p> <p>The current budgetary information had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current A/C Balance – £1,162.52 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £16,380.01 ➤ Cash in hand to be banked - £0.00 ➤ Payments pending - £0.00 ➤ Receipts pending - £0.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £17,542.53 <p>It was noted that a repayment had been received regarding VAS signage not being in use for a period. The NY Locality Budget had also been offered to do varying work in the parish. The year end figure had improved significantly and looking at approximately £9,500.</p> <p>It was also noted that the CIL money had been used for playpark maintenance and community initiatives with some left in reserve.</p>	

	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(a) That the CIL Investment Strategy be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the Community Donations Policy and Application Pack be approved.</p> <p>(c) That the Schedule of Routine Payments for 2026/27 Financial Year be approved.</p>	
26 / 12 Correspondence	<p>Our Morton Following receipt of correspondence from Our Morton, the Parish Council had that day asked for this to be disregarded in the light of a new piece of correspondence. This would be dealt with in due course.</p> <p>The Dales School Correspondence had been received asking for the Parish Council to be involved in a proposed meeting at The Dales School. The issue of safety and traffic had been discussed the previous year, and it was agreed that the Parish Council was happy to be involved and once the date was known then representation could be made. It was also noted that North Yorkshire Councillor Annabel Wilkinson was currently involved with this issue.</p>	
26 / 13 Planning	There had been no planning applications to consider.	
26 / 14 Member Reports	Members asked to note the following:	
26 / 15 Future Meeting Dates	<p>Wednesday 25 March 2026</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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