



Morton-On-Swale

Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 29 July 2026 commencing at 7.30 pm
At Morton-on-Swale Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: A Poulter (Chair), K Weston, P Weighell, J Sanderson
Clerk / RFO: A W Lambert / R Dale
NYC: None
Public: 7 members of the public

Agenda Item	Detail	Action
26 / 49 Welcome / Apologies for Absence	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Councillors H Rees Jones and North Yorkshire Councillor A Wilkinson. The apologies were accepted.	
26 / 50 Declarations of Business Interests	Councillor J Sanderson – Planning.	
26 / 51 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2026 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>	
26 / 52 Matters Arising (action tracker)	<i>Shared: The Action Tracker:</i> ➤ Action 1: Park Signage – Complete. ➤ Action 3: Weed Killer – Complete. ➤ Action 6: Litterbin Replacement – Complete. ➤ Action 11: Community Resilience Plan – Dates required for a meeting to take this work forward. It was noted that the template had changed. Councillor Weighell to help take this forward. ➤ Action 22: Highways – Complete. ➤ Action 23: RFO to continue to investigate this. ➤ Action 30: Park noticeboards – in progress – quotes sought for repairs to the noticeboards. ➤ Action 31: Tree Inspection – Complete. ➤ Action 32: Communications – Complete. ➤ Action 37: Highways Query – Follow up. ➤ Action 38: Highways Correspondence – Public meeting to be requested. ➤ Action 39: Tree survey quotes – Complete. ➤ New Action 40: cobble ownership - Highways to check ownership of cobbles and white railings.	Clerk / PW RFO Clerk Clerk

	➤ Action 41: Planning notifications – Receipt of planning notifications had been considered. NYC will now send all applications and decision through email. ➤ Action 42: Vexatious Policy – look to amend if necessary. ➤ Action 43: Rights of Way – Post for diversion of rights of way. ➤ Action 44: Hedge ownership – The hedge ownership had been resolved. ➤ Action 45: Black box – This had been refused.	Clerk
26 / 52 Public Forum	There had been no correspondence received for the Public Forum.	
26 / 53 Clerk's Report	There was no report from the Clerk.	
26 / 54 Police Report	The Police report had been received and was noted.	
26 / 55 NY Councillor Report	In the absence of Councillor Wilkinson the following was noted: North Yorkshire Highways Authority would not paint the railings, but the Locality Budget could be used for the Parish Council to do the work. <i>Resolved: That the quotation from Synergy be accepted.</i>	
26 / 56 Fund-raising & Events Committee	Fund-Raising & Events Committee The Fund-Raising and Events Committee gave an update on the forthcoming Yorkshire Day to be held on 1 August 2026.	
26 / 57 Playpark	<i>Shared: The Annual Inspection Report. The following was noted:</i> ➤ The rope swing requires some parts. ➤ Work to the windmill is required. ➤ Work to the slide is required. It was also noted that the grass-cutting contract had been paused due to the extreme weather. Next year's contract would be considered regarding the number of cuts required.	
26 / 58 Road Safety Working Group	To Consider a Road Safety Working Group It was suggested that local people could be involved in a working group. The RFO would download and review the VAS data. Councillor Weston to liaise with the Highways Authority and Police regarding road safety and speeding in the village.	RFO KW
26 / 59 Policies	To Consider and Agree Policies Document Retention Policy / Options – Feedback and Next Steps It was suggested that consideration be given to a shared area for storing documentation and to look at the cost. It was noted that Councillor Sanderson's Council email address was still not working. The RFO to investigate this issue.	RFO RFO
26 / 60 Finance	The following financial information had been circulated:	

	➤ RFO Report – July 2026 ➤ Accounts Summary – July 2026 ➤ Bank Reconciliation – July 2026 ➤ Expenditure Transactions – July 2026 ➤ Receipts – July 2026 ➤ Yorkshire Day Family Fair 2026 - Update Budgetary Update The current budgetary information had been circulated: ➤ Current A/C Balance – £664.01 ➤ BMM A/C Balance - £17,087.98 ➤ Cash in hand to be banked - £0.00 ➤ Payments pending - £0.00 ➤ Receipts pending - £0.00 ➤ Balance C/F - £17,751.99	
26 / 60 Correspondence	To be discussed under item 26/64 – Confidential Item. There had been a verbal request for allotments which was noted.	
26 / 61 Planning	A diversion of a public footpath application was noted with no objections.	
26 / 62 Member Reports	There were no Member reports.	
26 / 63 Future Meeting Dates	Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 7.30 pm	Parish Council
26 / 64 Confidential Exempt Item	<i>Resolved: To exclude the public and press for discussion regarding an item of correspondence where publicity may be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.</i>	

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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