

MORSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th October, 2025 at the village hall (7pm)

Present: J.Tibbetts (Chair), C.Bean, R.Hamond, C.Ward, J.Temple, R.Metcalf, and the Clerk. Also present were V.Holliday (NNDC) and one member of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.M.Harrison.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

Nothing declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 24.9.25

The minutes, as circulated, were accepted as a true record (Prop: JPT, Sec: CB).

3a. Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)

No requests to speak on agenda items.

3b. To receive reports from District/County Councillors and the Police

V.Holliday (NNDC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. The report referred to (a) update regarding Local Gov. reorganisation (b) report re removal of knotweed in Overstrand (c) update re Benefits (d) plastic waste trial in North Walsham (e) letting of the visitor centre in Cromer (f) projected surplus for NNDC in 2025-26 was £138k (g) update re funds supporting businesses and communities (h) use of on-line forms to contact NNDC up 50%. V.Holliday updated members verbally on Local Govmt. Reorganisation, avian influenza, and a meeting re the Blakeney Harbour & Coastal Restoration Project.

3c. To receive report from NT.

No report submitted.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments :-

P.Bullimore £468.80 (clerks net salary + arrears), HMRC £117.20 (tax on salary)

T.Leach £25.00 (cleaning), P.Bullimore £25.00 (clerks exp),

Finlay Newton £660.00 (grass cuts), PKF.Littlejohn £252.00 (external audit fee)

The above payments as scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: JPT, Sec: CB)

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions & information received from NNDC since last meeting.

The following, which had been circulated to members, were noted :-

PF/25/1427; Extn at Joshua Cottage – Withdrawn.

PF/25/1640; Morston Hall Bridal Suite – Approved 8/10/25.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed.

None received.

6. Highways and Footpath Matter

(a) To receive update re posts/gateways on Langham Rd nr 30mph signs

The Clerk had instructed NCC. Highways on 29th September to proceed with the project (the quotation being accepted) and he was asked to send a request for a likely starting date.

(b) To note/consider NCC Partnership Scheme for 2026/27

Carry forward to next agenda.

7. Meetings & Conferences (announcements & reports)

Town/Parish briefing on Local Gov. Re-org – 13/11/25 – Chair & Clerk to attend.
Pop Up Art & Craft Workshop – 1st to 4th November in village hall – JPT organising.
CW gave a brief report re his attendance at the Blakeney Harbour & Coastal Restoration Project meeting. There was nothing positive to speak about but he would continue to monitor the situation.

8. Caravan Site and Village Hall:

(a) Update on Maintenance Log & Work (incl. v.hall roof and floor)

The Chair informed members that the village hall floor repairs (quotation of £531.59 + VAT) would be carried out on 10th November. She also informed members that a meeting with the surveyor regarding the village hall roof etc was arranged for tomorrow (30th Oct). The Clerk had been informed that a large metal shed did not need planning permission as it came under “Permitted Development” for councils. JT agreed to repair a damaged post.

9. To receive update re Morston & Blakeney Harbour Surveys

The Chair had received no further update.

10. To receive update re Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation

There was no further news other than the three submissions had been submitted to Government. (Note NNDC briefing on 13th November – Blakeney)

11. Governance: (a) To consider a Forward Plan for the PC.

The Chair said this would be carried forward to the next meeting.

12. To consider further maintenance on western hedge of village hall site.

CW would trim the hedge and the Chair would purchase any necessary plants for in-filling.

13. To receive update re village history records

RM and RH were busy collecting information. It was agreed to reimburse any expenses relating to this project.

14. To receive correspondence (not included in agenda items above)

A “thank you” letter had been received from Local Lynx re the donation.

15. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

A brief discussion re dogs being kept on leads in the churchyard.

16. To confirm date of next council meeting.

This was confirmed for Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 – 7pm.

