

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan
 Councillors: - G. Morgan, N. Thornton, W. Grant, B. Wood, C. Wilson,
 J. Shaw, J. Atkins, E. Franks, J. Gilliver.
 Also in attendance Ward Councillor A. White.

DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. A. Adams and D. Rennison.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 13 September 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Gilliver, seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Wilson suggested that if DMBC were not prepared to construct a sleeping policeman at the junction on Campsall Park Road, then they may be prepared to paint yellow ‘Zig-Zag’ lines at the junction.

Cllr. Thornton reported that residents and motorists were still experiencing problems on High Street Norton with defective traffic lights associated with the gas works. The problem has been exacerbated by the theft of the light batteries.

The Chairman reported that 6 high vis jackets had been purchased for Members to wear when carrying out Parish Council duties within the parish. The Clerk advised that he had written to Ed Miliband MP about the frustration being experienced by the Parish Council regarding the speeding vehicles on the A19 and the request to DMBC about providing speed restrictions from Norton Common Road in to Askern. Ed Miliband had responded that he would write to Jo Miller Chief Executive Officer at DMBC.

The Chairman invited Ward Councillor Austen White to address the meeting.

Cllr. White reported on the recent activity of the DMBC Planning Enforcement Team following fencing works off Norton Common Road, culminating with the granting of a court order preventing any further works to the site. The effect of the court order would be to imprisonment and fine to anyone found carrying out further works to the site.

Problems have been experienced in Campsall Country Park at the site of the bridge works resulting in an officer being station there overnight. More large stones have been introduced in to the park to prevent unauthorised access and further logs placed in a slalom pattern, again to prevent unauthorised access. It is anticipated that the majority of the works will be completed by Christmas.

Cllr. Wilson enquired if DMBC would allow a time capsule, purchased by the Parish Council, to be incorporated in to the bridge.

Cllr. White could envisage no problems with this request.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION(a) Development Plan:

The Chairman reported that he had received grant funding information from DMBC and that he and Cllr. Adams would investigate what was available for the play parks in Campsall Country Park and the Schoolboy.

Cllr. Shaw reminded Members that Tim Bryant, DMBC Tree Preservation Officer, had promised new tree planting in the East View area and other areas off Campsall Park Road. The Clerk agreed to make contact with Tim Bryant. The Chairman reported that further drainage visits had been made to Back Lane Campsall by Richard Ward and his colleague in an attempt to advise on the current drainage problems.

The Chairman reported that following lengthy discussions with DMBC a location had been found for the memorial bench for Mrs. Firth on High Street outside Ivy House, and that Tony Hancock had been asked to provide the base and fit the bench.

Cllr. Gilliver reported that the Friends of Campsall Country Park were interested in gaining permission for a van serving refreshments to be parked in the park car park adjacent to the swimming baths.

(b) Police Matters:

Further complaints have been received regarding speeding vehicles through the village of Norton. Cllr. White advised that the new police inspector, Dave Jones, was wishing to set up joint initiatives with DMBC and the local Town and Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Inspector Jones.

Cllr. Wilson reported that the resident opening and closing the Country Park gate is experiencing abuse from local lads and will cease to perform the task if nothing is done about it.

(c) Highway Matters/Environmental Matters:

Cllr. Thornton reported that the public footpaths running down the side of the field from Back Lane to Mill Lane have again been ploughed up. The field is owned by Clive Metcalfe, but currently leased to Martin Falkingham. Cllr.

Atkins advised that the public footpaths in question were Nos: 8 & 9.

Cllr. Wood reported that a resident had witnessed Clive Metcalfe demolishing the central bollard on Back Lane at the Spittlerush Lane end.

Cllr. Wood reported that the hedge and underlying grass verge to the footpath on Campsall Balk from the school to Campsall Corner required trimming.

Cllr. Wood enquired if DMBC had any Daffodil bulbs for distribution to voluntary groups.

The Clerk agreed to pursue all the above items.

(d) Parish Magazine:

Cllr. G. Morgan advised that the Magazine Committee meeting would be held Friday 21 October at 2.00pm. The Clerk tendered his apologies. The deadline for articles is the 27 October.

Cllr. Atkins reported that response to the article in the last edition of the magazine seeking interest from widows in the parish to attend a Christmas lunch had been very poor; in fact only 1 person had expressed an interest.

Parish Magazine (Cont'd):

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that Northern Gas Networks had offered a donation of £300.00 to the community, which would be passed to Campsall 4A Trust to assist with the shortfall in funding of the Mother & Toddler Group. In recognition, Northern Gas Network would like a photo shoot of its presentation of a large cheque.

(e) Campsall 4A Trust:

Cllr. Shaw advised that the funding bid to continue the project for a further year had now been submitted. The current project ends 31 October 2016 and the new project if approved will commence in January, therefore the Trust is still looking for short term funding.

As a result a the lack of uptake of one of the courses funded by Awards for All permission had been sort to change the project to a film animation course; which had been approved.

(f) Campsall Country Park:

Cllr. Gilliver Chair of the Friends of Campsall Country Park, expressed gratitude to Cllr. Adams and the Parish Council for their efforts in trying to improve the play park for the younger generation. The group had also agreed to return the donation of £350.00 given by the Parish Council towards the footpath repairs.

(g) Playgrounds:

No report received.

(h) Garden of Rest:

The Clerk reported that he had had a meeting with a Planning Officer about the possibility of the triangle of land in the top right had corner being either sold or leased to the residents backing on to the Garden of Rest. The view from the Planning Office was that the site was in a conservation area and they would resist its conversion to residential use. As a consequence Dean Carr had been asked to tidy the Garden of Rest prior to going out to tender for next year.

(i) Land off Norton Common Lane:

Refer to the comments made by Ward Cllr. White.

(j) Conclusion of Audit – 31 March 2016:

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had now written off the Annual Return for 2015/16 and that copies of the report needed to be displayed on the parish notice boards. The auditors had made reference to the fact that there was a discrepancy of £1.00 from the close of account 31 March 2016 and the opening of the account for 1 April 2016; otherwise, everything else was satisfactory.

Cllr. G. Morgan proposed acceptance of the external audit of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2016, seconded by Cllr. Shaw and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the audited account for the year ending 31 March 2016 be accepted.

- (k) Northern Gas Networks – Community Donation:
Refer to Parish Magazine.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 16/02153/FUL – Erection of dormer bungalow with detached garage following demolition of existing bungalow and garages (resubmission of planning approval 15/02896/FUL). Also, temporary siting of a mobile home in rear garden at Third Bungalow Selby Road Askern.
Observations:
Previous comments in letter dated 13 January 2016 still apply.
- 16/02417/FUL – Erection of two storey extension to rear at 29 Cridling Gardens Norton.
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 16/02455/FUL – Erection of 1.87m high perimeter fence RETROSPECTIVE at 5 Swan Syke Drive Norton.
Observations:
The Parish Council supports the action of the Planning Department to adhere to Planning Legislation.
- 16/02456/FUL – Proposed erection of greenhouse following demolition of existing at Falconwood High Street Norton.
No observations.
- 16/02133/FUL – Proposed single storey rear extension at 2 Jubilee Villas Station Road Norton.
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 16/02502/TPO – Consent to remove four poplars and two sycamores (being subject to A7 of the Doncaster Rural District Council Tree Preservation Order (No.18) 1972 Campsall with Sutton) at Land to the rear of Loxley House 11 Barnsdale Mews Campsall.
Observations:
The Parish Council is happy to leave the decision in the capable hands of the Tree Preservation Officer.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- S.Y. Fire & Rescue – Briefings - Circulated
- S.Y. Fire & Rescue – Fire Safety Audit – Community Building - Noted
- Dalton Warner Davis – Consultation on the Eggborough CCGT Project - Noted
- DMBC – School & Nursery Admission Posters 2017 - Circulated
- HAGS – Play Equipment - Circulated
- DMBC – Memorial Bench Agreement – Noted
- Ed Miliband MP – A19 Traffic Speeds – Noted
- DMBC Highways – Forrester's Close Footpaths – Members not happy with response – Clerk to make further request for action.

ITEM 7 -	<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u>	<u>£</u>
	• D. Telford – Salary/Phone – September 2016	894.67
	• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – September 2016	85.14
	• B. Peel – Wages – September 2016	525.94
	• Sweep Fee – Direct Debit	30.00
	• Konica Minolta – Photocopies	13.92
	• DMBC – Grounds Maintenance	675.10
	• BDO LLP – Annual Audit 31 March 2016	396.00
	• DMBC – Litter Bins	48.20
	• DMBC – Bulk Container	104.00
	• P.W.L.B. – Repayment of Loan – Direct Debit	1,017.96
	• Npower – Direct Debit	209.31
	• Hitachi Capital Income Finance – J. Building Services	350.00
	 Total for the month of September 2016	 <u>£4,350.24</u>

Cllr. Grant proposed payment of the accounts for the month of September 2016, seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the accounts for the month of September 2016 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Rennison had suggested that photographs of former Councillors Jim Rafferty and Alan Jones should be displayed in the committee room. All were in agreement.

Cllr. Wood reported that Mick Saul had offered a 15 foot Christmas tree to the Parish Council for the front of the Community Hall and a friend had agreed transport.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Signed.....(Chairman) Dated.....