

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017**

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan  
 Councillors: - E. Franks, G. Morgan, B. Wood, J. Atkins, C. Wilson,  
 D. Rennison, W. Grant, A. Adams, J. Shaw, J. Gilliver.  
 Also in attendance 3 members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted for the previous meeting from Cllr. Gilliver.

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.**

Mr. & Mrs. Geraghty informed Members that they had purchased 6.7 acres of land off Norton Common Road Norton with a view to keeping horses, they were also in the process of seeking planning approval to construct a metal stabling block. They further explained that they had no intention of living on site either in a house or a caravan. The reason for their visit was to fully inform Members of their intentions for the site prior to them being consulted by the Planning Authority.

**The Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Geraghty for their attendance and reinstated Standing Orders.**

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 10 October 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Wilson and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Rennison enquired about the funding set aside for the refurbishment of the play parks and also where the additional funding would be coming from. The Chairman informed the meeting that a bid was to be submitted to ‘Awards for All’.

Cllr. Wilson reported that the missing kissing gate for the entrance to Campsall Country Park at the Olde Bells end was currently in store at DMBC, all it needed was fitting. The Clerk agreed to contact Pat Hagan.

Cllr. Gilliver reported that DMBC were to clear the dumped rubbish from Bradley Springs Quarry Lane Norton, and erect a barrier with the approval of the land owner to prevent further dumping.

Cllr. Gilliver reported that the first planning application for the development of the Chateau Renee site had been withdrawn.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Development Plan:

No updates were submitted.

(b) Police Matters:

Cllr. Wilson reported that at approximately 4.30pm 24 October 2017 he observed a man in Campsall Country Park with a rifle over his shoulder; the park is a public place and no one should carry a gun in a public place. Cllr. Wilson immediately dialled 999 to report the incident and received no response. It was agreed that the issue would be raised at the next PACT meeting scheduled for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at Alexander House. Cllr. G. Morgan reported that an additional PCSO would be added to the Askern Ward from 24 November 2017.

(c) Highway Matters/Environmental Matters:

Cllr. Gilliver reported that following a number of complaints about the condition of Stygate Lane Norton, DMBC had carried out an investigation and found that several land owners, including DMBC, had a responsibility for the maintenance of the lane. DMBC is looking to install a gate at the school end to the lane, and further, DMBC has suggested that the Parish Council write to the other respective land owners requesting them to take the appropriate action to clean up the lane and trim back the hedges.

Cllr. Shaw proposed that the Parish Council monitor the situation for the time being, seconded by Cllr. G. Morgan. It was agreed that Cllrs. Grant and Atkins would monitor the lane.

Cllr. Wilson reported further cases of speeding motorists on Churchfield Road Campsall and suggested that speed cameras were still required.

Cllr. Wood suggested that the police be requested to provide a speed gun for the day at various locations throughout the parish, even if the Parish Council had to pay for the service.

Cllr. Adams enquired if any progress had been made regarding the reduction of speed limits on the A19; the Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response regarding the two possible schemes. Cllr. Gilliver advised that he would be arranging a meeting with DMBC Highways, and hopefully Members of Norton Parish Council could be in attendance.

(d) Parish Magazine:

The Chairman wished to thank Members and friends for the prompt delivery of the latest edition of the magazine.

Cllr. Rennison enquired if an article could be included in the next edition regarding his poetry and book writing on local issues.

The Chairman reported that the latest edition had been very tight for space, and that consideration should be given to adding an additional double sheet to the magazine in future. The additional cost for the extra double sheet would increase the cost from £400 per edition to £589. The Clerk pointed out that the cost had remained at £400 from the first edition and that originally there were 4 editions per year; now that there were on 3 editions per year the cost would only be £167 a year more than year 1.

Cllr. Shaw proposed that consideration should be given to an additional double page to the parish magazine where content dictated. Cllr. Wilson seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That an additional double sheet be added to the parish magazine at an additional cost of £189 per edition.

- (e) Campsall 4A Trust:  
Cllr. Atkins reported that the draught edition of the local country walks was out for discussion, the book includes 12 local walks, and should be available by Christmas.  
Cllr. Shaw advised that the Natural Voice Harmony Group had already performed on a few occasions and had been very well received.  
Cllr. Gilliver reported that the Orienteering Course in Campsall Country Park had been extremely successful, despite some damage to the signs; DMBC had been equally impressed and was looking to continue the scheme in future years.
- (f) Campsall Country Park:  
Cllr. Gilliver reported that the Friends of Campsall Country Park had submitted a funding bid to Trans Pennine Express to relay some of the public footpaths in the park. The Friends were also looking to provide a knee fence around the play park to keep dogs out.  
Cllr. Gilliver advised that as a result of a number of complaints about disabled access to the park, DMBC is to carry out an audit of all its parks regarding disabled access.
- (g) Playgrounds:  
The Chairman advised that he was to arrange a sub-group meeting to discuss progress on the playgrounds upgrading.
- (h) Parish Council Website:  
Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the new Parish Council website was now on line and could be accessed at [www.nortonparishdoncaster.org](http://www.nortonparishdoncaster.org)
- (i) Hawthorne Avenue/Quarry Road Norton:  
Cllr. Atkins reported that the seat and planters had now been removed from the Parish Council owned land adjacent to 1 Quarry Road.
- (j) Presentations to School Children:  
The Clerk reported that he had been in discussion with Kevin Unsworth at Campsmount Academy regarding the presentation of awards to pupils. The previous award presented by the Parish Council was destroyed along with many others during the huge fire at the school. Currently the school had two unfunded awards; high achiever award and adversity award. The two awards cost £10 each with an accompanying £10 gift voucher. Although there was support for the awards, concern was expressed on the wording of the award, and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Kevin Unsworth for a full list of the school awards. It was further suggested that the award from the Parish Council should be the 'Jim Rafferty' award.
- (k) Michael Geraghty – Land off Norton Common Road:  
Refer to the discussion that took place under the suspension of Standing Orders.

- (l) Norton/Campsall Charities – Christmas Lunch:  
 The Clerk advised that the Charities account currently stood at £2,700 since no money had been paid out for a number of years. The annual income of £400 coming from the rental of 2 plots of farm land, one in Norton and the other in Sykehouse. The main criteria of the charity was to distribute monies to widows over the age of 60 years who had been resident in Norton or Campsall for at least 10 years; there also had to be an element of hardship. These criteria were set up in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and clearly needed some updating. It was agreed that although some of the Trustees were Parish Councillors, any decisions relating to the charity had to be made by the Trustees of the charity. The Clerk, as the Secretary of the charity, advised that he would arrange a meeting of the trustees to determine future action regarding the disposal of funds and whether the Charity Commission would welcome any changes to the current criteria.
- (m) Storage Container – Campsall 4A Trust/Running Club:  
 The Clerk reported that the Askern & District Running Club had requested permission to site a large container on the car park adjacent to the Community Building for the storage of its equipment; currently the equipment is stored in one of the changing rooms, which is not ideal. In addition, Campsall 4A Trust was looking for storage for its new marquee and equipment and was willing to share the cost. It was agreed that consideration be given to the siting of a storage container at the side of the Community Building.
- (n) Co-option of Parish Councillor – Sutton Ward:  
 The Clerk advised that following the resignation of Neville Thornton a vacancy on the Parish Council had been advertised and that DMBC had informed him that no nominations had been received, and as a consequence the Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option. The Clerk further advised that the interested parties could be invited to an interview or a decision could be made on the night.  
 The Chairman reported that there had been two expressions of interest from residents of the parish to fill the vacancy, and read out letters of interest from Mrs. Hilary White and Mrs. Sarah Winkley.  
 It was agreed that a decision be made on the night by a secret vote of Members. Three Members wished to abstain from the vote on personal reasons, and the remaining seven voted; the result was as follows:
- Hilary White 6 votes
  - Sarah Winkley 1 vote
- It was agreed that Hilary White be co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council for the Sutton Ward.

#### ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 17/02386/FUL – Erection of two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing single storey extension at Ivy Cottage Main Street Sutton  
 Observations:  
 All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.

PLANNING MATTERS (Cont'd)

- 17/02480/TPO – Consent to carry out pruning operations 40% crown thin, 35% crown reduction and crown lift to 5m above ground level to one Mature Copper Beech. Tree is subject to T1 of Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.67) 1990 Campsall Balk Norton at Westcroft Campsall Balk Norton  
Observations:  
The Parish Council is happy to leave the decision in the capable hands of the Tree Preservation Officer.
- 17/02615/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension at Rochester Cottage 14 Swan Syke Drive Norton  
Observations:  
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 17/02611/TPO – Consent to carry out various tree pruning works to tree subject to A13 of Doncaster Rural District Council Tree Preservation Order (No.18) 1972 Campsall with Sutton – at Inglewood Back Lane Campsall  
Observations:  
The Parish Council is happy to leave the decision in the capable hands of the Tree Preservation Officer.
- 17/02773/FUL – Erection of 2 storey extension to side of property (Resubmission of application withdrawn under ref: 17/00044/FUL on 03.03.2017) at 46 Shakespeare Avenue Campsall.  
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- S.Y. Fire & Rescue – Briefings
- Notice of Outcome of Casual Vacancy Advert – Sutton Ward - Noted
- DMBC – School & Nursery Admission Posters 2018 - Circulated
- National Grid – Overhead Work between Stocksbridge and Thorpe Marsh - Noted
- Wakefield Council – Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 - Noted
- Norton Infants School – Letter of Thanks for Donation - Noted
- Friends of the Peak District – Peakland Guardian – Circulated

ITEM 7 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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• D. Telford – Salary – October 2017	843.68
• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – October 2017	262.70
• B. Peel – Wages – October 2017	561.00
• Npower – Direct Debit	299.06
• A. Parkin-Coates – Cesspool Emptying	432.00
• DMBC – Grounds Maintenance	4,127.26
• YPO – Materials	89.57
• DMBC – Winter Planting Roadside Planters	180.00
• Public Works Loan Board – Loan Repayment – D. Debit	1,017.96

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (Cont'd)

• British Gas – Direct Debit	563.95
• T. Barker – Community Building Toilets	120.00
• Close Invoice Finance Ltd – Magazine Printing	400.00
• Inland Revenue – B. Peel – Income Tax	13.60
• Betaprint – Parish Council Letter headed Paper	56.90

Total for the month of October 2017 £8,967.68

Cllr. Wood proposed payment of the accounts for the month of October 2017, seconded by Cllr. Gilliver and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the accounts for the month of October 2017 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Gilliver reminded Members that next year would be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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