

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2019**

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan
 Councillors: - G. Morgan, E. Lowery, J. Atkins, C. Wilson, J. Shaw, W. Grant,
 B. McLaughlin, H. White, A. Pearson, J. Gilliver.

DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS
 There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. B. Wood.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 11 December 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Atkins seconded by Cllr. McLaughlin and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING
 Cllr. White enquired about the email forwarded from the police seeking comments on the issue of PCSO's. Members to respond direct.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Parish Council's Joint Consultative Committee:

Cllr. Grant reported that there had not been a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting.

(b) Police Issues:

Cllr. Shaw reported on a recent accident on High Street Campsall involving a tractor and a private car. Further concern raised regarding the speeding of tractors through the parish.

Cllr. Wilson reported yet another incident of scooters in Campsall Country Park, and that a further number of access points had been established.

Councillor Gilliver reported that the police had been informed of possible drug trafficking taking place in the Campsall Country Park car park.

(c) Highway/Environmental Matters:

Cllr. Gilliver reported that meetings had been held between DMBC Highways and the Ward Members to identify local problems, and the Highway Maintenance Team were looking to liaise with Town and Parish Councils regarding future highway maintenance plans.

(d) Parish Council Website/Magazine:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the next scheduled meeting would be held on Friday 25 January 2019 at 2.00pm.

(e) Development Plan Priorities (Emerging from Parish Survey):

The Chairman circulated the completed development plan and Members indicated which areas they were interested in and the role they wished to play.

- (f) Allotments:
Cllr. Atkins reported that Dean Carr had commenced work on the Spittlerush Lane/Back Lane allotments and the Clerk agreed to contact the allotment tenants to advise them of the start and request that they emptied their old sheds in order that they could be removed.
- (g) Replacement Caretaker:
The Clerk informed Members that at a meeting held Tuesday 18 December 2018 the appointed Committee had agreed to appoint Michael Palmer to the post of Caretaker.
- (h) Parish Precept/Grant 2019/20:
The Clerk referred to the draft budget for 2019/20 circulated with the agenda and enquired if there were any questions. The Clerk also provided details of the current bank balances for the various accounts held by the Parish Council. It was also pointed out that there was still a possibility that if the Parish Council requested an increase in excess of 1.95% above the previous year's precept there was a possibility that the Parish Council may have to hold a referendum in the parish; for which it would have to pay. The precept requested would be inclusive of the DMBC grant; which was reducing year on year.
Cllr. Gilliver proposed that in view of the healthy bank balance the precept inclusive of DMBC grant should remain the same as last year, i.e. £56,950.
Cllr. Wilson seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.
- Resolved:** That the parish precept inclusive of DMBC grant for 2019/20 should remain the same as last year, i.e. £56,950.
- (i) Litter Bins:
Cllr. Grant reported that DMBC had agreed to supply 2 of the litter bins requested free of charge; however, the other bins inclusive of fixing would be approximately £500 each. Other locations suggested were Norton Common Road next to the bus stop and Sutton Road next to the entry to Lovers Lane.
- (j) Olde Bells Inn High Street Campsall:
Cllr. Lowery advised Members of the outcome of the meeting between the owners, DMBC Planning and the Parish Council. The owners advised that they were not prepared to sell the property but were willing to rent or lease it for £275,000 per annum. DMBC were only prepared to ensure that the property was kept watertight.
Following considerable debate it was agreed that the Parish Council could do little to improve matters; however, it was willing to place a feature in the parish magazine outlining the problems and the lack of interest shown by the owners. It was also considered that the local press be encouraged to take up the issue as the property was the oldest of its type in the area. Also further pressure would be put on the owners to liaise with the Church about the use of the car park during Church functions.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

There were no new planning applications submitted since the last meeting.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- DMBC – Leisure Facility Investment – The Clerk informed Members that he had been contacted by DMBC to invite Members to a meeting to be held at Alexander House Askern on Tuesday 22 January 2019 to discuss local leisure facilities. It was agreed that 9 Members of the Parish Council would attend the meeting.

ITEM 6 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| • D. Telford – Salary – December 2018 | 860.03 |
| • Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – December 2018 | 266.48 |
| • D. Thorpe – Wages – December 2018 | 335.00 |
| • Konica Minolta – Photocopies | 29.29 |
| • DMBC – Christmas Trees | 570.00 |
| • Yorkshire Water – Direct Debit | 40.78 |
| • Sweep Fee – Direct Debit | 30.00 |
| • DMBC – Litter Bins | 48.20 |
| • DMBC – Bulk Container | 110.00 |
| • M. Palmer – Wages – December 2018 | 88.00 |
| • Inland Revenue – M. Palmer – Inc Tax – Dec 2018 | 22.00 |

Total for the month of December 2018 £2,399.78

Cllr. Wilson proposed payment of the accounts for the month of December 2018, seconded by Cllr. G. Morgan and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the accounts for the month of December 2018 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that complaints had been received from residents of Campsall that the driver of the paper delivery vehicle was exceeding the speed limit during his rounds. It was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to the store owner.

Cllr. McLaughlin enquired if any response had been received from Harworth Estates regarding the former colliery tip, The Clerk agreed to chase the matter.

Cllr. Pearson enquired if any response had been received from DMBC regarding additional bollards to Back Lane Norton. The Clerk reported that a disappointing response had been received; however, he was still pursuing it. The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee be set up to discuss the Parish Council's involvement in the Tour De Yorkshire.

The Clerk advised that a meeting of the Norton/Campsall Charities was needed to discuss a new code of practice; also that additional members were required. Cllrs. Grant and Wilson agreed to join the Trust.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

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

