

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan
Councillor: - G. Morgan, E. Lowery, B. McLaughlin, B. Wood, H. White,
A. Pearson.

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

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. J. Atkins, W. Grant, C. Wilson, J. Gilliver and Parish Clerk D. Telford who were unable to access the Zoom meeting.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 10 March 2020 and the cancelled meetings scheduled for 14 April, 12 May, 9 June and 14 July 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Lowery and all were in agreement.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING
There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Parish Council's Joint Consultative Committee:

There had been no meetings of the committee during lockdown.

(b) Police Issues:

Generally activity requiring police attention has been relatively quiet over the past few months of lockdown. The local PCSO Toni Bratby had requested contact details of the Chair, M. Morgan and Cllr. G. Morgan for future reference regarding matters relating to supporting members of the community in any future pandemic lockdowns.

Discussion followed regarding Parish Council involvement in supporting the community and particularly the most vulnerable during difficult shutdown periods. This was further extended in item (1) Our Parish – Reflections on the Pandemic.

(c) Highway/Environmental Matters:

The Chair reported that the long-awaited major repairs to Sutton Road and High Street in Campsall had finally been given a start date of the 21st August and the following five Sundays.

Assembly of the new young children's play equipment in Campsall Country Park will begin on August 21st and structures and site work will all be completed by the first week in September. At an on-site meeting with representatives of DMBC and the manufacturers' final adjustments to placings of play items and boundary fencing were all agreed.

Highway/Environmental Matters (Cont'd):

The considerable drainage work by Yorkshire Water at Hawthorne Avenue, Quarry Road and Norton Common road is reported as almost complete and that as promised the reinstatement of the land will be carried out shortly.

Discussions are to take place with the highways department and the PC will receive an update no later than 21st August 2020.

Cllr. Wood raised the matter of the dilapidated fencing and extensive scrub alongside the land at Quarry Road. There seems to be a lack of clarity about ownership especially as the land on which the fence is erected is partly the property of DMBC and partly the PC.

It was agreed that the clerk should look into this again and ascertain ownership so that remedial action can be taken with the fence.

(d) Parish Council Website/Magazine:

Updated information now that the Minutes of the previous meetings have been approved, will be posted on the PC website. Cllrs. G. Morgan reported on the successful completion and distribution of the summer edition of the Parish Council Magazine. Due to the difficulties being experienced by local businesses during the pandemic, it was agreed that magazine advertising fees would be waived for this period. The chair thanked everyone involved in delivering the Magazines. The next (Winter) Magazine will go out in November so all content will need to be received by 5th November at the latest.

(e) Development Plan Priorities:(g) Funding Play Area:(h) Traffic Calming:

All the above were discussed at the same time.

Development plan priorities now lie clearly with traffic calming through the three villages and the requisitioning of the next set of replacement play equipment. Cllr Wood suggested that the next play site should be the area adjoining the School Boy pub in Norton.

Traffic calming was discussed briefly. The Chair reminded councilors of the decision made last February to form a PC Working Group on this matter and progress the work with DMBC officers on the various components of signage and the siting of them. It was strongly felt that most effective measure would be the installation of flashing 'your speed' signs. It was also suggested that given the structure of highways through the three villages, that there was a case for lowering the speed limit to 20mph.

It was agreed that the Chair would arrange a date for a meeting (probably virtual) of the Traffic Calming working group to progress matters.

(f) Storage Area Extension:

The clerk to be asked about progress of the planning and approvals for the proposed extension to the Ryecroft building to provide further storage. Cllr. Lowery suggested that it would be useful to have an informed overview of the likely process and costs of the extension as soon as possible.

(i) Parish Councillor Vacancy – Campsall Ward:

Deferred until next meeting.

- (j) Audit of Accounts – Year Ending 31st March 2020:
 In the absence of the clerk, the meeting reviewed and commented on the ‘Receipts and Payments’ statement provided with the agenda. It was agreed that the finances are in a strong position. Approval of the statement was proposed by G. Morgan and seconded by B. McLaughlin.
- (k) Christmas Trees & Lights:
 It was generally acknowledged that costs regarding the purchase and installation of Christmas Trees last year were excessive. As a result, Cllr. Lowery informed the meeting that he would take responsibility for arranging the purchase of three trees, 5-6 M in height. DMBC personnel would not be involved in installation. Cllr. Pearson would approach a different electrician to deal with the installation of lights.
 It was agreed that new wall-hung lighting displays would be purchased for the barn at Sutton and at the Wellingtonia centre.
 Further more detailed arrangements to be put in place at the next PC Meeting.
- (l) Our Parish – Reflections on the Pandemic:
 Discussion centered mainly on the role that the Parish Council could/should play in a situation like the Covid -19 Pandemic. Various views were expressed regarding overall local organization of support for the most vulnerable in the community and how such activity was being communicated widely. A ‘Community Hub’ had been established in Askern, but Councillors felt that this had been rather remote from our parish. Should the Pandemic become more serious in the winter months and a local or national lockdown take place, it was felt that the PC should form a plan of active support for vulnerable members of the community. This might include, for example a list of names of volunteers offering support published in the Magazine. Cllrs are asked to bring their ideas for further discussion at the next PC meeting.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 20/01023/FUL – Erection of extension to existing Community Building at Pavilion Norton Parish Council Playing Field Ryecroft Road Norton
 No observations.
- 20/01990/TPO – Consent to fell to ground level one False Acacia (*Robinia Pseudoacacia*). The tree is within the Campsall Conservation Area and subject to W11 of Doncaster Rural District Tree Preservation Order (No. 18) 1972 Campsall with Sutton at 133 Campsall Park Road Campsall.
 No observations.
- 20/00004/REF – 18/02034?OUT – Outline application for the construction of 3 houses (all matters reserved) at Chateau Renee Sutton Road Campsall – Appeal Dismissed.
 Decision noted.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- CPRE – Countryside Charity – Countryside Voice/Field Work - Noted
- DMBC – Commercial Waste & Recycling During Covid – 19 – Noted
- Regional Mayor Dan Jarvis – Letter of Thanks to All Town & Parish Councils – Noted

ITEM 7 -	<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u>	<u>£</u>
	• D. Telford – Salary – July 2020	692.28
	• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – July 2020	576.36
	• A. Pearson – Caretakers Wages – July 2020	228.00
	• T. Barker – Replacement Manhole Cover	70.00
	• B. Johnston Multi-Sports (Already Paid)	2,450.00
	• A. Pearson – Materials	15.75
	• D. Telford – Petty Cash	50.00
	• Sarah Winkley – Erin Moran Appeal (Already Paid)	300.00
	• The Print & design Factory – Magazine	410.00
	• YPO – Community Building Materials	110.69
	• YPO – Office Folders	5.94
	• British Gas – Direct Debit	217.74
	 Total for the month of July 2020	 <u>5,126.76</u>

The accounts were scrutinized and passed for approval, proposed by Cllr. B. Wood and seconded by Cllr. E Lowery. Accounts requiring payment to be signed by the Clerk and countersigned by the Chair.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Former Parish Councillor Jill Shaw has offered to fund the provision of a bench seat in Campsall Park. The Chair suggested referral to the clerk as he has been involved in ordering and purchase of previous suitable benches. Siting and installation to be discussed. Cllr. B. McLaughlin suggested that a shaded area might be preferred.

Cllr. B. Wood raised the issue of an on-site water supply for the allotment holders. This has been contemplated before but found to be excessively expensive. However it was agreed that an updated quote to be sought.

The clerk to be asked for an update of the activities of Charles Haigh and his operations on the former pit tip site.

The clerk had reported that the PC was eligible for a discretionary grant from DMBC due to the pandemic of £10,000. He has acknowledged receipt of the offer and accepted it on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their participation by virtual means and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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

