

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor M. Morgan
Councillors: B. McLaughlin, A. Pearson, W. Grant, G. Morgan

DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted from: Cllrs. J. Atkins, C.Wilson, J. Gilliver, E. Lowery. H.White and Parish Clerk D. Telford were unable to access the virtual meeting.

ITEM 2 MINUTES of the previous (virtual) meeting held Tuesday 11 August 2020 were proposed as a true record by B. McLaughlin and seconded by A. Pearson.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

The installation of the toddlers' play equipment by 'HAGS' is proceeding but has paused due to an extra piece of equipment needing to be ordered. Otherwise all well and receiving positive comments from residents.

A new Neighbourhood Police Officer, PC Ben Hepworth has been appointed to our area. He joins PCSO Toni Bratby. The Police are holding occasional 'Pop-Up' Police Station meetings that can be accessed by the public at Alexander House, Askern. Cllr Pearson suggested it would be good to invite PC Hepworth to a PC Meeting. All were in agreement and D. Telford to send the an invite when meetings return to normal.

Reference was made to the offer of a bench for CCPark by Jill Shaw. She is seeking assurance that the bench provided is of the specification that she is seeking and not a substitute. D. Telford to contact her about commissioning and installation.

Members enquired about the restitution work to be carried out at Hawthorne Ave/Quarry Road by Yorkshire Water. The Chair reported that the company had said they would contact him not later than 21st August to discuss progress. No such contact has been made.

ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Parish Council's Joint Consultative Committee
There have been no meetings of the committee during the lockdown.
- (b) Police Issues.

The main concerns at present are the continuing incidences of off-road motor cyclists making a nuisance through the parish with potentially dangerous behaviour, and an increase in vandalism, not least the field boundary fence at Ryecroft.

Various Members expressed alarm at the incidence and speed of tractors and other farm vehicles and machinery whilst being driven through the villages.

These matters to be raised at the next 'Pop-Up' Police station meeting.

(c) Highway and Environmental Matters

Members welcomed the road re-construction and surfacing through Campsall almost completed after considerable and incessant pressure from the PC. However, it is now felt that with a good surface, there may well be an increase in the driving speed of motorists. Cllrs generally feel that a speed limit of 20mph should be introduced at various places in the three villages and especially at the bend near the church in Campsall where this should be done with immediate effect. The clerk to enquire about who/how to approach at DMBC regarding this matter.

The sub-committee formed to discuss the traffic calming measures has not yet met due to the Pandemic, but the Chair has been in contact with Nigel Raven, Highways engineer at DMBC who will work with us on the provision and installation of electronic speed signs. It is initially planned that the PC purchases 3 signs to be installed by DMBC. Costs will depend on the supplier and the Chair has contacted Fishlake PC for advice on this where such signs have already been installed.

Cllr E. Lowery reported by e-mail that the grass at the Garden of Rest and in the churchyard needs a good cut. He has asked for the work to be carried out by Neil Nash of Campsall at a cost of £250 to complete both. The work was agreed and proposed by Cllr B. McLaughlin and seconded by Cllr G Morgan.

It was suggested by Cllr A. Pearson that a set of goalposts be installed at the far end of the children's play area at Spittalrush. All agreed, and the clerk to make enquiries from DMBC regarding cost, supply and erection.

(d) Parish Council Website and Magazine

Confirmed that material for the next Magazine should be submitted no later than 5th November 2020.

(e) Development Plan Priorities

(See Item 3 and Section (c) of Item 4). It was agreed that the next children's play area for update would be the one adjacent to the School Boy pub in Norton. This will be a smaller-scale operation as some pieces of equipment are very sound and recently painted and just need

updating with a couple of new items added in. Ben Russell of DMBC to be contacted regarding plans, supplier and permissions as before and whether the proposed development at Spittalrush play area could be included in the specifications and thus perhaps reduce costs.

The Ryecroft Building

Cllr A.Pearson reported that a section of the field boundary fence had been vandalized. He had effected temporary repairs but after an inspection of the fence, it was found that a number of timber rails and posts also needed replacement due to weathering. A quote of £950 had been received by a local contractor to repair/replace 8 posts and 4 top rails. Proposed by A.Pearson and Seconded by G.Morgan that the quote be accepted and the work completed asap. All were in agreement.

It was further reported that there appears to be considerable wear of the gable ends of the building. This to be inspected and work needed to be agreed by the PC at the next meeting.

(f) Storage Area Extension.

This item was not discussed in the absence of the Clerk.

(h) Traffic Calming

See section 4 (c).

(i) Parish Councillor Vacancy

All Members agreed that L. Shearman from Campsall be co-opted on to the Parish Council and be invited to attend the next meeting of the PC.

(j) Christmas Trees and Lights

Cllr E. Lowery contacted the PC by e-mail that he has negotiated the prospective purchase and delivery of three 16 feet tall Nordman Christmas trees for 3 sites in the parish, and removed again in January 2021. A local farmer could lift them into position. A further short set of lights is requested for the Campsall Corner tree.

The proposal to be referred to the Parish Clerk, notably regarding size and installation.

(k) Garden of Rest

See Section 4 (c)

- (l) Additional item – The PC response to the resurgence of the Pandemic lockdown and how Members of the Parish Council might support vulnerable residents within the Parish.

Discussion circulated around ways of identifying the vulnerable and how they might alert volunteer Members of the PC that they were in need of support. Cllr G. Morgan proposed the drafting of a simple flier that could be distributed to all households giving contact details of Councillors prepared to offer practical support (for shopping for example) or to contact other appropriate providers. Cllr B. McLaughlin added that perhaps a tear-off slip could be included for people to specify what kind of help would be appreciated. It was also suggested that participants would need to have an ID card to show residents that they were bona fide.

Cllr H. White e-mailed to say that she had contacted Emergency Planning at DMBC and was advised that Lisa Swainston, the officer for this area, would welcome our ideas and offer advice as to how to proceed.

ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS

20/02377/FUL – Erection of front and rear single-storey extensions at 61 Broc-O-Bank, Norton. No objections.

20/02406/TPO – Consent to remove saplings etc at the Garden of Rest, The Avenue, Campsall. Agreed in full.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE.

Items noted.

ITEM 7 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The list of accounts for payment were noted and agreed. Acceptance of the accounts proposed by Cllr W. Grant and Seconded by Cllr G.Morgan.

ITEM 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rycroft changing rooms. With further football activity taking place, there is a need for the use of changing room 4 currently kept locked and out of use by the Askern Running Club. This is unacceptable and it was agreed that the clerk should make clear to the Running Club that they cannot have exclusive use of the 4th Changing Room. Rycroft belongs to Norton Parish Council and not Askern Running Club.

Cllr H.White e-mailed the PC to report an incidence of Japanese Knotweed growing both outside and inside the Spittalrush activity area. It appears from some dead stumps that this has been treated

before, but now needs treating urgently. The clerk to report this to DMBC.

Cllr A. Pearson reported again that sycamore trees are overhanging Spittalrush Road and need cutting back.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.