

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022**

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan  
 Councillors: G. Morgan, E. Lowery, B. McLaughlin, B. Wood, J. Atkins,  
 A. Drayton, D. Harle, L. Shearman.  
 Also in attendance 1 member of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES there were no apologies for absence as all Members were present.

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

Dave Collingwood from Askern & District Running Club reported that there was a rat problem at the Community Building with a very strong smell in the Officials changing rooms. Also he was concerned regarding the recent increase in charges for the use of the building.

**The Chairman thanked Mr Collingwood for his contribution and reinstated Standing Orders.**

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the meeting held Tuesday 9 November 2021 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all were in agreement. The notes of the cancelled meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14 December 2021 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. McLaughlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Morgan and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes and the notes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. McLaughlin welcomed the offer of the Parish Council to allow the Campsall GALA to be held on the Community Building playing field and suggested that the event takes place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was also decided that a sub-committee, comprising Members of the Parish Council and Friends of Campsall Country Park be set up to organise the event.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Police Issues:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the Police would be in attendance at a meeting in the Community Hall Norton at 10.30am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and that members of the public would be welcome to attend.

The Chairman reported that the Police had seized some quad bikes and crushed them.

(b) Highway/Environmental Matters:

Cllr. Lowery reported that the manhole covers stolen throughout the Ward were still covered by timber which was starting to rot and becoming dangerous to pedestrians and vehicle drivers. Also general littering of the roadsides throughout the parish was getting worse.

Highway/Environmental Matters (Cont'd):

Cllr. Shearman reported that the boundary hedge to Melton Lodge Bone Lane Campsall was overhanging the public footpath and required trimming.

Cllr. Drayton reported that the waste bin at Campsall Corner, the junction of Rycroft Road and the Avenue had been destroyed and required replacing.

Cllr. Wood reported that the flashing speed sign on the A19 was not operating fully on the side leaving from Askern.

All the above issues would be reported to DMBC by the Parish Clerk.

(c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the deadline for articles for the magazine was 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022; also they were looking for support to upgrade the parish website.

(d) Development Plan Priorities:

- Funding Play Areas:

The Clerk reported that the order for the new play equipment for West End Road play area had now been placed and was awaiting confirmation of a delivery date.

- Traffic Calming:

The Clerk reported that the traffic calming signs had been made and that he was awaiting confirmation of a dispatch date.

Cllr. McLaughlin enquired if any response had been received from DMBC regarding the possibility of moving the 30mph signs further along Bone Lane. The Clerk agreed to pursue the matter with Andy Stewart DMBC Highways Officer.

(e) Garden of Rest:

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from the contractor regarding the repairs required to the entrance gates. Cllr. Lowery suggested that another contractor be engaged.

(f) Defibrillators:

Cllr. G. Morgan proposed that all consumables for the defibrillators in the parish should be provided by the Parish Council. Cllr. Wood seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council would take responsibility for the replacement of all the defibrillator consumables.

Cllr. McLaughlin reported that the village of Sutton did not have a defibrillator and suggested that the Phone Box on Suttonfield Road would be an ideal location. It was further suggested that the Anne Arms be asked to raise the funding for the equipment.

(g) Community Building Heating Systems:

The Clerk reported that an estimate had been received from TH Heating Services (UK) Ltd for the provision of heating switch to time the water heaters operating periods to cut down on heating costs. Two options had been suggested; 1 a pulse switch which would cut the running hours from 8760 hours a year to 1344 hours a year at a cost of £800. The second option was to install a 7 day timer which would reduce the hours a year to 1404 hours at a cost of £600.

Cllr. Harle suggested that a Wi-Fi app be considered.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that another contractor be sought.

- (h) Replacement Fencing to Football Pitches:  
The Clerk reported that no alternative quotation had been received from the contractor. Cllr. Lowery proposed that repairing the existing wooden fencing and fitting a new metal gate would be more appropriate, and that a local joiner be contacted. Cllr. Harle seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.
- (i) Co-option of Parish Councillors – Campsall, Norton & Sutton:  
To-date no residents of the parish had shown any interest in joining the Parish Council despite several advertisements.
- (j) Appointment of New Caretaker:  
The Clerk reported that 2 candidates had expressed an interest in the vacancy and that interviews would be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm. The interviewing panel would comprise the Chairman, Cllrs. Atkins and McLaughlin along with the Parish Clerk.
- (k) Parish Precept 2022/23:  
The Clerk circulated a draft parish precept document that indicated that the precept for 2021/22 had been £56,950 inclusive of DMBC grant, and informed Members that a decision was required by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The Clerk reported that the Government had removed the requirement for a referendum to be held if an increase of more than 0.95% was required; however, as a result of the Covid lockdown residents would be hit hard by any increase. Cllr. Wood proposed that the parish precept inclusive of any grant be the same as last year £56,950, Cllr. Lowery seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That DMBC be informed that the parish precept inclusive of any grant be the same as last year £56,950.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

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

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- CPRE – Countryside Voices – Circulated.

ITEM 7 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	<u>£</u>
• D. Telford – Salary – December 2021	899.95
• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – December 2021	319.51
• A. Pearson – Caretakers Wages – December 2021	168.00
• A. Parkin-Coates – Cesspool Emptying	336.00
• Sweep Fee – Direct Debit	30.00
• DMBC – Litter Bins	48.20
• YPO – Materials	4.44
• HSL Compliance Ltd – Water Treatment	249.60
• HSL Compliance Ltd – Water Treatment	236.28
• HSL Compliance Ltd – Water Treatment	300.72
• DMBC – Bulk Container	117/00

Total for the month of December 2021 £2,709.70

Cllr. G. Morgan proposed payment of the accounts for the month of December 2021, seconded by Cllr. Wood and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the accounts for the month of December 2021 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

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