

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan
 Councillors: - B. McLaughlin, G. Morgan, B. Wood, E. Lowery, A. Drayton,
 P. Watson, D. Rotherham, J. Atkins, L. Shearman.
 Also in attendance 2 members of the public.

DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. D. Harle & A. Pearson.

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

Concern was raised regarding the condition of the public footpath to Norton Common Road, grass was overgrowing it and pedestrians with pushchairs and residents in wheelchairs found it difficult to access. The Clerk advised that the issue had been raised with DMBC, but would contact them again.

Residents have complained about the number of vehicles parking on the footpaths to Arundel Road Norton, again causing problems to pedestrians with pushchairs and residents in wheelchairs.

Several residents were seeking advice on how to facilitate a road closure to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee; the advice given was to contact DMBC Highways. The residents also enquired what the Parish Council was proposing for the Jubilee celebrations. Cllr. McLaughlin reported that the Campsall 4A Trust had some bunting that could be used, and the Parish Council offered to purchase additional in order that the main streets could be displayed.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their attendance and reinstated Standing Orders.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 8 March 2022 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Drayton and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Drayton reported that DMBC Pest Control had inspected the land at Arundel Road, Headingley Road, Orchard Close and Orchard Drive for rats. The Chairman reported that the DMBC Planning Committee had turned down the planning application 21/02978/OUT for the land adjacent to Guelder Cottage West End Road Norton.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Police Issues:

The Chairman reported that the Police & Crime Commissioner would be holding a meeting at Askern Town Council Offices on Wednesday 22 June.

- (b) Highway/Environmental Matters:
 Cllr. Wood suggested that in view of the Government's green energy strategy, the development company who submitted the planning application for the wind turbines at White Lay Road Barnsdale Bar should be encouraged to re-submit its application.
 Cllr. Lowery reported that the wall surrounding the Old Vicarage opposite the Church in Campsall was starting to lose stones and was considered dangerous.
 Cllr. Atkins reported that plot B of allotment 1 Spittlerush Lane had not been attended to since it was let and should be passed on to the next person on the waiting list.
 Cllr. Rotherham expressed concern about the amount of litter on the playing field adjacent to the allotments and suggested that a sign be erected requesting users of the playing field to use the litter bin provided.
 Cllr. Shearman reported that one of the footpaths to No Road Campsall was covered in green moss and was considered dangerous to the elderly.
 The Chairman suggested that the goalposts on the Ryecroft Road Playing Field be removed before the Summer Event and the damage to the goalmouth areas repaired.
- (c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:
 The Chairman thanked Members for their assistance in delivering the magazines, and reported that the cost of printing had gone up to £500/edition. The general consensus was that the magazine was very much appreciated by the parishioners and that the present format should be retained. Cllr. Shearman proposed that the magazine continues in its present format, seconded by Cllr. Lowery and all were in favour.
 Cllr. Atkins offered special thanks to both Mike & Gill Morgan for their continued management of the magazine.
- (d) Development Plan Priorities:
- Funding Play Areas:
 The Chairman reported that works had commenced on the new equipment to the West End Road Play Area.
 Cllr. McLaughlin suggested that an official opening should be organised, and possibly invite the school to attend; also, ask Sutcliffe Play if they had any official opening gear.
 Cllr. Wood reported that he had made contact with an Askern Councillor with a view to providing a see saw swing for the Schoolboy Play Area.
 - Traffic Calming:
 The Chairman reported that all four traffic calming signals had now been installed and were all working well.
- (e) Garden of Rest:
 The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from a resident adjacent to the Garden of Rest regarding the volume of trees planted there. Cllr. McLaughlin advised that the planting had been shrubs to form a hedge, not trees.

Garden of Rest (Cont'd):

Cllr. Lowery reported that the new gates had been fitted to the entrance and that a very good job had been done. Also, the grass and site tidying was required and suggested that N. Nash be contacted and a skip be hired.

Cllr. McLaughlin reported that a neighbour to the Garden of Rest had asked if the overhanging dead branches could be removed. The Clerk agreed to contact the DMBC Tree Officer for approval.

(f) Community Building – Heating System:

The Clerk reported that the new monitoring equipment had been installed in the Football Officials changing room that morning, and it was hoped that the control of the heating system would substantially reduce the gas and electricity tariffs.

(g) Summer Activities:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that Bradley Johnston had agreed to arrange the summer activities at Ryecroft Field during the summer holidays and agreed to charge the same as last year £2,550.00. Cllr. G. Morgan proposed that the offer be accepted, seconded by Cllr. Lowery and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the summer activities be supported again at a cost of £2,550.00. It was also agreed that the Caretaker open and close the facilities on each day.

(h) Tree Planting Areas – Norton:

It was agreed that a group be set up to meet with a representative of DMBC to determine the siting of the trees; the group to consist of the Chairman, Cllrs. Rotherham, Watson, Drayton and the Parish Clerk.

(i) Defibrillators:

Cllr. Shearman reported that Epworth Town Council had received free training on the use of defibrillators from the local Fire Service and suggested that Askern Fire Service be contacted for help.

Cllr. Lowery suggested that the location of the defibrillators and how to use them should be a regular item in the parish magazine.

(j) Smaller Councils Committee:

The Chairman read out a letter from NALC seeking items for discussion from smaller authorities; that is authorities with less than 6000 electors. The items include; planning, carbon literacy, NALC services, sharing good practice, improving good governance and the increasing take-up of the Local Council Award Scheme. No action required.

(k) Caretaker's Rate of Pay:

The Clerk reported that the current minimum wage had just been increased and that the Parish Council should consider an increase to the Caretakers rate of pay; which currently stands at £10 per hour.

Cllr. Atkins proposed that the hourly rate be increased to £11, seconded by Cllr. Lowery and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the Caretakers rate of pay be increased from £10 to £11 per hour with effect from 1 April 2022.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 22/00302/FUL – Installation of new vehicular access to classified road (C52) at 52 Churchfield Road Campsall
Observations:
No objections.
- 22/00459/FUL – Erection of a 4 bedroom dwelling and car parking to front with garden area to rear at Land on the North West Side of 19 Hawthorne Avenue Norton
Observations:
The site plan shows the proposed site and access road from Norton Common Road edged red which usually indicates that the site is owned by the applicant. This access road has been a public right of way since the existing properties on Hawthorne Avenue were built.
It is understood that an injunction was placed on all land to the east of the level crossing declaring the land to be green belt and as a consequence not developed.
The design and access statement is very vague and would appear to restrict access by other residents of Hawthorne Avenue and there is no indication of who wrote it.
In view of the concerns raised by the Members of the Parish Council and without further information the Parish Council objects to the application.
- 22/00667/FUL – Erection of granny annexe next to existing double garage at 2 Manor Farm Close Sutton
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 22/00726/FUL – Erection of single storey front extension (being resubmission of 21/03461/FUL refused 01.02.2022) at West End Stores West End Road Norton
Observations:
The Parish Council supports this application as there is a limited number of stores in the village.
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- NALC – Smaller Councils Committee – See item 4 (j).

ITEM 7 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	<u>£</u>
• D. Telford – Salary – March 2022 (Includes Pay Award)	1,086.95
• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – March 2022	576.82
• J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – March 2022	256.00
• Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Annual Subscription	848.00
• DMBC – Erection of Speed Signs	9,651.12
• D. Telford – Garden of Rest Gates (Reimbursement)	1,680.00
• Business Stream – Water Supply –Direct Debit	31.85
• The Print & Design Factory – Magazine Printing	500.00
• Konica Minolta – Photocopies	8.89

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<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (Cont'd)</u>	<u>£</u>
• GFA Premier – Fire Protection	509.68
• HSL Compliance – Community Building Shower Cleansing	249.60
• YPO – Materials	85.85
• DMBC – Grounds Maintenance	1,169.08
• Sweep Fee – Direct Debit	30.00
• YLCA – Good Councillor Guides	21.44
• Sutcliffe Play Ltd – Play Equipment West End Road	17,616.96
• DMBC – Litter Bins	48.20
• T.H. Heating Services (UK) Ltd. – Heating Control	915.00
• Sutcliffe Play Ltd – Play Equipment West End Road	1,187.04
• YPO – Materials	78.05
• DMBC – Yearly Rent Towns Quarry	5.00
• DMBC – Bulk Container Emptying	120.50
 Total for the month of March 2022	 <u>£36,676.03</u>

Cllr. Lowery proposed payment of the accounts for the month of March 2022, seconded by Cllr. Drayton and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the accounts for the month of March 2022 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Wood reported that the final notice board had been erected on Beech Road Campsall, just required painting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

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