

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2023**

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan  
Councillors: - G. Morgan, A. Drayton, P. Watson, A. Pearson, L. Shearman,  
D. Rotherham, J. Atkins, E. Lowery.

The Chairman requested Members to stand and uphold a minute's silence in respect of the sadly lost Member of the Parish Council Brian Wood.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. D. Harle and B. McLaughlin.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 13 December 2022 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Lowery, seconded by Cllr. Rotherham and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING  
Cllr. G. Morgan enquired if the November 2022 minutes; which had an incorrect statement, should be altered prior to publication in the Council Magazine. The Clerk suggested that the minutes in question should remain the same as the amendment was made in the following minutes. It was agreed that the minutes should be published as presented, and any changes published in the following minutes.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Police Issues:

Cllr. Shearman reported that the next Community Police Meeting was scheduled for 23 January 2023 to be held at 6.00pm in Scawthorpe Library. Also there were further problems with car and house break-ins in the parish; which were reported to the police but their attendance was often too late. Cllr. Rotherham reported that quad bikes were still operating in the villages on a regular basis; however, the police have taken little action. The Chairman agreed to contact the Police Commissioner on the above issues.

(b) Highway/Environmental Matters:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the Chairman and Vice-Chair have been invited to a meeting to look in to the possibility of reopening Askern Railway Station. Cllr. Rotherham reported that there was evidence of dog fouling and litter on the football area of the playing field off Priory Road and Back Lane Norton, and requested that DMBC be asked to erect further dog fouling and litter notices, preferably metallic signs. Cllr. Pearson requested further action on the repositioning of the seat and litter bin at the same location; which was requested several months ago.

Highway/Environmental Matters (Cont'd):

Cllr. Lowery requested that DMBC be asked to erect additional dog fouling and litter signs in Campsall Country Park.

Cllr. Shearman reported a very deep pothole on High Street Campsall at the bottom of the hill between the Church and the Olde Bells.

Cllr. Rotherham reported that despite many requests, the gutters and gullies were still choked with weeds and moss and required urgent attention.

Cllr. Shearman reported that the moss to the public footpath on No Road Campsall, despite several requests, was still considered dangerous. Also could Andy Maddox, DMBC Highways, be asked about progress with the replacement of the 30mph signs on Bone Lane Campsall.

(c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the deadline for articles in the next edition of the Magazine was 24 February 2023.

(d) Development Plan Priorities – 2022/23:

The Chairman recalled that Brian Wood had always shown a lot of interest in the Schoolboy Play Area and suggested that consideration be given to installing some new equipment or a new seat in his respect. All were in agreement.

(e) Garden of Rest:

Cllr. Lowery reported that Mr Nash was keeping the site neat and tidy.

(f) Community Building Maintenance Programme:

The Clerk reported that he now had 3 quotations for the works to the Community Building roof:

	<u>£</u>
• Zak Barter	1,408.80
• I J Sayles	650.00
• K. Humphries & Sons	590.00 + VAT

Following consideration of the works specified in the quotations the Chairman proposed that the quotation submitted by I J Sayles be accepted. Cllr. Lowery seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the quotation for the roof repairs submitted by I J Sayles be accepted.

(g) Parish Precept 2023/24:

The Clerk advised that he had been requested to submit the Parish Council's precept request before the end of the month; therefore a decision had to be made at this meeting. Further, there were still restrictions on the amount of any increase and DMBC were suggesting that in view of the financial constraints being experienced by residents that where ever possible the precept should not be increased. Following discussion, Cllr. Atkins proposed that the parish precept should remain the same as last year at £56,950. Cllr. G. Morgan seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the parish precept for 2023/24 remain the same at £56,950.

The Clerk also advised that the annual insurance was due for consideration and that it would be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

(h) Defibrillators:

Cllr. Lowery reported that he had spoken to the Leisure Centre Management who had confirmed that a defibrillator would be available at the Centre. It was reported that there was to be a change of Landlord at the Anne Arms and that contact would be made with the new Landlord regarding fund raising for a defibrillator in the village of Sutton.

(i) Community Allotments:

Cllr. Pearson had suggested that the first allotment on the Spittlerush Lane/Back Lane site should be considered for a community allotment as it was currently not being cultivated. The Clerk advised that the tenant of half of the allotment had agreed to terminate his tenancy and the tenant of the other half had promised to cultivate it. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that the site remain as it currently is and that the remaining tenant be given notice that if the site was not cultivated by the end of February the tenancy would be terminated. The vacant plot would be offered to the next applicant on the waiting list.

(j) Mounting Stone – Campsall:

Cllr. Lowery reported on the problems experienced following the removal of the Mounting Stone by DMBC staff following a trip by a member of the public. The stone had been removed along with several other stones and damaged in its removal. However, after considerable dialogue, the stone had been returned to its original site but installed upside down. It was agreed that the stone should remain in its present location and that the Chairman would write a letter of concern to the Conservation Officer with a copy to Mayor Ros Jones.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 22/02533/FUL – Erection of extension to front of shop at West End Stores West End Road Norton  
Observations:  
The Parish Council is still in full support of this application.
- 22/02686/FUL – Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling following demolition of derelict building (being resubmission of application 22/01306/FUL refused 21.7.2022)  
Observations:  
The previous letter of objection still applies.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- DMBC – Pest Control Annual Contract for Moles – The Chairman and Clerk signed the contract renewal document.
- DMBC – Request for Parish Precept requirements.

		<b>2599</b>
ITEM 7 -	<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u>	<u>£</u>
	• D. Telford – Salary – December 2022	967.45
	• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C’s. – December 2022	395.51
	• J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – December 2022	343.20
	• British Gas – Direct Debit	179.49
	• D. Telford – Petty Cash	50.00
	• G. Senior – Power for Christmas Lights	100.00
	• Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Ltd. – Photocopies	8.03
	• DMBC – Pest Control Contract Renewal	485.09
	• Business Stream – Direct Debit	30.50
	• Sweep Fee – Direct Debit	30.00
	• DMBC – Litter Bins	48.20
	• DMBC – Bulk Bin	120.50
	Total for the month of December 2022	<u>£2,757.97</u>

Cllr. Pearson proposed payment of the accounts for the month of December 2022, seconded by Cllr. Shearman and all were in agreement.

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

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Shearman reported that the Post Office in Askern was due to close at the end of January putting extreme pressure on the one remaining Post Office in Campsall. In addition to the increased pressure on the Post Office there would be parking problems on High Street and Back Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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