

NORTON PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan
 Councillors: - B. McLaughlin, A. Drayton, D. Harle, L. Shearman, A. Pearson, E. Lowery, D. Rotherham.
 Also in attendance: Mayor Ros Jones, Councillor Joe Blackham, Highways Engineer Dave Snell, and 5 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. J. Atkins, P. Watson and G. Morgan.

The Chairman introduced Mayor Ros Jones, Councillor Joe Blackham and Dave Snell and suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

The Chairman referred to a list of issues that had been raised by Members over recent months which had been reported to DMBC Highways on numerous occasions.

- The general lack of street sweeping and gulley emptying throughout the parish. Dave Snell indicated that these items were on a two year schedule and were next due to be carried out in November 2023. Cllr. Pearson reported that a number of gullies on Spittlerush Lane and Ryecroft Road were blocked each year by farm debris and required cleansing more frequently than every 2 years.
- The disgraceful condition of the former Campsall WMC and its surrounding grounds. Dave Snell reported that enforcement notices had been served on the owners to clear the site.
- The poor condition of the road surface to Back Lane Campsall which was seconded by the residents of Back Lane present at the meeting. Mayor Ros Jones indicated that Back Lane Campsall was unadopted and as a consequence not the responsibility of DMBC. A resident provided a document indicating that the road was adopted and gave a copy to Dave Snell, who said he would check the legality. There was also concern about the lack of drainage to the highway.
- Concern was raised regarding the current lack of a Ranger to Campsall Country Park which was considered important due to the parks 'Green Flag Status'. Mayor Ros Jones agreed to get Andy Maddox to check the spending from Sports England.
- Cllr. Shearman reported that the moss on the public footpath to No Road Campsall had just been removed following months of complaints.
- The lack of cleansing to the highway outside the Church on The Avenue/High Street Campsall was considered dangerous.

The Chairman thanked Mayor Ros Jones, Councillor Blackham, Dave Snell and the members of the public for their attendance and reinstated Standing Orders.

- ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 14 March 2023 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Harle, seconded by Cllr. Shearman and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING
There were no matters arising not on the agenda.
- ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
- (a) Police Issues:
The Clerk reported that PCSO Toni Bratby had informed him that speed monitoring would be carried out in the parish on Wednesday 12 April.
- (b) Highway/Environmental Matters:
The Chairman reported that he had had a site meeting with John Davies from DMBC to discuss the problems on the land off Hawthorne Avenue and Quarry Road. The outcome of the meeting was that John Davies had agreed to clear the site of all the dumped rubbish and to make enquiries as to the ownership of the land off Norton Common Road that was also untidy.
- (c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:
The Chairman thanked Members for delivering the magazines. Some Members indicated that they had received too many copies of the magazine and asked for checks to be made due to the increased cost of printing.
- (d) Development Plan Priorities – 2023/24:
The refurbishment of Parish Council land off Hawthorne Avenue/Quarry Road was raised; the Chairman responded that the matter was currently being investigated.
It was agreed that a new recyclable plastic seat be acquired for the Schoolboy Play Area in memory of Brian Wood, also consideration be given to the purchase of a basket swing for the same site.
- (e) Garden of Rest:
Cllr. Lowery reported that the Clerk had been contacted by SY Probation Service who had reported that they were now available to continue grounds maintenance at The Garden of Rest. The probation Service had also indicated that they had taken on the contract with Campsall Church. Cllr. Lowery suggested that the works currently being carried out by Mr Nash were of a high standard and that he should keep the contract. Members supported the proposal.
- (f) Defibrillators:
Cllr. Harle reported that he had made contact with the Landlord of the Anne Arms regarding the fitting of a defibrillator to the outside of the public house, and the Landlord was very supportive. Also a collection would be organised to raise funds for the equipment, and the Parish Council agreed to make up any shortfall. It was also agreed that an advert would go in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

- (g) Parish Councillor Vacancy:
The Clerk reported that he had only received one expression of interest for the vacancy and enquired if anyone else had; to which the answer was none. The Clerk indicated that the only expression of interest had come from Mrs Valerie Greaves who had resided in the village of Norton for over 40 years. Cllr. Shearman proposed co-opting Mrs Greaves as a Councillor for the village of Norton, seconded by Cllr. Rotherham and all were in agreement. The Clerk agreed to contact Mrs Greaves to see if she was still interested and forwards her the Acceptance of Office and Disclosable Interests forms for completion prior to notifying Electoral Services.
- (h) Community Buses:
The Chairman reported on the meeting held Wednesday 5 April attended by Ward Cllrs. Austen White and Iris Beech, and Andy Cunningham from DMBC to discuss the problems being experienced in Norton and Campsall Old Village.
Minutes of the meeting attached.
- (i) Mayor Ros Jones and Councillor Joe Blackham:
Item discussed under suspension of Standing Orders.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 23/00490/FUL – Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and rear extension at 12 Kiplin Drive Norton.
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

ITEM 7 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	<u>£</u>
• D. Telford – Salary – March 2023	967.45
• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's. – March 2023	581.90
• J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – March 2023	360.80
• Ratcliff & Roper Printers – Parish Magazine	638.00
• Konica Minolta – Photocopies	6.91
• GFA Premier Ltd – Fire Inspection & Certificate	243.90
• Y.P.O. – Materials	39.36
• Sweep Fee – Direct Debit	30.00
• Y.P.O. – Materials	35.40
• D. Telford – Payment of Community Building Repairs	650.00
• YLCA – Annual Subscription	856.00
• T. Barker – Toilet Repairs Community Building	120.00
• DMBC – Litter Bins	48.20
• Raw Speed Limited – GALA Deposit	50.00

Total for the month of March 2023

£4,627.92

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (Cont'd)

Cllr. Harle proposed payment of the accounts for the month of March 2023, seconded by Cllr. McLaughlin and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the accounts for the month of March 2023 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Rotherham reported that he had been in discussion with Andy Cunningham DMBC regarding a possible grant of £500 towards the formation of a wildlife scented area in the small woodland area adjacent to the allotments on Back Lane Norton, and was seeking approval to continue with the proposal. Cllr. McLaughlin proposed that Cllr. Rotherham proceed with the proposed wildlife scented area, seconded by Cllr. Harle and all were in agreement.

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

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