

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Present: Chairman – Councillor M. Morgan  
Councillors; - G. Morgan, P. Watson, V. Greaves, B. McLaughlin, J. Atkins,  
D. Harle, L. Shearman, A. Drayton.  
Also in attendance 3 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. A. Pearson and E. Lowery.

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

Mr. Crosby reported that he had not received a visit from the planning department regarding his building of a store for his mobility scooter despite a promise of a visit. The Clerk agreed to contact the planning officer concerned. Two residents of the new development off Station Road/ New Road Norton raised the issue of poor drainage to the new development and the constant smell of raw sewage. The Clerk agreed to contact the CoDC and Yorkshire Water. Also the overgrown grass to the verges of Station Road Norton required trimming.

Also the condition of the unadopted road serving Hawthorne Avenue and Quarry Road Norton was of concern to the residents.

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

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held 8 August 2023 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Harle, seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. McLaughlin reported that the meetings in Campsall Country Park were not very helpful and Street Scene did not attend either meeting. A further meeting was scheduled to be held in the Main Car Park on the 10<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm.

Cllr. Shearman reported that the public footpath connecting High Street to Back Lane Campsall had still not been cut.

Cllr. Harle reported that the planters in Sutton referred to at the last meeting had still not been provided, and suggested that an ‘adopt a planter project’ could be included in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Police Issues:

The Clerk reminded Members that there would be a Community Engagement Meeting in Askern Community Library on 25 September at 6 - 7.30pm.

(b) Highway/Environmental Matters:

The Clerk reported that Planning Enforcement had checked the boundaries on Back Lane Norton and were happy with the new fencing. Also an order had been given to have the waste building material removed from New Road Norton.

Cllr. McLaughlin reported that the seat in the bus shelter on Church Field Road Campsall had been damaged and required replacing. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with SYPTE.

Concern was raised that no response had been received from the police regarding the erection of signs in the parish advising that speed monitoring was taking place. The Clerk agreed to contact the police again.

Cllr. Shearman reported that parking outside the Post Office was becoming even more of a problem, and the white lines on the highway around the Church had still not been replaced.

Cllr. Greaves expressed concern that the new speed limit of 50mph on Ryecroft Road was dangerous considering the number of children crossing to and from Campsmount Academy. Considering the speed limit on Campsall Balk was 40mph the same speed limit should be placed on Ryecroft Road.

Cllr. Greaves reported that the litter bin outside the Go Local Store was inaccessible due to its position being behind a storage van and should be repositioned.

(c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:

Cllr. McLaughlin agreed to meet with Cllr. G. Morgan and David Ellicott to discuss possible improvements to the website.

The Chairman raised the issue of the increased costs of the magazine printing; however, the general consensus was that the magazine was highly approved by the residents and that it should continue in its present format.

The lack of income from advertising was raised; currently one advert cost £20 and three cost £55. Cllr. G. Morgan proposed that the cost of advertising should rise to £25 for one advert and £70 for three. Cllr. Shearman seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That future advertising cost would be £25 for one advert and £70 for three.

(d) Development Plan Priorities 2023/24:

No new issues were raised.

(e) Garden of Rest:

In the absence of Cllr. Lowery the subject was deferred to the next meeting.

(f) Defibrillators:

Cllr. Harle reported that a total of £1,108.82 had been raised with a collection at the Anne Arms and several individual company donations for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator outside the Anne Arms. The approximate cost for the purchase and installation was in the region of £1,800. Cllr. McLaughlin proposed that the Parish Council should contribute the balance of the cost, seconded by Cllr. G. Morgan and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council contribute the balance of the costs.

Defibrillators (Cont'd):

Cllr. Atkins reported that Askern Running Club were no longer using the Community Building changing rooms, but still owned the defibrillator they had installed in the changing rooms. Cllr. Atkins agreed to contact the Running Club to find out what its intention was regarding the defibrillator.

(g) Community Buses:

Cllr. G. Morgan reported that a meeting had been arranged with the South Yorkshire Mayor on 13<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the future of the service. The meeting will take place in the Coronation Club West End Road Norton at 3.00pm; however, attendees must register at the club at 2.30pm to be able to attend.

(h) Campsall Country Park:

Cllr. McLaughlin reported that the CoDC had widened the gap between the boulders on the path from Askern Ponds in to the Park, and that this had made access for bikes and quad bikes more accessible. Future Parks and CoDC Street Scene were not working in partnership and many of the litter bins had been removed or replaced for the worse. The shrubbery adjacent to the public footpaths in the Park had been trimmed recently but all the trimmings had been left at the side of the paths. Also the CoDC is looking to reduce the number of play areas in the Borough and was concerned that this should not include the play area in Campsall Country Park as the equipment had been provided by the Parish Council.

(i) Annual Audit of Accounts 2022/23:

The Clerk reported that the annual audit of accounts had been completed by the External Auditor and other than raising the issue of incorrect reporting of the Parish Council assets had found everything else correct.

Cllr. Harle proposed acceptance of the External Auditors Report, seconded by Cllr. McLaughlin, and all were in agreement.

**Resolved:** That the External Auditors Report for the year 2022/23 be accepted.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 23/01738/OHL – Recover an overhead line and pole and install new terminal pole at Askern and Norton Sewage Works Stubbs Lane Norton.  
Observations:  
No objections.
- 23/01624/FUL – Erection of a single storey extension to the front of the property, following the removal of the existing front porch at Darfield Cottage, West End Road, Norton.  
Observations:  
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 23/01622/FUL – Erection of a single storey extension to front of property at Mill View Back Lane 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 -	<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u>	<u>£</u>
•	D. Telford – Salary – August 2023	967.45
•	Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's – August 2023	418.47
•	J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – August 2023	457.60
•	E-on Next – Electricity – Direct Debit	345.24
•	British Gas – Direct Debit	166.99
•	Royal British Legion – Wreaths	60.00
•	G. Morgan – Replacement Defibrillator Battery	253.59
•	J. Coleman – Community Building Equipment	28.16
•	PKF Littlejohn LLP – Annual External Audit	504.00
	Total for the month of August 2023	<u>3,201.50</u>

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

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

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS  
Cllr. G. Morgan enquired if the additional Community Building fobs had been acquired. The Clerk advised that he was still pursuing the issue.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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