

NORTON PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023

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

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

Concern was raised regarding the condition of some of the allotments on both Parish Council sites, the size of the individual plots and the size of the current waiting list. It was suggested that persons not maintaining their plots should be advised that if they did not attend to them quickly their tenancy would be terminated. It was also suggested that many of the plots were too large and that the Parish Council should consider splitting some of them into two. Cllr. Atkins advised that he and the Clerk had visited both sets of allotments recently and that the proposals made were being considered. Concern was also raised regarding the condition of the various parcels of land off Norton Common Road, Hawthorne Avenue and Quarry Road. Generally they all required tidying up.

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

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 10 October 2023 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Greaves and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING
 Cllr. Harle reported that a new Post Office was going to be opened in Askern hopefully taking some pressure of High Street Campsall.
 Cllr. Harle indicated that he was not in a position to erect the new bench in the West End Road Play Area; however, he would contact a local builder. All were in agreement.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Police Issues:
 There were no new issues raised.

- (b) Highway/Environmental Matters:
The Chairman reported that the condition of Greengate Lane and White Ley Road; the roads connecting Campsall to Barnsdale Bar, were in very poor condition.
Cllr. Pearson expressed concern regarding the lack of gully emptying throughout the parish and requested that the CoDC be requested to supply a schedule of gully emptying for the parish.
- (c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:
Cllr. G. Morgan reported that the magazine had been printed and was ready for delivery, and that the deadline for articles for the next edition was 23 February.
- (d) Development Plan Priorities 2023/24:
The Chairman reported that most issues on the current development plan had been either completed or dismissed as not appropriate; and requested Members to bring forward new plans for 2024 to the December meeting.
- (e) Garden of Rest:
Cllr. Lowery reported that the new sign had been erected on the entrance gate post. Also, he had spoken with Mr. Nash who had indicated that he was prepared to continue with the grounds maintenance at the same rate as last year.
- (f) Defibrillators:
The Clerk reported that the defibrillator for the Anne Arms had been ordered and would be delivered to Cllr. Harle shortly. Cllr. Harle reported that he was liaising with the owner of the Anne Arms regarding its installation and the electricity supply.
- (g) Community Buses:
Cllr. Lowery reported that the meeting held at Norton WMC was very well represented by the South Yorkshire Mayor, the local MP and the community. However, very little progress was made regarding an improved hourly service to Doncaster. A further meeting was scheduled, the date to be announced.
- (h) Campsall Country Park:
Cllr. Shearman reported on the recent meeting held with CoDC Parks Team, Members of Campsall Country Park and the Parish Council. The Park is considered to be generally untidy, existing pathways had been damaged whilst installing new pathways and that the new pathway did not connect to the car park.
Cllr. Lowery added that there was a lack of discussion between the Park users and the staff of CoDC.
Cllr. Drayton added that most of the existing pathways were overgrown, and that the new signs requesting dog owners to keep their dogs on leads were very confusing and not in the right places.
It was suggested that a letter of complaint be sent to Mayor Ros Jones referring to the issues raised.

- (i) Replacement of Parish Clerk & RFO:
The Parish Clerk reported that reluctantly he had to terminate his employment due to a series of medical issues, and agreed to liaise with the Chairman regarding the appointment of a replacement.
- (j) Campsall Walks:
Cllr. G. Morgan reported that she had discussed the funding of the walks group with Diane Pepper and it had been agreed that the formation of the walking group would be put on hold for the time being.
- (k) Caretaker's Wages:
The Clerk reported that the new Real Living Wage had been increased to £12.00 per hour and suggested that the Caretaker's wage should be increased to £12.00 per hour.
Cllr. G. Morgan proposed that the Caretaker's hourly rate should be increased to £12.00 from the 1st of December 2023. Cllr. Pearson seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the Caretaker's hourly rate be increased to £12.00 from 1st December 2023.

- (l) Play Equipment – Nest Swing:
Cllr. Pearson raised the issue of the purchase of a nest swing for the Schoolboy Play Area which had been discussed at previous meetings. The Chairman reported that the only current estimate was in the order of £9,200 and that further estimates needed to be sought.
It was also reported that a resident had suggested that a piece of play equipment should be considered on the piece of land owned by the Parish Council off Norton Common Road.
In view of the limited funds available it was decided that the nest swing for the Schoolboy Play Area should be purchased this financial year, and that consideration of a piece of equipment for the land off Norton Common Road be considered in the next financial year following consultation with residents.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 23/01960/FUL – Erection of ground floor extension to the rear, which is a partial infill rear extension at 77 Broc-o-Bank Norton.
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 23/01974/TCON – T1; Eucalyptus; fell to ground level & treat stump with herbicide; tree is cracking hard landscape around its inappropriate location and fracture lines now appearing on old wall adjacent to tree.
T2; Spruce; crown lift to 3 metres to allow access around tree & re balance at White House High Street Campsall.
Observations:
The Parish Council is happy to leave the decision in the capable hands of the Tree Preservation Officer.

PLANNING MATTERS (Cont'd)

- 23/02054/FUL – Change of use of land to domestic curtilage (Retrospective) at 1 Mount Royd Ryecroft Road Norton.
Observations:
The Parish Council has no objections.
- 23/02221/FUL – Erection of a first floor extension above existing garage to create bedroom at 11 Cedar Walk Campsall.
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

- The Clerk reported that Jayne Ashby had sadly declined the offer of the post of Co-opted Parish Councillor due to other work commitments.

ITEM 7 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	<u>£</u>
• D. Telford – Salary – October 2023	1,013.38
• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's – October 2023	411.38
• J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – October 2023	352.00
• British Gas – Direct Debit	162.39
• D. Telford – Petty Cash	50.00
• First Rescue Training and Supplies – Defibrillator	1,674.00
• Signline (Yorkshire) Limited – Garden of Rest Sign	78.00
• Marmax Products Limited – West End Road Bench	454.80
• E-on Next – Electricity	313.54
• Highfield Trees Limited – Christmas Trees	810.00
• CoDC – Repairs to Arial Runway – West End Road	180.00
• G. Senior – Electricity Supply to Christmas Lights	50.00
• Ratcliff & Roper (Printers) Ltd. – Parish Magazine	674.00
Total for the month of October 2023	<u>6,223.49</u>

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

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

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Pearson reported that there was damage to the Community Building car park which could be a trip hazard, also, the path outside the Honey-Bees play area was in need of repair.

Cllr. Atkins reported that the users of the Wellingtonia Centre had requested that a Christmas tree be erected in front of their building.

Cllr. Drayton reported that funding was available from CoDC for people requiring help and assistance.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

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

