

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024

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

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

Mr & Mrs Presley, who operate the Christmas Tree Farm off Westfield Lane Kirk Smeaton expressed concern regarding the extensive road works on the A1 and the surrounding access roads which is having an impact on their business. They have been informed by CoDC that White Ley Road will be closed November and December to carry out further road works; which is their busy period. It was agreed that CoDC would be contacted to see if the works could be either brought forward or put back beyond the Christmas period. Mr & Mrs Presley also enquired if they could change the use of the land they rent from Norton/Campsall Charities from agriculture to tree planting. The Clerk advised that the land is owned by the charity and that it would be raised at the next meeting of the charity.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES of the previous meeting held Tuesday 9 January 2024 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. D. Harle and all were in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.

ITEM 3 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Atkins reported that Mr. Crosby had still not been contacted by CoDC Planning regarding his request for guidance on the construction of a store for his mobility scooter.

ITEM 4 - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Police Issues:

There were no new issues raised.

(b) Highway/Environmental Matters:

Cllr. Atkins reported that several complaints had been received regarding the parking of vehicles on the highway outside the hairdressers on High Street Norton.

Cllr. Shearman reported that CoDC Highways had painted 'no parking' lines outside the Post Office in Campsall and had started to paint the white centre of road lines around the Church but had not completed them.

Highway/Environmental Matters (Cont'd):

The Chairman reported that the section of highway around the Church was again in need of sweeping.

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by a representative of the Spar Supermarket enquiring; who were the current owners of the former Campsall WMC, as his company were interested in purchasing it to construct a convenience store and possibly a petrol station. Enquiries would be made with CoDC Planning Office.

(c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:

Cllr. G. Morgan reminded Members that the deadline for articles was 23 February.

Cllr. Shearman reported that there would be an article for the magazine from Campsall Village Hall.

Cllr. Atkins suggested an appeal for additional members of the Campsall 4A Trust, particularly a Secretary and a Treasurer.

(d) Development Plan Priorities 2024/25:

The Chairman circulated the development plan outlining the priorities for 2024/25.

(e) Garden of Rest:

There were no new updates.

(f) Community Buses:

The Chairman reported that consultation was still in progress on-line.

(g) Replacement of Parish Council Clerk & RFO:

The Clerk reported that there had been 20 expression of interest in the post and that 11 applications had been submitted.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had studied the 11 applications and found 5 which could be suitable; however, 2 of them lived some distance from Norton in Leeds and Keighley. Councillors discussed the applicants to be shortlisted and it was agreed that the remaining 3 applicants be interviewed on Thursday 22 February 2024. The interview panel would be the Chairman, Cllrs. D. Harle, V. Greaves and the current Clerk.

(h) Volunteers – Village Planters:

Cllr. G. Morgan circulated details of the volunteers for the village planters:

- Top of West End Road Norton – Sally & Dave Rotherham
- Top of The Avenue Campsall – Ladies from Wellingtonia
- Churchfield Road/Beech Road Campsall – Campsall WI
- Sutton Road/Burghwallis Lane Campsall – Cllrs. Shearman & Watson
- Sutton – Cllr. Harle
- Station Road/Cridling Gardens Norton – Cllrs M. & G. Morgan.

(i) Parish Councillor Vacancies:

The Clerk reported there were currently 2 vacancies, one in Sutton and one in Norton. It was agreed that the vacancies be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

(j) CoDC – Play Equipment Reports.

The Clerk reported that the CoDC Play Area Inspector had inspected the Parish Council's 3 Play Areas and found several pieces of equipment that required attention.

- West End Road Norton – £1,120.00
- Ryecroft Road Norton – £900.00
- High Street Norton - £320.00

Following considerable discussion Cllr. G. Morgan proposed that the works be carried out by CoDC, seconded by Cllr. Drayton and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the repairs to the 3 Play Area equipment be carried out at a total cost of £2,340.00.

(k) John Pinder Charitable Trust – Norton/Campsall Charities:

The Clerk reported that the Trust had not held a meeting for 5 years, had not distributed funds to widows of the parish over 60 years of age for over 15 years, and should funding be required there were no longer sufficient signatures to withdraw funding from the bank. In view of the above issues it is suggested that the Charity Commission be contacted with a view to the management of the charity being transferred to the Parish Council with the same Charity Commissions criteria being observed.

Cllr. G. Morgan proposed that the Charity Commission be contacted with a view to the management of the charity being transferred to the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr. Harle and all were in agreement.

ITEM 5 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 23/02248/FUL – Erection of outbuilding to rear at 8 Newthorpe Road Norton.
Observations:
All new materials to match existing in keeping with the Village Design Statement.
- 24/00113/FULM – Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, hardstanding areas, storage container, floodlights, an access footpath and topsoil bund at Campsmount Academy Ryecroft Road Norton.
Observations:
No objections.

ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

ITEM 7 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	<u>£</u>
• D. Telford – Salary – January 2024	1,065.38
• Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C's – January 2024	496.55
• J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – January 2024	604.80
• British Gas – Direct Debit	221.81
• CoDC – Grounds Maintenance	2,432.39
• Gallagher Insurance – Parish Council & 4A Trust Insurance	2,548.95
• APC Environmental Services – Cesspool Emptying	336.00

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<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (Cont'd)</u>	<u>£</u>
• J. Coleman – Materials	63.92
• CoDC – Litter Bins	48.20
• E-on Next – Electricity Supply – Direct Debit	339.59
• J. Coleman – Replacement Fluorescent Tubes	13.20
 Total for the month of January 2024	 <u>8,170.79</u>

Cllr. Harle proposed payment of the accounts for the month of January 2024, seconded by Cllr. Drayton and all were in agreement.

Resolved: That the accounts for the month of January 2024 be approved for payment.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. McLaughlin enquired if the spare bank account held by the Parish Council could be used by the Gala Committee, and the current Gala funds held by the Parish Council transferred in to that account.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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