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**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025**

**Present:** ***Chair*** – Councillor M Morgan

***Councillors:*** - G Morgan, D Hampton, V Greaves, L Shearman and A Wakelin

***Parish Clerk*** – A McCardle

***Members of the public*** - 8

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were none.

***The Chair suspended standing orders to allow the members of the public present to speak.***

Residents had attended in relation to works being undertaken at Norton Common Road. Discussions took place regarding what the possible outcome may be in this area given planning has been refused and also appealed and refused to Secretary of State level. Residents had been in touch with Ed Milliband. Concerns regarding trees being destroyed were also raised. Participants in the discussions felt the fencing was unsafe and encroached onto land not belonging to the owner. A newly installed street sign had been broken, the Clerk had already reported this to CoDC after a resident informed her of it’s location. There were further concerns regard children playing in the area and it was discussed that the PC is already looking at traffic calming measures that may be undertaken. The Chair explained that the PC is in contact with the Planning Enforcement team but as yet, no conditions have been breached. The Chair and the Clerk gave residents in attendance full information on how to contact Planning Enforcement themselves in order to report any issues as and when they may arise. The Chair reinstate Standing Orders, residents left the meeting and business continued.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES** were received and accepted from Cllr P Watson, Cllr J Atkins and Cllr. D Harle.

**ITEM 2 MINUTES** of the previous meetings held Tuesday 11th March 2025 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. G Morgan, seconded by Cllr V Greaves and all agreed.The Chair signed the minutes.

**ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING (Not on the Agenda)**

It was discussed that the white lines around the Church walls needed re painting. The Clerk would contact CoDC.

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**ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Police Issues:**

Children’s safety concerns with parking outside the school remain an issue. The Clerk would liaise with both CoDC and PC Katie Graham.

Community Speed watch. The Clerk would also discuss this with PC Katie Graham. Lorries are still contravening the 7.5T speed limit. The Clerk asked that any issues be reported to her so she could report to Katie.

1. **Highway/Environmental Matters**
2. Entrances to Campsall Park – There are still no fences at the sides of the gates and wheelchair access remains impossible. Cllr G Morgan will

follow up and copy the Clerk into any correspondence.

(ii) Speed Signs RTA. Considering presentation of further costs to repair

the solar panel the Clerk would now pursue a claim with the insurance

company. The Clerk remains in contact with Andy Stewart.

(iii) Repair to the pulley system in the playground. During installation of the

new pulley it became apparent that the seat part was also missing. A new one has been ordered by the Clerk and she would let Cllr Hampton know when it has arrived.

(iv) Unsightly land at Norton Common Road. See public participation section at the start of the minutes.

(v) New swing at the Park. The Clerk produced a printout of a new swing design, she would do some more research.

(vi) A new dog waste bin is required; Cllr Greaves would forward the location to the clerk who would contact CoDC to request this.

1. **Development Plan**

1. **Community Buses Meeting**

A meeting was held on 26th April and Askern buses now run directly to Doncaster every 30 minutes. Norton and Campsall still need to be decided but work is in progress to improve this.

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1. **Parish Councillor Vacancies**

There are now 3 vacancies further to Cllr Watson standing down.

1. **May Elections**

Unfortunately, two Councillors failed to submit their forms into Waterdale on time. This would need to be addressed at the first meeting in May when a new Chair and Vice Chair would be selected. Cllr Mike Morgan is stepping down from role as chair so a new Chair will be elected.

1. **Football Pitches**

There have been a few minor issues reported by the Caretaker, in regard to the use of the facilities etc. by Askern Miners. The Clerk is assisting with rectifying, and a meeting is to be arranged with all parties.

1. **Website**

As previously the move to the new website will take place end of May/June.

1. **Allotments**

The vacant allotment is almost ready. Issues with weeds has been rectified.

1. **Football Teams Invoicing**

All invoices have now been updated and sent out.

**ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS**

There are rumours of a proposed development at the quarry and this was discussed. However, we cannot pre-judge and await official notification.

**ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

Street naming and consultation letter received by the Clerk; the PC had no comments.

**ITEM 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts for payment

113 Alison McCardle Salary March Bank Trans 1,195.62

114 Joy Coleman Salary March Bank Trans 665.60

115 CoDC Grounds Q4 Bank Trans 1,301.46

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116 YLCA Subscription Bank Trans 924.00

117 PWLB D/D 1,017.96

118 CoDC Street Scene Bank Trans 48.20

119 CoDC Waste/Recycling Bank Trans 199.29

120 CoDC Grounds Q4 51/52 Bank trans 232.93

121 APC Cess Pit Empty Bank Trans 336.00

**TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR MARCH £5,921.06**

Payment of the accounts for March were proposed by Cllr G Morgan, seconded by Cllr Sherman and all agreed.

**ITEM 8 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Cllr Drayton reported rubbish by the railway left by Network Rail. The Clerk would contact them to have it removed.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be May 13th, 2025. This will also be the AGM.**

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

**Signed..............................................(Chair)**

**Dated.....................................**