

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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

**Councillors:** - G Morgan, B McLaughlin, D Harle, V Greaves J Atkins,  
A Drayton, P Watson.

**Parish Clerk** – A McCardle

**Members of the public** - 0

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were none.

**ITEM 1     APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from Cllr L Shearman.

**ITEM 2     MINUTES** of the previous meeting held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Harle, seconded by Cllr McLaughlin and all agreed. The Chair signed the minutes.

**ITEM 3     MATTERS ARISING**  
**Community Building**

The Caretaker has advised the changing rooms at the Community Building would benefit from some redecoration. The caretaker is happy to carry out the work during the summer when their workload is less, materials costs would be provided to the Clerk beforehand.

Likewise, Honey Bees Nursery have asked if they might carry out some redecoration at their own cost during the Summer Break. The Clerk is to arrange to meet with Honey Bees in general and will discuss this with them, although there are no objections.

**Goal Mouths**

The Caretakers report that the goal mouths need some attention, the Clerk would contact the relevant department at CoDC. It was also discussed if the pitches could possibly be moved slightly to allow the goal mouths time to repair.

**ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION****(a) Police Issues:**

There have been two incidents on High Street, Norton, one involving a horse and rider (a child) and the other a collision involving 2 cars. Speeding is an issue, and the Clerk would look to contact the PCSO to discuss speed monitoring.

Motorbikes have been reported at Campsall Country Park.

**(b) Highway/Environmental Matters:**

Road Closures could be forwarded directly to Councillors going forward.

**(c) Parish Council Website/Magazine:**

The next deadline for the Parish Magazine is 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

A quiz and photos from the Art Exhibition are planned for inclusion.

Anything further can be sent to the Chair before the deadline.

**(d) Development Plan Priorities – 2024/25:**

The Chair would arrange for Cllr Harle to meet with Andy Stewart in regard to the location of the vehicle activated speed signs in Sutton.

**(e) Garden of Rest:**

Cllr Watson would arrange to reinstall the fence.

**(f) Community Buses:**

No further details.

**(g) Volunteers – Village Planters:**

All arranged, one volunteer has withdrawn, the Chair would pass the plants to the new volunteer (via Cllr Atkins).

**(h) Parish Councillor Vacancies:**

No further interest.

**(i) Gala 2024**

Preparations are in progress. The Clerk would apply for a new bank account to keep financials separate.

**(j) Summer Activities**

As in previous years a 2 week programme would be provided. A grant is to be sought for 50% of the total costs of £2800. Proposed by Cllr G Morgan and seconded by Cllr McLaughlin and Cllr Watson.

**(k) Football Pitches – Condition**

See ITEM 3

- (l) **Memorial Bench for Mr Buxton**  
The Clerk is in receipt of a copy of the plaque and installation is understood to be taking place imminently.
- (m) **Allotments**  
All vacant allotments have now been filled and the Clerk will ensure new agreements are drawn up for both old and new tenants in line with current recommendations/legislation etc.  
Thefts have been reported from the sheds at the allotments at Spittlerush Lane, the gate has now been padlocked and the Clerk has been provided with a key.

## ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS

24/00649/FUL

3 Hall Lane, Norton, DN6 9GB – Erection of a pitched roof to outbuilding to replace a flat roof and change of use from office to living accommodation (retrospective).

***No objections from The Parish Council.***

24/00709/TEL

Telecommunications Mast off Burghwallis Road, Campsall.

***No objections from The Parish Council.***

24/00670/PRIOR

The Smallholding, Common Lane, Norton  
Notification to determine if prior approval is required for conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellings.

***The Parish Council would comment that this DOES need approval.***

24/00738/FUL

The Orchard, Main Street, Sutton  
Erection of a detached double garage.

***No objections from The Parish Council.***

The Clerk stated previously that a code is usually given for Parish Councils to comment on Planning Applications under the PC name. The Clerk has followed this up and unfortunately no such system is in place for CoDC.

**ITEM 6      CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission – the Clerk continues to investigate this.

Email regarding issues with older children kicking the doors at the Honey Bees and frightening the younger children. The school are informed and attempting to find the children responsible. The Clerk will continue to monitor.

Insurance Company regarding the broken windows – The Clerk is following up with the claim.

**ITEM 7      ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Accounts for payment.

• Sutton Village Hall	3,000.00
• Alison McCardle Clerk April Salary	1,151.40
• Joy Coleman Caretaker April Salary	624.00
• Adrian Welch Window Replacement	312.00
• CoDC Rent of Part of Towns Quarry	5.00
• CoDC Bin Collection Norton Community Centre	195.00
• British Gas Direct Debit	503.66
• YPO Filing supplies, Copy Paper	92.62
• CoDC Non-Domestic Rates Bill Sports Ground	0.00
• GFA Premier Fire Extinguishers Service and repair/replace	603.12

**Total for the month of April 2024**

**6486.80**

The Clerk has discussed with the Chair the possibility of increasing the Caretakers Salary in recognition of the fabulous job they do; it was proposed that the hourly rate would increase to £13 per hour from next month.

Cllr Watson proposed the pay increase for the Caretaker and payments of the accounts for the month of April 2024, seconded by Cllr G Morgan and Cllr V Greaves.

**ITEM 8 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Norton Charities – it was discussed that donations could be made for a Xmas Party for elderly residents and also a £495 donation towards the cost of a coach trip for Wellingtonia.

There being no further business the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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

**Dated.....**