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 **NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2024**

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

***Councillors:*** - G Morgan, B McLaughlin, D Harle, J Atkins, L Shearman, V Greaves, A Drayton

***Parish Clerk*** – A McCardle

***Members of the public*** - 5

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS -** There were none.

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

There were 2 interested parties wishing to put themselves forward to join the Parish Council, details on how to send a letter/email of application were given.

Concerns were raised regarding drains smelling at Beech Road, Norton. The Clerk would contact St. Ledger Homes.

Concerns were raised regarding the proposed new 20mph speed limits throughout the area. Cllr McLaughlin had attended the public meeting regarding this. The Chair has composed a letter of complaint to send to CoDC on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk advised members of the public that complaints should be directed to CoDC.

Residents came for advice regarding a refused planning application on Common Lane. The issues concerned the state of the road and issues as to whether it was an adopted/unadopted road. It was generally agreed that it was an adopted highway. The matter should be discussed with the Planning Department, the Clerk would see if there was anything she could do to assist.

***The Chair reinstated standing orders, and the meeting continued.***

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Watson.

**ITEM 2 MINUTES** of the previous meeting held Tuesday 9th July were not ratified. An error meant the minutes emailed to the Councillors were not the final correct version. The minutes would be posted online with a watermark to state unratified. This would be rectified at the September meeting.

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

None

**ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Police Issues:**

It was reported that a lady and child had been involved in a road traffic accident on Campsall High Street.

The issue with off road motorbikes continues and should continue to be reported to the Police and CoDC.

A resident has reported an issue with someone putting electrical items in her rubbish bin. Cllr Greaves has been to visit the resident concerned and will monitor the situation.

Signage regarding dogs in Campsall Park is confusing. It is understood the rules are that dogs may run off lead providing they are not near the water. The signs also need to be at every entrance. The Clerk will contact the dog warden for clarification.

1. **Highway/Environmental Matters**
2. Signs Back Lane – Public Highway privately maintained. Signs put up by residents have been removed by CoDC. Residents have spent their own money on improving the Lane and putting signs up and are understandably annoyed that this has happened. The Clerk has spoken to Ian Crookes who was to discuss with Becky Mudd and Andy Stewart regarding Street Lights.
3. 20mph speed limits – Cllr M Morgan has composed a letter to send to CoDC, see also discussions with members of the public at the commencement of the meeting.
4. Baps & Wraps

Cllr Morgan and The Clerk have complained to CoDC as notice of this planning application had not been received. It was around the time of the changeover of Clerk which may have been how the issue arose. The property is to be changed to residential use.

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1. Swing Removed – The basket swing has been removed by CoDC safety inspection team. It appears to have been vandalised again. As the costs were so high to repair/replace last time this happened, for now the swing will not be replaced, but other designs will be looked into. The Clerk will contact Sutcliffe Play Equipment.
2. **Parish Council Website/Magazine:**

The Chair thanked everyone who contributed and assisted with delivering the magazines.

1. **Development Plan Priorities – 2024/25:**

Installation of speeds signs is in progress. The pads have been installed and the equipment has been delivered. Installation will take place very soon.

1. **Garden of Rest:**

 The claim form has been submitted and is now with DWF Claims.

1. **Community Buses:**

No further details, this is now in the hand of the Mayor whilst routes are clarified. To remain on agenda.

1. **Parish Councillor Vacancies:**

Further to correspondence received from Mr D Hampton, the Councillors voted to co-opt Mr Hampton on to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr M Morgan, seconded by Cllr D Harle and all agreed. The Clerk would ensure the relevant paperwork was completed.

1. **Gala/Summer Activities**

Cllr McLaughlin gave the Clerk £275 cash to bank from the Gala. There was a discussion around its success, however, weather was an issue, but all agreed it was a success. The Clerk would assist with arrangements next year in order to help Cllr McLaughlin.

Summer Activities were very well attended, and funding was obtained. Regarding the Marquees, when the 4A Trust is disbanded could the marquees and the play equipment be placed in trust to the Parish Council? The Clerk would agenda for the next meeting.

1. **Football Pitches**

Goal Posts have been fixed.

3G Size of Pitch – Clerk would research.

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1. **Allotments**

Work is still in progress to get all allotments in the hands of active tenants. Notice will be given to all in breach of tenancy and allotted to those next on the list.

1. **Access to Campsall Park**

CoDC cannot widen the gates because of the wall at Old Bells. The issue is the footpath, no ability to get access from the other side of the village. Could the access be moved further back?

It was noted where the grass had been cut that the nettles were still overhanging and looked untidy.

1. **Poppy Wreaths Remembrance Sunday**

British Legion, 3 wreaths are required, this was proposed by Cllr D Harle and seconded by Cllr G Morgan and all agreed. Cllr G Morgan would arrange with RBL. Volunteer required for laying of wreaths.

**ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS**

24/01073/FULM Campsall Club, *Comments submitted*

24/01346/FUL Kiplin Drive, Norton

24/00113/FUL Campsmount Academy

24/01346/FUL Pinfold Lane, Norton

24/01235/FUL Melton Lodge, Norton

24/01226/TCON Yew Tree House

24/01143/FUL Campsall Park Road

24/01249/FUL Swan Syke Drive

24/01215/TCON The Orchard

*Other than comments already submitted in regard to the Campsall Club there were no comments on any of the above applications.*

**ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter in application from Daniel Hampton to join the Parish Council
2. Email from Julie Allington regarding the Christmas Tree Farm

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**ITEM 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts for payment.

47 M Sullivan Electrician 120.00

48 Floorserve BT 80.00

49 Byron Burns BT 100.00

50 Ratcliff & Roper BT 600.00

51 Adrian Welch BT 312.00

52 Hatfield & Askern Colliery |Band BT 350.00

53 British Gas DD 324.63

54 Business Stream Water DD 48.38

55 EON Electricity DD 354.56

56 APC Environmental BT 336.00

57 Alison McCardle Clerk Salary BT 1122.53

58 Joy Coleman reimburse deposit Byron BT 70.00

59 Joy Coleman Caretaker Salary BT 748.80

60 Bradley Johnston BT 2,000.00

61 D Harle volunteer expenses BT 32.94

62 A McCardle postage April-Aug BT 50.40

63 BS Construction Window Grills BT 1,200.00

**Total for the month of July 2024 7,850.24**

Payment of the accounts for July were proposed by Cllr G Morgan and seconded by Cllr McLaughlin.

1. A cheque was received from Northern Electric for £2.30
2. AGAR amendments were signed by the Chair. The final report would be received from PKF Littlejohn in due course.

**ITEM 8 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

It was discussed that a resident is looking to ‘rehome’ 2 walnut trees. The Councillors would investigate any possible locations.

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

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

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