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**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024**

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

***Councillors:*** - G Morgan, , D Harle, J Atkins, V Greaves, A Drayton,

D Hampton, L Shearman and A Wakelin

***Parish Clerk*** – A McCardle

***Members of the public*** – PC Katie Graham, South Yorks Police.

**PC Katie Graham**

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow a question and answer session with PC Katie Graham who kindly attended the meeting at the request of the Clerk.

Various matters were discussed including weight restriction monitoring, speeding issues and vandalism within the Parish. PC Graham was extremely helpful and genuinely interested to hear the issues addressed to her. It was agreed that speed monitoring would be arranged before and after Xmas, which would include monitoring weight of vehicles travelling through and also mobile phone usage whilst driving.

The Councillors were all very appreciative that PC Graham attended, and it was agreed that building a relationship with PC Graham is extremely important for the Parish. It was very good to know that our local Police Officer is sincerely interested and shares many of our concerns. She is truly committed to helping with anything she can. The Chair and Councillors thanked PC Graham for her attendance.

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

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

**ITEM 2 MINUTES** of the previous meetings held Tuesday 12th November 2024 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. D Harle, seconded by Cllr A Wakelin and all agreed.

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

The owner of the Xmas Tree Farm briefly attended to very generously donate a growing Xmas Tree to the Parish, and to thank us for our assistance with some matters earlier in the year. This was much appreciated by the Parish Council, and it was agreed that the tree would be planted in the vicinity of the Wellingtonia Centre.

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**ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Police Issues:**

As discussed with PC Graham.

1. **Highway/Environmental Matters**
2. 20mph speed limits. The Chair has responded again to CoDC and yet again an unsatisfactory response has been received. It has been agreed that there is little point in continuing to press this matter and the Parish Council will now continue to focus on the issue of speeding through the main roads within the Parish. This was addressed with PC Graham who has committed to providing more speed monitoring within the Parish.
3. Seating at Campsall Corner, the matter is still very much a focus to address and Cllr Harle and Cllr Watson will inspect the seating as soon as they are able.
4. Speed Signs RTA It was agreed that the Clerk would seek advice from our insurers as to how to claim against the driver responsible for the damage.
5. 10 Acre Farm. All remains quiet at the location; the issue will be removed from the agenda but monitored in case the situation changes.
6. Lamp Post knocked over in Campsall. The Clerk will pursue when this is to be reinstated.
7. **Development Plan Priorities**

The Clerk will enter items into the list produced by The Chair with actions and follow ups. This will be attached to the minutes of each meeting going forward.

Norton GALA. The meeting of the sub-committee will go ahead on the 16th January.

1. **Garden of Rest:**

The claim is still in progress with DWF Claims. The Clerk has pressed them for a resolution as soon as possible.

1. **Community Buses:**

The Chair, along with Cllr G Morgan attended the meeting although there was really nothing of note to report.

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1. **Parish Councillor Vacancies**

2 vacancies still remain. Councillors are actively trying to recruit.

1. **Football Pitches**

The caretaker has reported a small area requiring repair. This can be undertaken by the caretaker who will submit any receipts for materials to the Clerk.

1. **New Declaration Forms/Standing Orders**

Only one form remains outstanding.

**ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS**

No new applications.

Land off Norton Common Lane – The appeal was refused. An enforcement action to tidy up the land will now be pursued.

**ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The renewal contract for moles has been received which seems a considerable sum for the service. The Clerk will follow up but with a view to not renewing.

**ITEM 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**2025/2026 Precept**

The Clerk will submit the paperwork for a 3% increase on next year’s precept before the deadline of 31st January 2025

Accounts for payment.

Alison McCardle Salary Nov Bank Trans 1,195.42

Joy Coleman Salary Nov Bank Trans 540.80

Adrian Welch 135684 Bank Trans 276.00

Adrian Welch 135685 Bank Trans 588.00

De-fib pads for Coronation Club Bank Trans (Clerk) 71.94

**Total for the month of November 2024 £ 2,672.16**

Payment of the accounts for November were proposed by Cllr Harle seconded by Cllr Wakelin and all agreed.

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**ITEM 8 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Parish Council Xmas Lights require new storage boxes which Cllr Drayton will purchase for reimbursement.

Cllr Wakelin asked the Clerk to research how other Parishes are able to fix their Xmas lights on the lamp posts. Clerk will look into this.

The Chair thanked all members for their help over the year and wished all a very Merry Christmas.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be February 11th, 2025, as members take a break in January. Any day to day business will be attended to by The Clerk.**

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

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

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