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**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025**

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

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

L Shearman and A Wakelin

***Parish Clerk*** – A McCardle

***Members of the public*** – 3 representatives from Askern Miners Junior Football Club

**Askern Miners Juniors**

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow Vicky Hepworth to speak regarding their junior teams playing on the Ryecroft pitches. Vicky explained that they were losing space at Campsmount Academy due to the creation of a new pitch. They would like to create 2 V7 pitches for children aged 8-10 years. They would mark out all lines required themselves and provide their own equipment. They would also keep the adult goalmouths maintained. It was requested that a key to the gate only would be very helpful. They play approximately 50 games per season. They are constantly fundraising to provide kits , days out for the children etc. The Chair thanked them for their attendance and reinstated standing orders when the attendees left the meeting.

The Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed they would be happy to accommodate the proposal to promote outdoor activity for children. It would also be beneficial to the PC as the goalmouths for all pitches would be maintained by the Club. A key to the gate only, to be held by one nominated person at all times was also agreed.

Cllr Atkins proposed the above, seconded by Cllr G Morgan and the Councillors voted unanimously in favour. The Clerk would contact Vicky Hepworth to confirm details.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were none.

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

**ITEM 2 MINUTES** of the previous meetings held Tuesday 11th February 2025 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. D Harle, seconded by Cllr J Atkins and all agreed.The Chair signed the minutes.

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

There were none.

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**ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Police Issues:**

Children’s safety concerns with irresponsible parking outside the school remains a long standing issue. The school are doing everything they can to educate Parents, but the problem persists. The Clerk would check in with PC Graham to seek further advice. The Clerk would also contact CoDC to enquire about a visit from a Traffic Enforcement Officer.

Community Speedwatch. An email was received confirming stats from the recent exercise to identify speeding drivers and those breaking the 7.5T weight limit. These stats will prove useful when discussing traffic calming measures with CoDC. There are still many lorries using the route, any identifiable offenders (from livery) should be reported to the Clerk who would follow up.

1. **Highway/Environmental Matters**
2. Entrances to Campsall Park – The new gates prevent those on disability

scooters from entering the park. Quad bikes can still access the park regardless due to the number of gaps in the boundary. CoDC’s policy is to promote access to all areas for those with disabilities, however, in this case it very much excludes people from using the park. Cllr G Morgan continues to make progress with this and remains in contact with Josh Bucknall.

(ii) Seating at Campsall Corner, discussions are in progress.

(iii) Speed Signs RTA. The speed sign has now been repaired and has been

received back at North Bridge Depot. The Clerk is in contact with Andy Stewart to negotiate costs regarding reinstallation.

(iv) White lines on the road near the Church need redoing. The Clerk would follow this up with the relevant department at CoDC.

(v) Repair to the pulley system in the playground. The part is on order for

delivery to the Clerk and installation can be completed by a competent person once received. The Clerk will update when it has been delivered.

(vi) Unsightly land at Norton Common Road. Cllr M Morgan continues to pursue with CoDC and will provide updates as and when available.

(vii) Great British Spring Clean, Cllr Greaves is arranging a litter pick throughout the Parish. Bags, Hi-Viz etc. are all arranged.

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**(c) Development Plan**

Gala Funds of £1,038.50 which have been kept in the PC Bank Account

can now be transferred to the dedicated Activities Account. The Clerk

will action.

**(d) Garden of Rest:**

No further action required, remove from agenda for April.

1. **Buses:**

Community Buses – Ongoing

Bus for Gala Day – Cllr G Morgan has researched the idea for a bus to

transport people from the villages to the Ryecroft field. Whilst many

agree it is a good idea, there has been little interest from anyone who

has said they would actually use it. Research continues to see if viable.

1. **Parish Councillor Vacancies**

2 vacancies still remain. No further interest.

1. **May Elections**

The Clerk had collected the candidate packs from CoDC, they were distributed to the Councillors. Forms must be returned in person to CoDC prior to 4pm on 2nd April 2025.

1. **Football Pitches**

Moles - The mole man returned and there has not been an issue since his second visit.

Goal Mouths – To be repaired and kept in good order by Askern Miners Juniors.

1. **Website**

The Clerk is preparing to move to GoDaddy. This will commence after the year end accounts/AGAR are finalised.

1. **Allotments**

A tenant is relinquishing half of his allotment. Cllr Atkins has met with him and agreed a change of layout. Once ready for a new tenant the Clerk will be notified.

1. **Football Teams Invoicing**

Almost complete.

1. **Poppies**

It was discussed and agreed that another 100 poppies are required for November. Cllr G Morgan will action this.

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**ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS**

**25/00095/COU**

**Flat Over Attic Treasures**

Change of use from commercial storage area to form a 3-bedroom flat. *No issues*

**25/00481/TPO**

**Woodgarth Court**

T3 Copper Beech tree removal. *No issues*

**25/00423/FUL**

**Brantwood, High Street, Norton**

Erection of a 2-storey side extension with integrated carport. *No issues.*

**25/00444/TCON**

**Tulip Lodge**

Branches of a Tulip Tree to be removed. *No issues.*

**ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further.

**ITEM 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts for payment.

1. Insurance Renewal – Done
2. Accounts for payment.

105 Alison McCardle Salary Feb Bank Trans 1,195.62

106 Joy Coleman Salary Feb Bank Trans 696.80

107 Don Valley Pest Management BankTrans 216.00

108 Ratcliff and Roper Bank Trans 600.00

109 Joy reimburse light bulbs Bank Trans 12.28

110 Defib Pads and Battery Bank Trans 322.99

111 Postage Bank Trans 22.60

112 CoDC Street Scene Bank Trans 2,163.52

**TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY £5,229.81**

Payment of the accounts for February were proposed by Cllr Harle, seconded by Cllr Greaves and all agreed.

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**ITEM 8 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Clerk would chase HMRC regarding the VAT refund.

The Clerk would request CoDC to replace the memorial Tree for Cllr Ellis. A copper Beech near the Campsall Park Road entrance.

Security Lights at the Ryecroft Road building. Cllr Shearman would discuss with Cllr Watson.

The Chairman thanked all involved with delivery of the Parish Magazine.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be April 8th, 2025.**

There being no further business The Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

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

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