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**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024**

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

 ***Councillors:*** - G Morgan, B McLaughlin, D Harle, V Greaves J Atkins,

A Drayton, L Shearman.

***Parish Clerk*** – A McCardle

***Members of the public*** – 2

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow Mr Austen White to speak. It was discussed that improvements were in progress at The Village Hall in Sutton. Mr White enquired if any financial assistance was available. Previously, money had been allocated to the local village halls, and there was still a sum due to Sutton of £3,000. The Councillors discussed with Mr White that it would be beneficial if a Management Group could be formed for the Village Hall. The Councillors agreed that the sum of £3,000 be made available to Sutton Village Hall, proposed by Cllr Harle and seconded by Cllr Shearman and all agreed. The Clerk would liaise with Mr White and make the payment.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were none.

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

**ITEM 2 MINUTES** of the previous meeting held Tuesday 12th March 2024 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Harle, seconded by Cllr Shearman and all agreed. The Chair signed the minutes.

**ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING**

 There were none.

**ITEM 4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Police Matters:**

There were none.

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1. **Highway/Environmental Matters:**

It was discussed that the obstructive sign at Bone Lane had been removed.

Over the weekend, approximately 12 Quad bikes ridden by adults were seen on Campsall High Street.

The green farmers gates on Churchfield Road/Campsall Road, opposite the Cemetery are missing. There are concerns this makes it easy for fly tippers to dump.

The report of fly tipping on Norton Road was quickly followed up, reported by Cllr Greaves on 1st April and cleared on the 8th April.

At the Top Park, West End fencing is broken, although this is maintained by CoDC.

There is a temporary speed restriction of 40mph in place on the A19 Doncaster Road, Toll Bar from 10th May to 31st August.

1. **Parish Council Website/Magazine:**

The Chair reported that the latest edition of the Parish Magazine had now all been delivered and thanked members for their help in the particularly poor weather. It was noted that the magazine is being very well received.

The Clerk needs to meet with the person who developed the website to gain access, create individual email addresses and bring up to date with all relevant information.

The Chair asked for any news articles, quizzes and such to be sent to him in preparation for the next publication.

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

Previously it was noted that the Chair had had a meeting with Andy Stewart to discuss the possible siting of additional flashing road signs in the village of Sutton. Cllr. Harle had agreed to photograph the location he thought most appropriate.

1. **Garden of Rest:**

Neil Nash continues to maintain the Garden of Rest.

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The Clerk would write again to the resident of one of the properties on Wordsworth Avenue that we understand may have removed the Parish Council owned metal fencing at the bottom of his garden and replaced it with a wooden fence. The electricity board had also been at the site and there were concerns over a mains cable.

 Signs have been erected to state that the fence is the property of Norton Parish Council.

1. **Community Buses:**

The Barnsdale Bar Collective. It was discussed that North; South and West Yorkshire would pull together to form a localised collective and introduce a bus service to cover across the three Counties.

1. **Volunteers – Village Planters:**

Everything is in place, just waiting for less inclement weather.

1. **Parish Councillor Vacancies:**

 There had been one expression of interest, the Clerk had invited them to attend the next meeting, however they were not present.

**ITEM 5 PLANNING MATTERS**

24/00477/TCON – I have one tree in my back garden that has grown to such a size that the root system is rising through the grass, and I believe to be in contact with the foundations of my property. I think it is a Sycamore but I’m no expert. The tree is significantly higher than the property and the branches are circa 2.5mt from the gable end of my property furthermore throwing the whole garden into shade when in bloom. I am seeking permission for a full removal down to low stump – At 35 Campsall Park Road, Campsall

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

24/00478/TCON – Sycamore T9 – Whole tree removal including stump – Sycamore T15 Whole tree removal – Sycamore T16 – Whole tree removal – Sycamore T17 – Whole tree removal – Sycamore T12 – Remove dead wood and overhanging branch adjacent footpath at Navatanee, 2 Woodgarth Court, Campsall.

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

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24/00483/TCOU – T1 Maple – Crown reduce to the lowest previous pruning points – T2 Maple – Crown reduce to the lowest previous pruning points at 2 Cedar Walk Campsall

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

The Clerk stated that a code is usually given for Parish Councils to comment on Planning Applications under the PC name. The Clerk would follow this up and investigate the process.

**ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

There had been an email from a Doncaster resident who had identified that there should be a War Grave Plaque on the gate of Old Campsall Cemetery to identify the presence of a war grave within. The Clerk would follow this up with CWGC.

**ITEM 7 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

* D. Telford – Salary – March 2024 1,019.45

* Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.C’s – March 2024 674.69
* J. Coleman – Caretakers Wages – March 2024 691.20
* G. Morgan – Community Building Shutter Fobs 169.10
* CoDC – Play Equipment Repairs – Ryecroft Road 900.00
* CoDC – Play Equipment Repairs – West End Road 1,344.00

* Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Ltd Photocopies 12.16
* YPO – Community Building Materials 208.68

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* J. Coleman – Toilet Seat & Paint 35.00
* City of Doncaster – Grounds Maintenance 976.76
* Clerks Job Advertisement 176.40
* Co-Operative Bank Charges Direct Debit 30.00
* Yorks Local Council Ass Membership Subs 880.00

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* CoDC - Empty Bins Playing Fields 48.20
* CoDC - Grounds Maintenance Weeks 51/52 179.47
* CH Middleton Ltd Skip Hire 280.00

**Total for the month of March 2024 7,671.79**

Cllr G Morgan proposed payment of the accounts for the month of March 2024, seconded by Cllr Harle and all agreed.

**ITEM 8 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

A resident requires some assistance in regard to a planning requirement for storage for a mobility scooter. The Clerk would speak with the planning department and see if a resolution could be found.

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

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

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