

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), Steve Mason, Jeff Paybody, Chris Thomas

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), Cllr David James (WNC)

13.09.478	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
13.09.479	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
13.09.480	Cllr Jeff Paybody declared an interest in item 13.09.486, the Dry Fields Farm planning application.
13.09.481	It was RESOLVED to contact the Monitoring Officer to advise them of Julia Richardson's resignation. ACTION: Clerk.
13.09.482	Public Open Forum No issues were raised in the Public Open Forum. Cllr James from West Northants Council provided an update on WNC matters.
13.09.483	Apologies were received and approved for Cllrs Birtles, Child and Goulden.
13.09.484	It was RESOLVED to approve the amended minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 th June 2022.
13.09.485	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 th July and Tuesday 19 th July 2022.
13.09.486	It was RESOLVED to advise WNC Planning of the following statement: Norton Parish Council supports the application for the annexe, providing (as stated) it is always used as accommodation for a member of the family. ACTION: Clerk.
13.09.487	Village Hall a) The £120,000 for the purchase of the Village Hall was sent to the Solicitor's account on 26 th August. There is now a delay with the Church's Solicitor and the final paperwork. We await confirmation of the purchase. b) It was RESOLVED to pay the Church for an electricity contribution for July only. ACTION: Clerk. c) It was RESOLVED to increase the re-build cost to £200,000 with the Insurer and to pay the resulting premium. ACTION: Clerk. d) It was RESOLVED to purchase a key code locking system immediately upon confirmation of the sale. ACTION: Cllr Russell/Clerk.
13.09.488	Finance The following were reviewed and approved: 1. The financial position of the Parish Council as at 30.06.2022. 2. Payments, listed in Addendum A. 3. It was RESOLVED to add Cllrs Goulden and Paybody as signatories.
13.09.489	It was RESOLVED to leave the external auditor arrangement as it currently is.
13.09.490	Jack's Patch It was RESOLVED to wait for Snowdon Homes to remove the hedges and then discuss the issue of maintenance in October. Cllr Russell will take some measurements of the

	supporting posts that need replacing, and Cllr Paybody will ask his contact if they can help. ACTION: Cllrs Russell and Paybody.
13.09.491	Speed Indicator Device It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to chase the Electrician again for an update (who attended with a view to linking the device to mains power in the street light). ACTION: Clerk.
13.09.492	Goulden's View The expected completion date is now the end of November. Councillors have been invited to view the development at 3.30pm on 27 th September.
13.09.493	Neighbourhood Plan There was no update this meeting.
13.09.494	The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th October 2022 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A – Payments For Approval

July

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£34.86	OPUS Energy	Village Hall electricity	SO	LGA1972 s133
£197.54	N Power	Street light quarterly charge	SO	LGA1972 s133
£83.00	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£370.74	Payroll/Expenses	July 2022	BACS	LGA1972 s112

August

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£120,000	Shoosmiths (Solicitor)	Transfer for purchase of Village Hall	BACS	LGA1972 s133
£30.50	OPUS Energy	Village Hall electricity	SO	LGA1972 s133
£144.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Jack's Patch inspection	BACS	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976 s19
£198.00	S Hartwell	Grass mowing	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)
£83.00	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£367.14	Payroll/Expenses	August 2022	BACS	LGA1972 s112