

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), Steph Goulden (Vice Chairman), David Birtles, Carole Child, Steve Mason, Chris Thomas

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

11.10.495	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
11.10.496	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
11.10.497	There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.
11.10.498	The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy notice relating to Cllr Richardson's resignation has been placed on the website and the noticeboard.
11.10.499	Public Open Forum No issues were raised in the Public Open Forum. Cllr James from West Northants Council provided an update on WNC matters.
11.10.500	Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Paybody.
11.10.501	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 th September 2022.
11.10.502	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">The purchase of the Village Hall is now complete. The final Solicitor's fees were a 400% increase on the estimate and while this has been reduced somewhat, it was RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to Shoosmiths expressing concern at how the increase in fee was not communicated to us. ACTION: Clerk.With regard to works on the building, it was RESOLVED to spend on the ventilation work immediately; it is a health and safety hazard. Work will continue on sourcing quotes for the other work, to meet the terms of the Public Works Loan Board. We cannot apply for the loan until all quotes are submitted. ACTION: Chairman/Clerk.The next phase of work is to source funding for solar panels via a grant. NVCA are obtaining quotes for this work, as well as the other essential building works.The lock to the Hall has been replaced with a keypad.
11.10.503	Finance The following were reviewed and approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none">The financial position of the Parish Council as at 30.09.2022.Payments, listed in Addendum A.It was RESOLVED to contact Shoosmiths re item 502 above.CPRE membership was approved.Expected expenditure to 31.03.2023 was considered and a budget for 2023/24 will be presented next meeting. ACTION: Chairman and Clerk.
11.10.504	It was RESOLVED to await building quotes before applying for the Public Works Loan Board loan.
11.10.505	Jack's Patch

	It was RESOLVED to budget £400 for the hedge maintenance. In the meantime, Cllr Birtles will cut the hedge and the Clerk will add a post to Facebook to see if people will come and help. The Clerk/Chairman will respond to the quote received. ACTION: Cllr Birtles, Chairman and Clerk.
11.10.506	Speed Indicator Device It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Western Power to resolve the queries relating to the connection to mains power via the street light. The Clerk will also advise the Council of the 2022 street light cost to date this year. ACTION: Clerk.
11.10.507	Goulden's View The move in date for the houses is 25 th November, but they have not been allocated yet. The successful residents will be notified 6 weeks before. It was RESOLVED to hold an opening event with mulled wine and mince pies, to be held on 19 th December at 4pm.
11.10.508	Neighbourhood Plan There was no update this meeting.
11.10.509	The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th November 2022 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A - payments for approval (September)

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£30.04	OPUS Energy	Village Hall electricity	DD	LGA1972 s133
£38.00	Church	Village Hall electricity	BACS	LGA1972 s133
£180.00	Through The Keyhole	New lock for Village Hall	BACS	LGA1972 s133
£332.14	Payroll	September 2022	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£83.00	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£12.00	NCALC	VAT training (Clerk)	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£268.58	Gallaghers	Insurance for Village Hall	BACS	LGA1972 s133
£198.00	S Hartwell	Grass mowing	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)
£28.00	Northants ACRE	Model hire agreement (Village Hall)	BACS	LGA1972 s133
£18.00	Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly bank charge	BACS	LGA1972 s112