

# Norton Parish Council

## Minutes of the full Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

### Present:

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

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

08.11.510	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
08.11.511	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
08.11.512	There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.
08.11.513	<b>Public Open Forum</b> No issues were raised in the Public Open Forum. Cllrs James and Morgan from West Northants Council provided an update on WNC matters.
08.11.514	Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Child.
08.11.515	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.
08.11.516	<b>Village Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The urgent ventilation work has been completed and it was RESOLVED for the Clerk to arrange payment of the invoice at the end of the month. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li><li>• We await a further solar panel quote.</li><li>• It was RESOLVED to contact Howkins and Harrison in the hope they will sponsor the 'Warm Spaces' initiative in the Village Hall once a week. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li><li>• It was RESOLVED to pay the Shoosmiths invoice at the amended rate of £3,000 plus disbursements. However, the Clerk will provide comments on their response relating to their charging process. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li><li>• It was noted that Angela Feltham's help with building/solar panel quotes for the refurbishment of the Hall is much appreciated. The Clerk will make contact with her to let her know the Parish Council are grateful for her efforts. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li></ul>
08.11.517	<b>Finance</b> The following were reviewed and approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The financial position of the Parish Council as at 31.10.2022.</li><li>2. Payments, listed in Addendum A.</li><li>3. The draft budget was approved for financial year 2023/24.</li><li>4. It was RESOLVED to submit the precept demand for 2023/24 for the sum of £18,500. This represents a 2.78% increase on the 2022/23 figure. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li></ol>
08.11.518	<b>Jack's Patch</b> It was RESOLVED to close Jack's Patch until further notice. The Clerk will buy a lock and prepare a sign for the gate. A notice will be placed on the website and the Facebook page. The wooden posts have deteriorated considerably and represent a concern for health and safety. Remedial works are being considered. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b>
08.11.519	It was RESOLVED to contact the Clerk in Braunston to see if they can offer any ideas in relation to the powering of the Speed Indicator Devices. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b>

08.11.520	<b>Goulden's View</b> It was RESOLVED to provide a budget of £100 in relation to the opening event on 19 <sup>th</sup> December (mulled wine and mince pies). The Clerk will make contact with the individual the Parish Council would like to open the development. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b>
08.11.521	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> There was no update this meeting.
08.11.522	The meeting closed at 8.05pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at <b>7.00pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b> in the Village Hall.

#### Addendum A - payments for approval (October)

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£28.21	OPUS Energy	Village Hall electricity	DD	LGA1972 s133
£183.88	N Power	Street lights	DD	PC Act 1957 s3
£198.00	S Hartwell	Grass mowing	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)
£414.20	Payroll	October 2022	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£50.00	Royal British Legion	Poppy appeal 2022 (wreaths/crosses)	BACS	LGA1972 s137
£104.50	Design To Print	Village newsletter	BACS	LGA1972 s142