

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

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

14.02.538	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
14.02.539	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
14.02.540	There were no declarations of interest from members of the Council.
14.02.541	Public Open Forum No issues were raised in the Public Open Forum. Cllr James from West Northants Council provided an update on WNC matters, including country park car park charges.
14.02.542	Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Paybody.
14.02.543	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 th January 2023.
14.02.544	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Shutlanger and Abethorpe Village Halls to discuss their process for refurbishment. The Clerk will also contact Denton Village Hall and ask about their heating system. ACTION: Clerk.• It was RESOLVED to seek volunteers to undertake checks on the Hall, eg after bookings. ACTION: All.• Cllr Mason will investigate options for a shared calendar for Village Hall bookings, to be placed on the Norton PC website. ACTION: Cllr Mason.• The legal structure of Village Hall ownership and the ability to apply for grants was discussed. To be discussed further after advice is sought from other Halls about refurbishment and how funding was accessed.• Bee Safe have attended to review fire safety, the signage is now compliant with the advice of the Fire Service.• The Clerk will query when PAT testing needs to be refreshed. ACTION: Clerk.• It was RESOLVED for Cllr Russell and the Clerk to liaise with Utility Aid to confirm our new electricity package, with consideration given for what the installation of solar panels will mean for the chosen package. ACTION: Clerk.
14.02.545	Finance The following were reviewed and approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The financial position of the Parish Council as at 31.01.2023. The current account balance was reported as £14,441.78 and reserves were £14,103.80. It was RESOLVED to consider moving any excess over £9,000 into the reserves account at year end.2. Payments, listed in Addendum A.
14.02.546	Jack's Patch Closure

	It was RESOLVED to request volunteers for a working party on Saturday 25 th February to undertake remedial works to enable the re-opening of the playground. ACTION: All (working party) and Clerk (notification on Facebook to request volunteers).
14.02.547	Gouldens View An issue raised by Midlands Rural Housing relating to s106 contributions will be escalated by WNC Cllr David James. ACTION: WNC Cllr David James.
14.02.548	Neighbourhood Plan There was no update this meeting.
14.02.549	WNC Response to Pre Planning Application It was RESOLVED not to respond to any pre planning application letters. Formal responses will be sent via the usual process, direct to WNC and the named Planning Officer.
14.02.550	The meeting closed at 7.55pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A - payments for approval (January)

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£91.40	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£66.80	K Russell	Gouldens View opening event	BACS	LGA1972 s145
£365.90	Payroll	January 2023	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£148.72	N Power	Electricity – street lights	DD	LGA1972 s133
£32.30	Clerk	Expenses	BACS	LGA1972 s112