

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 14th March 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), 1 new Councillor for co-option and 2 members of the public

14.03.551	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
14.03.552	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
14.03.553	There were no declarations of interest from members of the Council.
14.03.554	Public Open Forum Cllr James from West Northants Council provided an update on WNC matters, including an update on the budget.
14.03.555	Apologies were received and approved for Cllrs Paybody and Thomas.
14.03.556	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 th February 2023.
14.03.557	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk updated re the electricity supply to the village hall. The issue relates to a historic renewal via NVCA and if it cannot be resolved, it will be forwarded to the Ombudsman. ACTION: Clerk.• The plan is to have a lease drawn up between Norton Parish Council and the NVCA. Cllr Russell will be the Parish Council representative on the NVCA.• A meeting will be held on Monday relating to volunteers to assist with the Hall.• The Clerk will further contact similar village halls, with a view to arranging a meeting in the next month; Shutlanger, Abethorpe and Denton. ACTION: Clerk.• Cllr Mason will report back next meeting about options for managing the diary for the hall. ACTION: Cllr Mason.• The Clerk will contact Hawksworth, a company who specialise in PAT testing, for advice re testing appliances in the hall. ACTION: Clerk.
14.03.558	Finance The following were reviewed and approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The financial position of the Parish Council as at 28.02.2023. The current account balance was reported as £14,532.98 and reserves were £14,103.80. It was further RESOLVED for anything in excess of £9,000 to be put into Reserves after the precept is received. ACTION: Clerk.2. Payments, listed in Addendum A.
14.03.559	Jack's Patch Cllr Russell has expressed thanks to all the volunteers to attended Jack's Patch to help with the recent works. A further date, to be confirmed, will be arranged to move some soil on site. ACTION: Cllr Russell.

14.03.560	Gouldens View Cllr Russell thanked Cllr James for his intervention on the remaining legal work with West Northants Council. Snowdon Homes are paying for the remaining legal matters. Cllr Russell will pursue. ACTION: Cllr Russell.
14.03.561	No Mow May The Clerk will speak to mowing contractor, regarding our contract and how best to manage the April and June mows. ACTION: Clerk.
14.03.562	Co-option of New Parish Councillor Dee Statham was co-opted to the Parish Council via unanimous vote. The Clerk will arrange for her to complete the Register of Interests document, her attendance at 'Off To A Flying Start' training and add her to the meeting reminder Whatsapp group. ACTION: Clerk.
14.03.563	The May meeting has been changed to Tuesday 30 th May. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the normal May meeting. ACTION: Clerk. It was RESOLVED to add flower troughs to the next agenda. ACTION: Clerk.
14.03.564	The meeting closed at 8.00pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11^h April 2023 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A - payments for approval (February)

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£83.00	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£364.44	Payroll & Expenses	February 2023	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£33.80	Opus Energy	Electricity – Village Hall	DD	LGA1972 s133
£71.86	4UH Ltd	Website hosting	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£228.01	Bee Safe Fire Services	Fire safety check – Village Hall	BACS	LGA1972 s133