

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), 2 members of the public

13.06.599	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
13.06.600	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
13.06.601	There were no declarations of interest from members of the Council.
13.06.602	Public Open Forum Two members of the public attended the meeting and contributed to item 13.06.608.
13.06.603	No apologies were received.
13.06.604	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the May meeting, both held on Tuesday 30 th May 2023.
13.06.605	Finance The payments, listed in Addendum A, were reviewed and approved.
13.06.606	Planning: 2023/5208/FULL: Barn 2, Dial House Barns, Weedon The following feedback will be provided to West Northants Council: <i>The planned works should reflect the vernacular style of the existing building.</i>
13.06.607	Jack's Patch The Clerk will forward the inspection template to Cllr Child and contact the individual who has volunteered to assist with maintenance. ACTION: Clerk. The purchase of play bark was approved and the payment will be authorised at a future meeting. ACTION: Clerk. The Parish Council expressed thanks to Karin Poolton and family who have undertaken some maintenance.
13.06.608	Village Hall The visit to Abthorpe Old School (Village Hall) took place today, 13 th June. Following feedback about the construction works, it was RESOLVED to have re-decoration and anti-mould works completed. Cllr Russell and Birtles will investigate alternative heating options with a view to getting something in place by winter. ACTION: Cllrs Russell and Birtles. A statement was read by the Chairman on behalf of Tim Kirby. The Clerk clarified the position in relation to the electricity bill, confirming that every option available to the Parish Council has been taken. The next stop will be contact with the MP if the current course of action does not resolve the situation. ACTION: Clerk.
13.06.609	Goulden's View The new Solicitor's Deed of Variation is expected to be completed soon, meaning the 3 houses that are shared ownership can be moved from Orbit Housing to Midlands Rural Housing. It will then be possible for them to be marketed with a view to owners/residents moving in soon.
13.06.610	Speed Indication Device

	The Clerk will ask Eon if any of their contacts can help with the street light power issue. If not, she will provide details to Cllr Birtles to progress. ACTION: Clerk.
13.06.611	The issue of branches overhanging the war memorial is ongoing and will be discussed next meeting. ACTION: Clerk.
13.06.612	The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A - payments for approval (13.06.605)

May

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£1,186.50	Zurich	Annual insurance	DD	LGA1972 s112
£165.00	S Hartwell	Mowing contractor	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)
£91.40	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£365.90	Payroll/Expenses	April 2023	BACS	LGA1972 s112