

Norton Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), David Birtles, Jackie Jones, Chris Thomas

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

11.06.770	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
11.06.771	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
11.06.772	There were no declarations of interest.
11.06.773	Public Open Forum Cllr David James updated Councillors on recent WNC matters.
11.06.774	Apologies were received from Cllrs Goulden, Griffiths and Paybody.
11.06.775	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 th May as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
11.06.776	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The payments listed in Addendum A were reviewed and approved. • It was resolved to pay the invoice for the Jack's Patch landscapers weeding prior to the next payment run, for weed killing and tidying of Jack's Patch. ACTION: Clerk. • The bank balances were recorded as at today's date, 11th June 2024. The current account balance was £10,208.76. The reserves account balance was £14,545.05. The combined total was £24,753.81.
11.06.777	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the proposed lease arrangement, it was RESOLVED to lease the Village Hall for a period of 50 years to Norton Village Hall NN11 who are registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). • It was RESOLVED to levy a rental charge of £25 per year payable on 1st April annually. • The CIO will need to ensure they are adequately insured as of the date of the commencement of the lease. A comprehensive asset list as at the date of the commencement of the lease will be created, with photographic evidence logging all Parish Council assets, along with a condition report of the Hall. The Council will use the model ACRE document, as presented this meeting and reviewed beforehand, to set out the legal agreement between both parties. The Parish Council will be the Custodian Trustee. It was RESOLVED to use a local Solicitor to undertake the required paperwork. The CIO will obtain quotes. The agreement will be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, as previously agreed. ACTION: Cllr Birtles (asset list) and the CIO. • The Clerk will create a file of the information relating to this lease arrangement for future Councillors and Clerks to refer to. ACTION: Clerk.
11.06.778	The Clerk will contact Eon regarding the issue of the street light power supply as Anglian Water have not been able to assist. ACTION: Clerk.

11.06.779	<p>Cllr Birtles will contact WNC Highways for a progress update on the WNC owned speed signs. ACTION: Cllr Birtles. The speed change and associated paint markings along Daventry Road are going through the relevant WNC processes. The electrician is working on the powering of the speed signs via the mains electricity.</p> <p>A further issue relating to Highways was raised relating to wildflower planting along Bakers Lane. It was RESOLVED to email the resident concerned ensuring road visibility, a mown boundary and maintenance are considered before approval is given. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
11.06.780	<p>Jack's Patch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work completed thus far has vastly improved the overall look and the Parish Council will continue with the Landscaper on a monthly basis and review in September/October. • We will look to treat the climbing frame and swing structure to future proof the equipment in the near future. • The bark will be in place by the next Parish Council meeting.
11.06.781	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th July 2024 in the Village Hall.</p>