

Norton Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), David Birtles, Steph Goulden, Mark Griffiths, Jackie Jones, Chris Thomas

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

09.07.782	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
09.07.783	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
09.07.784	There were no declarations of interest.
09.07.785	Public Open Forum Cllr David James updated Councillors on recent WNC matters. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to the new MP, taking over from Chris Heaton-Harris, to introduce him to Norton Parish Council and send him meeting dates for the remainder of the year. ACTION: Clerk.
09.07.786	Apologies were received from Cllr Paybody.
09.07.787	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 th June as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
09.07.788	It was confirmed that the land along Bakers Lane, being proposed as a wildflower planting area, is owned by the Crown Estate. The Clerk has confirmed with Highways that this area is part of the public highway and therefore they will need to consider any requests for wildflower planting. Two residents of Bakers Lane attended the meeting to express their concern about the wildflower planting suggestion. The Clerk will circulate the map provided by Highways to Councillors. ACTION: Clerk. The war memorial space does not come with any Highways restrictions and the Parish Council would be happy for the resident to take on the area by the wall. The usual process of completing a risk assessment will be required, including the war memorial, invasive plants, poisonous plants, the walls and compliance with best practice. A review would be required in 18 months. The Clerk will write to Mrs Jenkins regarding her proposals and the feedback from both the meeting and Highways. ACTION: Clerk.
09.07.789	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The payments listed in Addendum A were reviewed and approved. • The bank balances were recorded as at today's date, 9th July 2024. The current account balance was £8,217.20. The reserves account balance was £14,644.77. The combined total was £22,861.97. • It was noted that Charles Woodward did not want to be reimbursed for the materials he used for the D Day beacon. Thanks were again expressed for his efforts in creating the beacon to commemorate the event.
09.07.790	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inventory of all items in the Village Hall has been created by Cllr Birtles and will be retained by the Clerk as part of the historic agreement file for the life of the lease

	<p>to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) taking on the Hall. A series of photos will also be taken. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the CIO Constitution, lease agreement and Village Hall survey will also be held on file. This will be signed by the Parish Council and CIO. • It was reiterated that the lease arrangement, as agreed last week, will be 50 years.
09.07.791	Eon have confirmed the street light in Goulden's View has been turned on, and the Chairman advised it is working.
09.07.792	Cllr Griffiths confirmed the Parish Council owned speed signs are now powered via the street light. He will speak to Elan City about how the data can be downloaded for monitoring and reporting to the Parish Council. ACTION: Cllr Griffiths.
09.07.793	<p>Jack's Patch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jones confirmed the Gardener will be back later this month. The lavender will be removed and replaced with shrubs. • The Gardener and Cllr Jones will spread the bark. • Cllr Jones will consider a proposal to Council regarding 2025/26 funding in the autumn, in time for budget planning and precept setting. ACTION: Cllr Jones.
09.07.794	The meeting closed at 7.40pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th September 2024 in the Village Hall.