

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall

21.07.001	Introductions Present: David Birtles, Steph Goulden, Kim Russell (Chair), Chris Thomas, Jacqui Williams, Clerk /RFO - Sue Porter, and 1 member of the public
21.07.002	To approve apologies for absence – Mark Griffiths, Jeff Paybody
21.07.003	To consider dispensation requests from members of the Council – Nil
21.07.004	To receive Councillor declarations of interest for items on the agenda - Nil
21.07.005	Public Open Forum - Nil
21.07.006	To approve the minutes of the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 16 th June 2026 – It was approved by all that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed and dated by the Chair.
21.07.007	West Northants Councillor – Monthly Report - No report received.
21.07.008	Finance - To review and approve the payments made: Sam Saeed – Jack’s Patch - £50.00 S Hartwell – Grass Mowing - £198.00 Sue Porter – June Salary £469.80 Sue Porter – June Expenses - £26.00 Total Moisture – Village Hall - £349.00 - To review and approve payments owed: Sam Saeed – Jack’s Patch Maintenance - £106.15 Sam Saeed – Jack’s Patch Maintenance - £75.99 Wicksteed – Annual Playground Inspection - £180.00 Excelec – Village Hall Electrical Work - £817.00 - To note the bank balances in each account as at 15/07/2026 Current Account £28,497.31 Reserves Account £15,866.19 TOTAL £44,363.50
21.07.009	To receive an update on the Village Hall, to include: - To receive an update on the Village Hall Lease agreement – Amendments sent from the Solicitors will be discussed at the meeting on 28/07. - To receive an update on damp/mould report for the Village Hall – There was nothing serious to note on the report. Recommendations are for a low background heat to be on permanently and the heat pump replaced. A possible inspection under the floor is also to be considered. - Anglian Water Update – No further update. - Electrical Works Update & Quote – The initial works have been undertaken by Excelec with an additional quote received to replace the faulty RCCB and temporary fusebox for the sum of £180.00. All in favour to proceed. - VH/PC Meeting – 28th July 2026 – Parish Councillors and Village Hall Committee to attend.

21.07.010	To receive an update on Jack's Patch Wicksteed Playground Inspection – This has been received and circulated. The two urgent items have been attended to. Notes from the report are 'No disabled access'. The large play structure is a moderate risk with timber rotted in places and the bark requiring a top up. The swings are a moderate risk. The boulders are a low risk. Quotes will be obtained for replacing the equipment identified and discussed further in September. A fundraising committee could be set up within the parish, with possible match funding provided by the PC.
21.07.011	Highways Safety – Meeting held on 30th June 2026 – David Birtles provided an update from the meeting, which was attended by Dan Lister (WNC) and Helen Howard (WNC Highways), along with Catherine Allcott (Foxhills). Extra width has been given to the path following the meeting, and a request for some spring loaded bollards.
21.07.012	To repair/replace the posts and chains around War Memorial/Green – Several of the posts are now rotted/damaged and in need of replacement. A quote for 40 will be obtained to be discussed at the September meeting.
21.07.013	Planning Proposed upgrade works to the existing telecommunications site at Norton North Fields Farm, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN7 4JZ – No objections from the PC.
21.07.014	Correspondence Notice of the 79th Northants CALC Annual Conference, which will be held on Saturday 3 October 2026 at Moulton Community Centre in Moulton with business starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. There will be FREE HOT REFRESHMENTS ON ARRIVAL from 9:15 a.m – Noted.
	Date Of Next Meeting Tuesday 15th September 2026 – 7pm

Meeting Closed: 8:10pm