

NORTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 7 May 2019.00pm Norton Village Hall

Present: Chairman – Kim Russell
County Councillor Cecile Irving-Smith
District Councillors Johnnie Amos, Adam Brown
17 members of the public
Parish Clerk/RFO Richard Oliver

Welcome from Norton Parish Council Chairman

Chairman and Councillor Kim Russell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Parish Council Annual Report

Chairman Cllr Russell said the second phase of lighting improvements had now taken place with 4 brackets being removed from properties and replaced by free-standing lighting columns. On going discussions with MyComms were hopefully coming to a fruition shortly with village wide wi-fi being available to residents. This initiative is being undertaken by MyComms and there is no cost to the Parish Council who are not officially supporting this as it is a stand-alone commercial enterprise.

The Neighbourhood Plan was continuing and would shortly be at the referendum stage. The extension to Gouldens View had hit a snag which the Parish Council was working with Planning Strategy at Daventry District Council to resolve. The Housing Needs Survey was now out of date and a new one was required to move the project forward.

Reports to the meeting

A report from County Councillor Cecile Irving-Smith who deputised for Cllr Amy Howard, focused on the changes to local government which was still waiting for government sign-off of legislation.

Cllrs Amos and Brown gave a comprehensive report on the last year's events and their report can be found on the website. Cllr Brown also advised that there was considerable uncertainty regarding the new Unitary Authority process as central government had not yet completed their part to allow the process to move further forward.

Andree Rodriguez-Veglio, Neighbourhood Watch read out her report and Roger Saunders-NVCA read out the NVCA report. Both reports can be found on the website.

The Chairman read out the report from Alison Butler on Allotments and advised that the police referred anyone who would like information on their work to look at their website at www.police.co.uk

Carole Child reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is much nearer to completion and it is hoped to be going for referendum in the next few months once Daventry District Council have completed their part.

The Parochial Church Council advised the church was short of monet but more importantly wanted to encourage more people to become involved in helping with the work of the church and practical tasks to with the church's upkeep.

The Chairman opened the floor to questions.

Date of next Annual Parish Meeting

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 8.30PM

