

NORTON VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman – Kim Russell
6 members of the public
Parish Clerk/RFO Erica Fothergill

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Welcome from Norton Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman, Kim Russell, welcomed everyone to the first Annual Parish Meeting for 2 years as 2020's meeting had been cancelled due to the outbreak of Covid in March 2020.

Parish Council Annual Report

The Chairman reflected on the past year, with the unforeseen effect of Covid-19 on our lives. Sadly, three lives were lost to Covid, but it was good to see how parishioners rallied round to help others less fortunate than themselves.

Our latest venture, in co-operation with a group of volunteers, is the purchase of a Speed Indicating Device (SID) which has recently gone active in the village and will be moved to different sites from time to time. The impact of the SID on speeding, even in this short while, is encouraging.

Ongoing projects, Neighbourhood Watch, Development at Gouldens View, Jack's Patch maintenance are making progress and full details about these and other projects can be found in the Chairman's Report on the website.

Reports to the meeting

In the absence of representatives, the Chairman shared reports received in respect of Neighbourhood Watch, Norton Village Community Association (NVCA) and Allotments. The outgoing District Councillors also submitted reports and our best wishes go with them. We will have to wait until after the elections on 6 May 2021 to find out who the West Northamptonshire Unitary and District Councillors will be and what their roles will entail.

Parishioners' Open Forum

Two residents expressed concern about the state of the grass verge abutting Greystones which they were under the impression was a heritage area and, as such, ought to be preserved. Vehicles were parking on it while visiting nearby businesses. Ramblers as well as visitors to the church and village hall also park there. Another resident commented that they were sure that the area belonged to Highways and that it was not a heritage area.

The owner of the adjoining property is in the process of trying to establish ownership of the verge with Highways and will investigate the possibility of erecting a post and chain fence to prevent parking on the grass verge.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:15pm. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held in April 2022 at a date to be confirmed.