

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), David Birtles, Steph Goulden (Vice-Chairman), Steve Mason, Julia Richardson, Chris Thomas

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), District Councillor James and 1 member of the public.

09.11.340	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
09.11.341	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
09.11.342	Public Open Forum Cllr James updated regarding various matters at county level, including Northampton's application for city status, the Northern relief road, the green waste charge being applied county wide and a bus service possibly being extended to the villages of Daventry.
09.11.343	Council approved apologies received from Cllrs Child and Paybody.
09.11.344	Cllr Mason declared an interest in the planning application for Key Cottage (item 09.11.354, reference WND/2021/0650), he is a neighbour of the property concerned.
09.11.345	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 October 2021.
09.11.346	It was RESOLVED to approve the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. October 2021 Bank Reconciliation.2. October 2021 Receipts and Payments.3. Payments, listed in Addendum A.4. The movement of £250 from Repairs and Maintenance to Training.
09.11.347	It has been confirmed that the Goulden's View extension should be completed by the end of 2022, with Snowdon arriving on site to commence construction imminently. An event to provide information for local residents about the affordable housing and self build plots will be held in Spring 2022. It was RESOLVED to include the extended area in the grass cutting for 2023 when the development is complete. Cllr Russell will ask the Developers to remove the hawthorn hedge and amend the fencing to make it more suitable. Alternative options to the play area will be investigated as Jack's Patch has required considerable investment by the Parish Council this year. ACTION: Cllr Russell.
09.11.348	It was RESOLVED to approve the addition of 2 or 3 street lights and their associated costs in the Goulden's View extension on an unmetered supply.
09.11.349	Jack's Patch It was RESOLVED to cancel the pending repair work on Jack's Patch (the wooden retaining poles) while the Parish Council consider options for the area as a whole. The inspection report is unchanged so this work is not classed as urgent. ACTION: Clerk.

09.11.350	In the absence of Cllr Child, it was RESOLVED to move the Electric Vehicle Charging Point item to the January meeting. ACTION: Clerk.
09.11.351	This item was deferred to the end of the meeting.
09.11.352	Speed Indication Device Cllr Russell clarified that while excessive speeds are shown on the SID reports, the Police work on the 85 th percentile data. Cllr Russell has written to Ashley Tuckley, Chief Superintendent at Northamptonshire Police about concerns over excessive speeds and provided the data to highlight the issues. Cllr Russell will contact CS Tuckley again in December if no response is received. ACTION: Cllr Russell.
09.11.353	It was RESOLVED to donate £100 to the fund for a defibrillator at the Top Lock (New Inn), after a request from a volunteer at the Canal and River Trust. ACTION: Clerk.
09.11.354	Planning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> WND/2021/0591 The Paddocks, Weedon Lane It was RESOLVED to support this planning application. WND/2021/0650 Key Cottage, Daventry Road It was RESOLVED to support this planning application.
09.11.355	The offer from the Parish Council to purchase the Village Hall has been verbally accepted and the first stages of confirming the sale are underway. To ensure the Village Hall can remain open, the Parish Council will pay rent to the PCC totalling approximately £38 per month. The electricity bill will be transferred to the Parish Council on 27 th November 2021.
09.11.351	Budget The following items were considered when discussing the proposed 2022/23 budget: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The annual website cost is approximately £100. It was RESOLVED to apply for a Public Works Board Loan of £30,000 to enable the upgrading of the Village Hall once in the ownership of the Parish Council. The installation of fitness equipment in the village. Cllr Russell will investigate with other Parish Councils in the local area to investigate suppliers and potential costs. ACTION: Cllr Russell. It was RESOLVED to set the budget for 2022/23 at £18,000.
09.11.356	The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th January 2022 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A item 09.11.346 (3) The following payments were reviewed and approved:

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£73.87	Clerk's Expenses	October 2021	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£198.00	Steven Hartwell	Mowing: Invoice No 67	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)
£326.40	Payroll	Clerk Salary	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£81.60	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112