

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 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 Councillors James and Morgan and one member of the public

12.04.404	The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
12.04.405	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
12.04.406	There were no declarations of interest.
12.04.407	Public Open Forum Cllr James updated regarding various matters at county level, including the allocation of the Household Support Fund.
12.04.408	Council approved apologies received from Cllr Paybody.
12.04.409	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 th March 2022.
12.04.410	It was RESOLVED to approve the following: 1. March bank balances report 2. March payments, listed in Addendum A 3. Receipts and payments report
12.04.411	Jack's Patch Council expressed its thanks to the Norton residents who repaired the fence and gate. Cllr Russell will look into an alternative to the wooden supports that are required for a non urgent repair. ACTION: Cllr Russell.
12.04.412	There was no further update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.
12.04.413	Due to a technical issue with the speed indicator devices, no report has been provided this month.
12.04.414	Information signs will be placed in the areas where fly tipping and anti social behaviour is an issue and where recording may take place. ACTION: Cllrs Birtles and Paybody.
12.04.415	Cllr Birtles will speak to a local Landowner regarding the Daventry SUE and ascertain if any progress has been made, as the wider area was considered for Platinum Jubilee planting. Cllr Russell will look into varieties of trees and costing, for placement on the new Gouldens View development. ACTION: Cllrs Birtles and Russell.
12.04.416	Cllr Russell has attended site visits for the new development. The planned completion date is 17 th October, with a possible extension to the end of November. A provisional date of 30 th June has been suggested to display details of the affordable housing units at the Village Hall.
12.04.417	Village Hall Purchase It was RESOLVED to continue to request that there are no covenants placed on the purchase of the Village Hall, as originally agreed with the Vicar.

	<p>It was RESOLVED to reduce the number of searches undertaken during the purchase to those which are essential. Full consideration was given to all the suggested searches, many of which we already have knowledge of. ACTION: Cllr Russell.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to extend the rent arrangement for the Village Hall for another 2 months. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to appoint the Chairman (Cllr Russell) and the Vice Chairman (Cllr Goulden) as signatories for the purchase of the Village Hall.</p>
12.04.418	It was RESOLVED to ask for the Village Hall electricity meter to be moved and for a smart meter to be installed somewhere more accessible. ACTION: Clerk.
12.04.419	It was RESOLVED to approve the use of the Northants CALC internal audit service.
12.04.420	It was RESOLVED to confirm that the Clerk has passed her probationary period.
12.04.421	The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th May 2022 in the Village Hall. It will commence with the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The usual Parish Council meeting will follow immediately afterwards.

Addendum A

12.04.410 (2) payments for approval

March

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£38.00	Church (PCC)	Village Hall rent March 2022	SO	LGA1972 s133
£91.40	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£398.88	Payroll/Expenses	March 2022	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£59.99	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 annual subscription	BACS	LGA1972 s142
£57.00	British Heart Foundation	Defibrillator replacement pads	BACS	PHA 1936 s234
£45.53	Lexis Nexis	One third cost of 'Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration' book	BACS	LGA1972 s111
£61.33	NCALC	Clerk Training (New Clerks)	BACS	LGA 1972 s111

April

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£198.00	S Hartwell	Mowing invoice no 202206	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)