

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), David Birtles, Carole Child, Jeff Paybody, Dee Statham

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO)

11.07.617	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
11.07.618	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
11.07.619	There were no declarations of interest from members of the Council.
11.07.620	Public Open Forum No members of the public were in attendance.
11.07.621	Apologies were received from Cllrs Goulden and Mason.
11.07.622	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 June 2023.
11.07.623	Finance The payments, listed in Addendum A, were reviewed and approved. The bank balances were noted.
11.07.624	Jack's Patch It was RESOLVED to book the ROSPA review now that Cllr Child has concluded her first local inspection. ACTION: Clerk. It was RESOLVED to add the future of Jack's Patch to the September agenda. Further to the continued increasing expenses and difficulty recruiting volunteers previously, consideration will be given to options available. Councillors have undertaken maintenance but since the closure, more permanent action should be taken. ACTION: Clerk.
11.07.625	Village Hall There are still issues with getting quotes for the work on the Village Hall. This means the work is unlikely to take place before winter. It was RESOLVED to continue to obtain quotes for the initial refurbishment works previously agreed. ACTION: Cllr Birtles. The Clerk updated regarding the electricity supply issues following the MP complaint relating to OPUS Energy, British Gas Lite, Bionic and EDF Energy. She will continue to press the issue for a resolution. ACTION: Clerk.
11.07.626	Gouldens View The Parish Council does not yet own the Jack's Patch extension land. It was RESOLVED to ensure the Rollasons (Solicitor) payment of £14.41 is paid for the money laundering charge relating to the purchase of the additional land for £1. ACTION: Clerk. It was further RESOLVED to consider the options for the Jack's Patch extension for older residents of the village. Cllr Paybody will ask a contact to donate a bench if these changes go ahead. ACTION: Cllr Paybody.
11.07.627	Speed Indication Device Cllr Russell has found the item we need to obtain from Elan City to link the device to the electricity in the street light. The Clerk will contact Eon again in relation to street light maintenance. The Clerk will also look into the 20s Plenty campaign and see if we can obtain signage. ACTION: Clerk.

11.07.628	War Memorial One quote has been received for the works. Cllr Paybody will ask for a quote from his contact, to be reported next meeting. ACTION: Cllr Paybody.
11.07.629	Asset of Community Value It was RESOLVED not to register the White Horse pub as an Asset of Community Value.
11.07.630	The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th September 2023 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A - payments for approval (11.07.623)

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£57.60	NCALC	Training (Dee Statham)	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£250.00	J Woodward	Flower troughs	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£65.25	K Russell	Village Hall supplies	BACS	LGA1972 s133
£477.60	K Russell	Jack's Patch play bark top up	BACS	LGA1972 Sch 14 (27)
£396.00	S Hartwell	Mowing contractor	BACS	HA1980 s96(4)
£91.40	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	LGA1972 s112
£365.90	Payroll	June 2023	BACS	LGA1972 s112