

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Kim Russell (Chairman), Steph Goulden, Jeff Paybody, Chris Thomas, Dee Statham

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), Cllr David James (WNC) and three members of the Public

10.10.657	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
10.10.658	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
10.10.659	There were no declarations of interest.
10.10.660	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>Residents of Daventry Road attended to discuss concerns over the speed issues and continued damage to their vehicles over 40 years. The Chairman requested the individuals who attended the meeting to send a rough timeline of events to the Clerk. A planning application relating to the A5 roundabout will be discussed next meeting and these issues may be added to the Parish Council feedback. The option of writing to Bob Ham at WNC Planning to ask for the s106 agreement to include works for traffic calming to commence before development starts, not after, was discussed.</p> <p>The Clerk will check Highways progress in maintaining their speed signs within the village. She will also ask Highways to consider visiting the area of particular concern ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk will add a planning application regarding the A5 to the village Facebook page and Neighbourhood Watch to encourage people to provide their feedback. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>Residents were advised to campaign directly, with the support of the Parish Council who will continue campaigning regarding traffic calming on the Daventry Road.</p> <p>Cllr James updated on WNC matters. He further advised residents to make contact with West Northants Council, the Police and any other parties who would be able to assist with the persistent speed issues and resulting damage within the village.</p> <p>Item 10.10.668 was brought forward to this section of the meeting to ensure residents could listen to discussion.</p> <p>Powering of the Speed Indicator Device</p> <p>The Clerk will ask Robert Twitcher to send the latest data from the device for review by the Parish Council. ACTION: Clerk. Residents in attendance will make contact with a known Electrician locally, to see if he can assist with wiring the speed indicator device into the street lights.</p> <p>20mph Campaign</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the 20mph signs offered by WNC Highways and source some yellow 30mph signs. The Clerk will ask Highways to contact the owner of the house on the junction of Broadway and Daventry Road to ask the residents to cut back the protruding buddleia. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
10.10.661	The Chairman confirmed the resignation of Cllr Steve Mason. The Clerk has notified the Monitoring Officer and a notification has been published in accordance with the casual vacancy process. A full handover of the website will be requested. ACTION: Clerk.

10.10.662	Apologies were received from Cllrs Birtles and Child.
10.10.663	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 th September 2023.
10.10.664	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The payments listed in Addendum A were reviewed and approved. The bank balance of the current account as at 10.10.2023 was £23,191.19. The balance of the reserves account as at 10.10.2023 was £14,346.57. Figures for the budget will be considered next meeting, no new projects were raised.
10.10.665	Jack's Patch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Solicitor (Rollasons) has been chased numerous times for a resolution to the ownership of the Jack's Patch extension. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will continue to make contact to complete the transaction. ACTION: Chairman/Vice Chairman. It was noted that no residents of were present to discuss the future maintenance of the area. It was RESOLVED to reimburse an amount up to £50 for a goal at Jack's Patch. A volunteer to make the purchase will be requested via Facebook. ACTION: Clerk.
10.10.666	Village Hall The Turners updated quote for initial works is £3,857.20 plus VAT. The options to have a top coat and painting of the timber panelling was approved. Work will start on 30 th October.
10.10.667	There was no update on Gouldens View. The land transfer was covered in item 10.10.665.
10.10.668	This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under the Public Open Forum 10.10.660.
10.10.669	Cllr Paybody will source a different quote for the remedial works at the war memorial with a view to completing the work prior to 11 th November. ACTION: Clerk.
10.10.670	In relation to street lights, it was RESOLVED to send the information requested (the street light map) to Eon with a view to them taking over the maintenance contract. ACTION: Clerk.
10.10.671	This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under the Public Open Forum (10.10.660).
10.10.672	Councillor Roles and Responsibilities The following areas of responsibility were agreed: Planning (Cllr Paybody), fire safety (Cllr Goulden), internal audit (Cllr Thomas), newsletter (Cllr Statham), noticeboards/bollards/bench (Cllr Thomas). It was RESOLVED to add Cllr Statham to the bank account. ACTION: Clerk. Cllr Paybody will renew his online banking credentials for log in. ACTION: Cllr Paybody.
10.10.673	The meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2023 in the Village Hall.