

**MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2024 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Nigel Hillier, Stuart Sleight, Sue Ponting & Patrick Burge

The Clerk Sue Lewis, and one member of the public were also present.

**24/PC/44**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Glen Martin reasons given and approved

**24/PC/45**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**24/PC/46**      **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 – PAGES 7-9**

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith    Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight**  
**Agreed Unanimously**

**24/PC/47**      **CLERKS REPORT**

- The trailer abandoned on Main Street has been collected by the scrap man.
- As requested, letters have been sent to the Plough and the Granary
- The moss has been removed in front of the church.
- The bridge at the back of the village hall and the way marker post has been reported to the Rights of Way Officer, but nothing has been heard back so I will now copy in Cllr Matt Barney
- Tree on Soar Lane will be crown lifted in November once the leaves have dropped.

**24/PC/48**      **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station is officially closing on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Gypsum extraction has been massively curtailed which is slowing down the Freeport situation.
- Sutton Bonington Primary School has been academised.
- Work has commenced on Zouch bridge which will take approximately 3 years to complete.
- Network Rail – Marlepit Hill, Network Rail think it's a drystone wall and have agreed to renew it , but evidence has proved it is not so there is a battle going on at the moment.

**24/PC/49**      **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS (INCLUDING FLOODING) & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Still chasing ST about the culvert on the end where the header wall has not been rebuilt and it's been like it for two years, during the summer EA have had the flood bank repaired along by the river near the boat club.

7.04pm Cllr Matt Barney joined the meeting.

**Report from the Adverse Weather Committee and to agree the purchase of a trolley and light for the store** - The Chair thanked Helen for keeping us updated. The team would like a trolley to easily move all the signage down to the flood areas.

## **RESOLUTION**

That the Parish Council give them a grant of up to £125 to buy a trolley as a larger trolley may be needed depending on the size of the barriers and an appropriate motion sensor light be fitted to the store.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight**

Helen reported that the team will be getting together to have a “dry run” before the bad weather.

**Speed Watch Report Update** – The Clerk reported that a new replacement speed gun had been purchased but there has been a delay in using it as the Police had not approved the replacement and have asked a tuning fork is purchased to collaborate the gun which is on order.

The Clerk reported that she had been invited to the Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group (RSVCSG) on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September but is unable to attend. Cllr Nigel Hillier agreed to go if he was free.

Network Consultation re Butt Lane was circulated by the Clerk is a diversity impact assessment – comments are required by the 17<sup>th</sup> September. One comment to mention is that a lot of people walk up Butt Lane and could a request be put in for a temporary footpath.

### **24/PC/50      TO DISCUSS QUOTE FOR REPLACEMENT BENCH FOR BUTT LANE**

It was agreed that the bench be replaced with a brown recycled one. The Clerk to check with Highways that we are okay to replace it.

### **23/PC/51      TO ADOPT THE UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Subject to minor alterations the council agreed to adopt the updated financial regulations.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith    Seconded Cllr Patrick Burge  
Agreed Unanimously**

### **24/PC/52      TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:**

**FERRY** – Cllr Stuart Sleight now thinks it's not the boards but the bearers underneath and he doesn't want to take them up until the end of the season

**JUBILEE FIELD** – The trees that have died on the field need replacing, Chair to investigate. Hedge cutting Ladybug is not going to tender for the work, but we do have contacts for another contractor to come and have a look.

**SOAR LANE** – As reported above

**VILLAGE ROAD** – The Chair has been and had a look at the work already carried out, the soil has all been levelled out, but at the back which is a route to the river it is all overgrown and needs cutting back and levelling further towards the river and also needs top soil to enable it to be seeded to grass. Following our letter to the tenant he has also carried out additional work including laying the pea gravel along the drive that had not been agreed with the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chair meets up with the owner to find out what his actual plans are.

**VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Nothing to report.

**24/PC/53      TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 & NOTE PAYMENTS FOR AUGUST 24**

**August**

| Payment Method | Payee                   | Details                     | Amount |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| BACS           | Susan Lewis             | Salary                      | 297.60 |
| BACS           | HMRC                    | PAYE                        | 74.20  |
| BACS           | Ladybug Garden Services | Mowing of Verges            | 516.00 |
| BACS           | Ladybug Garden Services | Strim around Play Equipment | 49.00  |
| BACS           | Ladybug Garden Services | Strim around Trees          | 55.00  |
| BACS           | Roadside Technology     | New Speed Gun               | 287.94 |

**Receipts**

|          |                 | Details              | Amount |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|
| 10/07/24 | Littlewood Hire | Refund for Speed Gun | 237.48 |
| 25/07/24 | Mike Stanley    | Ferry Takings        | 337.50 |
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**September**

| Payment Method | Payee                   | Details                     | Amount |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| BACS           | Susan Lewis             | Salary                      | 297.60 |
| BACS           | HMRC                    | PAYE                        | 74.20  |
| BACS           | Ladybug Garden Services | Mowing of Verges            | 387.00 |
| BACS           | Ladybug Garden Services | Strim around Play Equipment | 49.00  |
| BACS           | Ladybug Garden Services | Strim around Trees          | 55.00  |
| BACS           | Grasshopper Hosting     | Accessibility Review        | 65.00  |
| BACS           | Grasshopper Hosting     | Website Management          | 90.00  |
| BACS           | Grasshopper Hosting     | Email Hosting               | 54.00  |

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting**

The Chair reported that he is trying to open an Community Bank Account with NatWest to make it dual authorisation but NatWest are have problems converting existing accounts on to Community Accounts.

**24/PC/54**

**TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST  
MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. RBC, 23/02244/FUL, Kyrenia Zouch Farm, Main Road, Zouch – Demolition of existing Boat House and erection of a replacement boat house – Application permitted.
2. Rushcliffe Borough Council – Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards – Nominations Now Open
3. Rushcliffe Borough Council – Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts & Polling Places – Noted
4. NCC/Via- Winters Service – Offers to Assistance to Parish Councils - Noted

**24/PC/55**

**ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO  
REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Is it worth the Parish Council repairing the bridges over the ditches as we have reported on them over the last couple of years. The Clerk will report again but to Jane Bains and copy Matt Barney.

Spraying of the Jubilee Field for weeds, NCC do not do it anymore, so the Clerk has been requested to contact Kegworth Imps to see who they use.