

MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2024 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Nigel Hillier, Stuart Sleight, Glenn Martin & Patrick Burge

The Clerk Sue Lewis, and Cllr Matt Barney were also present.

24/PC/56 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Sue Ponting reason given and approved.

24/PC/57 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

24/PC/58 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th SEPTEMBER 2024 – PAGES 10-13**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously

Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight

24/PC/59 **CLERKS REPORT**

- Footbridge at the back of the village hall – it has now been inspected and the Rights of Way Officer agrees that it needs replacing rather than repair. He is in the process of tendering contractors to build a new level footbridge. Clerk to contact re the footbridge on footpath 5
- This year's allotment invoices have all been sent out.

24/PC/60 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- Sutton Bonington Parish Council have written asking if they can do anything about the roadside memorials – NCC are looking in to adopting a policy.
- Sutton Bonington produced a petition to get Charnwood Avenue adopted, which NCC will review.
- Closure of the Power Station – I attended this on Tuesday morning which was well done and very moving.
- NCC are making £5000 extra flood defences available to households that have been flooded.

24/PC/61 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS (INCLUDING FLOODING) & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

The Chair reported that he has eventually heard back from Tim Smith ST for an update. Basically, there has been no development since the last update, and we continually chase ST on the outstanding work and flooding issues.

Report from the Adverse Weather Committee and purchase of a trolley and light for the store – Update, they are waiting to find out the size of the barriers before ordering the trolley. Nigel & Helen will check out the light of the shed.

Speed Watch Report Update – One session has been carried out this week with the new equipment and 204 cars were monitored and 7 were caught over the limit.

24/PC/62 **TO DISCUSS MARTYNS LAW AND ITS IMPLICATIONS**

The bill is now going through Parliament, hopefully it will not affect Normanton as the outside events will not be big enough, but it may have an impact on the village hall

24/PC/63 **TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER REQUEST FOR USE OF FIELD FOR 3 DAY EVENT IN JULY**

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the field would not be big enough to hold this type of event due to the numbers wanting to attend and camp on the field along with their cars.

**Proposed Cllr Stuart Sleight Seconded Cllr Glen Martin
Agreed by 4 in favour with 1 abstention**

24/PC/64 **TO DISCUSS THE SOUTH NOTTS LOCAL WILD GROUP WINTER WILD LIFT PROGRAMME**

The email previously circulated on the above was for information on various talks etc.

24/PC/65 **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BENCH ON BUTT LANE**

The Chair reported that Highways were not against the bench but pointed out that the licensees of the bench ie the Parish Council must take total responsibility for repair etc. The Clerk to write to Highways to say we are happy to accept the conditions and apply for the licence.

24/PC/66 **TO CONSIDER REQUEST RECEIVED FROM FRIENDS OF NORMANTON FOR GRANT AID FOR NEXT YEARS EVENT**

It was agreed to grant a donation of £100 towards the Normanton on Soar Fun Day, this money will come out of next year's budget.

24/PC/67 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:**

FERRY – Now the season has finished the repairs to the floor will take place. The end of season thank you for the volunteers will take place at the Plough on Tuesday 15th October and it was agreed to give them 10% of the takings which will be approx. £200 towards refreshments for the volunteers.

JUBILEE FIELD – to discuss quotations for mowing and spraying of field for weeds & tracking for caravans

It was agreed to accept the quote of £120 per cut and to have the field cut once in November, December and February.

As Nottinghamshire County Council could not commit to spraying of the field for weeds a quote was sought from the contractor who sprays the football Field. It was agreed to accept the quote in the sum of £360 for spraying of the weeds.

Tracking for Caravans – The Chair reported that as a rough quote they would need approximately 160sqm of tracking which would come to approximately £2200 plus £58 delivery charge, we would then have to hire a whacker plate and pay someone for laying them. Following a discussion, it was agreed to do this work but to also take some advice from the local Playground Inspector who lives in the village.

Replacement Trees - a revised quote to be sought for the 9 trees that had died.

VILLAGE ROAD – No update

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Article on the Christas lights switch on.

XMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON DATE & DONATIONS – it was agreed that the lights switch on will be on Friday 29th November at 7.00pm with the usual refreshments being provided. Donations this year to go to 'Jasmine's Legacy'

24/PC/68**TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS OCTOBER 2024**

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	297.60
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	74.20
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of Verges	258.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Strim around Play Equipment	49.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Strim around Trees	55.00
BACS	NCC	Landscaping Contract	508.98
BACS	Clear Council Insurance	Insurance Renewal	769.85

Receipts

		Details	Amount
02/10/2024	J Sankey	Allotment 9 Rent	50.00

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Renewal was due and that the premium had gone up by approximately £120. If we renew for three year it will fix the price – agreed'

The Chair has been looking at a high-interest rate account which is long term deposit and that we carry about one and half times our precept as a base so we don't basically touch that and would suggest that we put circa £20000 on a long-term deposit and currently get 3.75% interest. Agreed to look at other short term deposits and invest accordingly.

24/PC/69**TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

- 1, Notice of Public Consultation on the Nottinghamshire County Council Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document - End Date 8th November 2024 – comment to the Clerk before the 8th.

24/PC/70**ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT**

None

Date of next meeting 7th November 2024.