MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2024 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Nigel Hillier, Sue Ponting, & Glenn Martin

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present along with Cllr Matt Barney

24/PC/95 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Patrick Burge & Stuart Sleight reasons given and approved.

24/PC/96 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

24/PC/97 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5th DECEMBER 2024 PAGES 20-21**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting
Agreed Unanimously

24/PC/98 **CLERKS REPORT**

- Allotment hedges are due to be cut next week
- Only two allotment rents outstanding – follow up letters have been sent requesting payment asap.

24/PC/99 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- James Naish, MP is still chasing fibre broadband for Normanton

- Flooding – any houses that had any internal flooding are eligible for Hardship Grant

- Local Government Reform – there are four tiers of government, Mayoral Authority, County and City Level and Borough and Districts. The Government has issued a White Paper to refine and redefine the way all the councils work with an objective to try and get rid of a layer of bureaucracy and a layer of officers doing effectively the same things. It will mean less councillors and a bigger authority. All County and City levels councils to lead it and reorganise themselves and put proposals forward by the end of March of what they would like to see happen locally which will mean all the Boroughs need to form an alliance with other boroughs and put themselves forward to be a Super Council effectively. If no plans are put forward it will be decided in Whitehall what it to be set up locally. The outcome of all this will be better services and more money left in the pot.
- Sutton Bonington – rebuilding of wall on Marl Pit Hill will take approximately 4 months starting next week, Landcroft Lane and Hungry Lane are all going to be closed to traffic and the only access to Sutton Bonington will be via Park Lane.
- EMA had got rid of the very noisy jumbo jets, but you may have noticed two are back run by a group One Air – EM are strictly enforcing the operating hours and they will be fined if they take off outside these hours.
- Thanks to all the Flood Wardens during the bad weather last Monday.

24/PC/100 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS (INCLUDING FLOODING) & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Report from the Adverse Weather Committee – Update - The Chair wished to thank the Flood Wardens for their help particularly Jo for her early messages at 6.00am. We had issues with the closure of Butt Lane due to road works where carers could not get into the village. Do we need a list of vulnerable residents in the village who need carers for access when roads are closed**?**

David Barsby is now back working on the Flood Team, and an email has been circulated with a summary of what happened on the Monday. Cllr Nigel Hillier also reported that the flooding outside the Plough was caused by the water coming down Butt Lane, and drains being blocked by leaves. A new storage shed may also be needed on Moor Lane.

The Chair has a meeting next week with James Naish, MP to discuss the problems with flooding

Nothing has been received from Tim Smith, ST

Speed Watch Report Update – Out of 260 cars 2 were caught speeding. A letter had been previously circulated from Elston Parish Council urging councils join the '20's Plenty for Us' Group in the aim of reducing speed by having the council passing a resolution. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting where we seek the views of residents.

Cllr Sue Ponting reported that she had met a new family in the village and the husband is a policeman at the airport and he has noticed the speeding in the village, and he says if we got enough data from our speed watch he would come and man a speed van himself. The Clerk to check with PC Kelly Carlisle.

24/PC/101 TO DISCUSS PAYMENT OF ELECTRICTY FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Chair reported that the Christmas lights this year had been left on all the time and based on the units from last year to this year we have used 429 units of electric and on the current fixed tariff rate with British Gas it will work at about £95 for electric. He had spoken to Mrs Atkins and she would fund 50% and therefore it was agreed to pay £50 and send a letter of thanks.

24/PC/102 PLANNING APPLICATION 24/02164/FUL, BEACON VIEW 2 UPPER HOLME MAIN STRREET ZOUCH - New self-build chalet bungalow to replace existing dwelling includes decking, side and rear balconies and elevated car platform

No Objections Agreed Unanimously

24/PC/103 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

FERRY – Repair of floor - This work has now been carried out but now more work is required to repair the chain pully which has been damaged by the floods and some welding is required – Cllr Stuart Sleight to contact Nick Schofield. Equipment and Safety Procedures need to be checked before the start of the season.

JUBILEE FIELD – Tracking for Caravans – Nothing further to report until weather improves
VILLAGE ROAD - Nothing further to report

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Article on dog fouling especially on Butt Lane

24/PC/104 TO APPROVE, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS DECEMBER 2024

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	308.25
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	77.20
BACS	NCC	Landscaping Contract	508.98
BACS	Susan Lewis	Over payment	11.99
BACS	Stuart Sleight	Allotment Deposit	25.00
BACS	Sign Shop	Verge Signs	108.00
BACS	John S.Etchell	Ash Reduction/Willow Repollard	1000.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Repair to Ferry Cabin Floor	860.00

Receipts

		Details	Amount
14/01/25	Tracy Taft	Allotment Rent	50.00

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Glenn Martin
Agreed Unanimously

24/PC/105 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

1. A2T Tree Survey – Notification that the 18monthy tree survey is due – Agreed
2. Arnold Goodwin, Village News requesting grant – Agenda Item for February meeting.
3. Letter from Elston Parish Council re 20's Plenty for Us campaign - Noted

24/PC/106 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT

- Fencing to the entrance of the Ferry Field Chalets has fallen over in the winds – report to Mather Jamie.

In view of the confidential nature of the following agenda item, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1"

24/PC/107 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The clerk reported that a letter of complaint had been received and following a discussion it was agreed the person it referred to should write a letter of apology.

Date of next meeting 6th February 2025