MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 12th JUNE 2025 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

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

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present

25/PC/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs** Sue Ponting & Glen Martin reasons given and accepted.

25/PC/15 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8TH MAY 2025 – PAGES 1-3**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith **Seconded Cllr Nigel Hillier**
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/16 **CLERKS REPORT**

- The condition of the footpaths in the village have been reported to NCC/VIA who have replied informing that they will be inspected and will report back.
- The overgrown signs on the River Soar have been reported to the Rivers Canal Trust but they need to know the exact location using What3Words
- The Annual inspection of the Play Equipment has been carried out and report received. There were only a few minor defects which Cllr Stuart Sleight will fix.
- The following reply has been received regarding the stile near the boat club "The stiles belongs to the landowner and is their responsibility to replace or repair. However, NCC currently have a promotion offering landowners free metal gates to replace dilapidated stile. I need to inspect the stile and will contact the landowner to get the issue resolved asap"

25/PC/17 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

In the absence of both Borough and County Councillors there were no reports.

25/PC/18 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

The Chairman reported he had spoken to Cllr Andy Brown about the flooding on the A6606 and a meeting will be arranged to discuss further so he is aware of what is happening.

Nothing heard from the Environmental Agency about the pump.

24/PC/19 **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

The report was noted

24/PC/20 **TO CONSIDER AND COMPLETE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT, AGAR SECTION 1 & COMPLETION OF EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign the Completion of Exemption Certificate and Section 1 of the AGAR.

Proposed Cllrs Stuart Sleight **Seconded Cllr Patrick Burge**
Agreed Unanimously

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24/PC/21 TO APPROVE THE AGAR 2024/25 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT, SECTION 2 AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman and Clerk were authorized to approve and sign the Accounting Statements

Proposed Cllrs Stuart Sleight Seconded Cllr Patrick Burge
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/22 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A HEDGEHOG CROSSING SIGNS TO BE PLACED AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE

The Chair referred to the email previously circulated from a resident wishing to see crossing signs in the village for hedgehogs. It was agreed that the Clerk write to VIA and enquire if such a notice exists.

25/PC/23 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO DRAFT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

The Clerk was authorized to complete the online survey on behalf of the Parish Council

25/PC/24 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE 80TH OF AGM NALC ON WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025

Unfortunately, no one is available to attend the AGM on this date, and therefore no representative can be appointed.

25/PC/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED

FERRY – To Agree quote for railings, steps and new casing for buoy. A quote of £920 was received for Replacement of the handrails around the decked area, repairing the steps down the bank with sleepers, replacing the lifebuoy station and raising of the ferry warning sign. Due to health and safety, it was agreed that the quote be accepted and the work carried out immediately.

JUBILEE FIELD – Review of letting fees & Picnic Area – These fees were last reviewed 2 years ago, and it was agreed to revise them from 2026. Now the charge is £13 per unit per night. It was agreed to increase this to £15 and the charge for erecting a marquee on the field is currently £200 and this will be increased to £250.00. Picnic Area needs weeding, Cllr Stuart Sleight to action and quantifying the amount of bark required.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report.

25/PC/26 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, FOR MAY 2025

Payment Method	Payee	DetailsAt	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Mar Salary	308.45
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	77.00
BACS	Normanton Bars	Refreshments APM	98.00
BACS	NCC	Landscaping Contract - April	184.08
BACS	Sutton Bonington Playscheme	Grant	120.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing Verges	258.00
BACS		Strim around Trees on PF	55.00
BACS		Mow/Strim Village Hall	49.00
BACS	ROSPA	Annual Inspection	100.80
BACS	J Siddy	Internal Audit	90.00
BACS	Hellier Technical Services	Water Pump Allotments	100.80

Receipts

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20/05/25	Normanton Jubilee	Rent	490.00
20/05/2025	M Stanley	Ferry Takings	437.20
29/05/25	Saunders	Allotment Rent	50.00

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/27 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

All correspondence has been previously circulated**.**

25/PC/28 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

- Entrance to the village on Moor Lane has not been left in a very good condition, Clerk to report to VIA.
- Clerk to chase the flashing signs outside the school and replacement of the chevrons, which had been reported some weeks ago.
- A grey van is being parked regularly on Soar Lane blocking the access to the slipway. The Clerk to write to the Plough to see if they know whose it is.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd July 2025

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