MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Stuart Sleight (Chair), Sue Ponting, Nigel Hillier & Glen Martin,
The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present

25/PC/52 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Dave Smith reason given and approved.

25/PC/53 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4th SEPTEMBER 2025 – PAGES 10-12**

Proposed Cllr Stuart Sleight Seconded Cllr Glen Martin
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/54 **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr. Dave Smith attended a meeting focused on sharing best practices across the villages. It was a very interesting session, and the larger villages agreed to share ideas for organising events. One point raised during the meeting was that the holes in the Jubilee Field need to be filled to prevent accidents, as someone could fall and injure themselves, potentially exposing the Parish Council to liability.

Allotment rent letters have been sent out; however, several complaints have been received regarding overgrown plots. Reminder letters will be sent to tenants with overgrown allotments to reinforce the terms of their agreements.

25/PC/55 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

In their absence there was nothing to report

25/PC/56 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Speed Watch Update – Cllr. Nigel Hillier reported that members of the Speed Watch group were feeling disheartened, as they are required to advertise their presence, which causes traffic to slow down temporarily. The Clerk suggested that the group contact PC Kelly Carlisle for further guidance. The Clerk also reported that, following a meeting with Network Rail, it was recommended that all Speed Watch groups increase their visibility and presence in the community.

25/PC/57 **TO DISCUSS UPDATE OF WEBSITE AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS**

It was agreed to continue with Grasshopper Hosting who will change the web address to .org.

25/PC/58 **TO AGREE RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 25/01634/TPO, ST JAMES CHURCH - T1 (ON ATTACHED PLAN) YEW: REDUCE BACK THE LONG OUTGROWING BRANCHES THAT CONTACT THE CHURCH BY UP TO 4M TO GIVE ADEQUATE CLEARANCE TO THE BUILDING AND ALLEVIATE THE WEIGHT ON THE LEANING STEM WHICH HAS HAD ANOTHER STEM REMOVED/FAIL AT THE UNION. REMOVE DEAD WOOD FROM THE REMAINING CANOPY. MAINTAIN WHERE POSSIBLE FLOWING BRANCH LINES AND NATURAL CANOPY FEATURES .**

No Objections Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/59 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON KIRKHILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE A6006**

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr. Dave Smith have been attending meetings with Network Rail,

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local parish councils, the County Councillor, and Via. The planned road closures in the area will include Butt Lane, Dark Lane, Brickyard Lane, and Hungry Lane. These will be full (hard) road closures, and the relevant website link has been shared on Facebook. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the local school requesting that parents use the Plough Car Park for parking. Any issues or concerns regarding the road closures should be directed to the Clerk.

25/PC/60 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED

FERRY – The Ferry volunteers thank-you drinks will be held on 10th October to show appreciation for their help with the Ferry. It was agreed that a thank-you gift be purchased for Mike Stanley.

JUBILEE FIELD – The weeds have been sprayed, and the doors on the flood store have been repaired. Cllr. Dave Smith will be meeting with Dave Barsby to discuss the flood store on Moor Lane. It was agreed that, as in the previous year, three additional cuts will be added to the field maintenance schedule.
VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Article on Christmas Lights Switch on

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – ARRANGEMENTS – Cllr. Dave Smith has ordered the cups and will collect the wine and mince pies. A poster will be displayed around the village and shared on Facebook. It was agreed that this year's donations should be given to St James' Church. Questions were raised regarding the additional traffic passing through the village due to the closure of the A6006..

Play Area - Cllr. Nigel Hillier reported that he had conducted a straw poll with parents who use the play area, and the majority expressed a preference for it to remain in its current location. He will prepare a questionnaire to be distributed to the school for parents to complete.

25/PC/61 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, FOR AUGUST 2025 AND NOTE PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2025

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	317.98
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	79.60
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	Essex Able	Sage Accounts System	79.20
BACS	JMG Amenity	Herbicide Spray for Field	432.00
BACS	Clear Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£801.43
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Ferry Phone	£110.00
BACS	Bagforce	Top Soil for repairs to Jubilee Field	90.00

Receipts

		Details	Amount
22/09/25	J Sankey	Allotment Rent 9	50.00
30/09/25	T Taft	Allotment Rent 1	50.00
30/09/25	J Farmery (Derbyshire)	Allotment Rent 3	50.00
30/09/20	Mike Stanley	Ferry Takings	446.39

The Clerk requested approval to purchase a new laptop at an estimated cost of £500–£600, as the current one is not compatible with Windows 11 – Agreed.

25/PC/62 **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

None

25/PC/63 **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

None

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