MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chair), Sue Ponting, Glen Martin, & Nigel Hillier

The Clerk Sue Lewis and NCC Cllrs Andy Brown & Stuart Matthews & RBC Cllr Matt Barney were also present

25/PC/87 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Stuart Sleight reason given and approved.

25/PC/88 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4th DECEMBER 2025 – PAGES 19-20**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Nigel Hillier
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/89 **CLERKS REPORT**

- Reply received from the Boat Club re email asking them to clean the ditch – they are currently working with NCC Environment Officer and awaiting an inspection.
- Letter received from Village News with their Annual Grant Request; this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Letter from the Insurance Company following our enquiry regarding events that are held on the playing fields by third party groups – they will need their own insurance cover.

25/PC/90 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllrs Stuart Matthews/Andy Brown reported that the NCC budget will be announced next week.

It was reported that NCC had been considering closing the road between Normanton and Stanford due to the number of incidents. However, following discussions with local residents, they have agreed not to proceed with a closure at this time. This decision was influenced by the need to maintain access for school buses, emergency vehicles, and to avoid loss of business at the pub. It was noted that if further incidents occur, NCC may still consider closure as an option.

A question was raised regarding gritting, and it was confirmed that Stanford Lane is classed as a secondary route, with priority given to A and B roads. There is also a possibility that a temporary flashing speed sign may be installed.

EMCA (East Midlands Combined Authority) have now taken over the responsibility for Highways, VIA will still be carrying out the work etc but funding will come from the combined authority.

Cllr Andy Brown, who is also Vice Chair of Nottingham Express Tramway, explained that the system loses around £300,000 because some passengers who hold concessionary bus passes do not swipe their cards when boarding the tram. If passengers fail to swipe, the city does not receive payment for their journey. Additionally, if an inspector checks and finds a passenger hasn't swiped, they can be fined £70.

Cllr Matt Barney reported that local government reorganisation (LGO) is progressing, although there remains a great deal of uncertainty about the outcome. Rushcliffe has expressed support for Option 1b.

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Congratulations were extended to Dr Stephen Shortt on being awarded an OBE for his services to GP practices, and to East Leake Community Care for receiving the King's Award.

Cllr Barney also noted, with sadness, the passing of Terry Holt, a former Borough Councillor. Deepest condolences and respects were offered to his family.

25/PC/91 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

RSVCG - Policing – The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 29th April. A Street Watch leaflet was circulated, which it is hoped will replace the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It was suggested that the existing Neighbourhood Watch signs be removed or updated, and the Clerk will make enquiries.

A number of complaints were raised about the number of potholes due to the increase in traffic.

a) SPEED WATCH UPDATE PC Kelly Carlisle confirmed that the Inspector responsible for the speed enforcement van is supportive of the Speed Watch community group continuing its activities. The Clerk was asked to contact the police to enquire whether the van will be returning to Normanton and to request any available enforcement figures.

25/PC/92 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON KIRKHILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE A6006

Monthly newsletter has been uploaded to Facebook and a proposed closure date for Zouch Bridge is the 2nd March for 18 weeks.

25/PC/93 PLANNING APPLICATION - 25/02132/FUL, 38 Main Street Normanton On Soar - Two storey rear extension, two storey front extension with canopy porch, alterations to front fenestration. Remove existing detached timber garage and form a detached masonry and tile garage, install solar panels to side and rear roof. New roof lights front and rear, 2no flues to rear. Conversion of existing garage to habitable space.

No Objections on proviso that the front hedge is not removed – **Agreed Unanimously**

25/PC/94 TO AGREE THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

It was agreed to accept the grass cutting quote for the next three years from Ladybug Garden Services.

25/PC/95 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED

FERRY – Cllr Andy Brown has given the Parish Council £100 from his divisional fund and Cllr Matt Barney £250 which is to be used for the refurbishment of the ferry cabin.

JUBILEE FIELD – No further update

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Article on concessionary bus passes on the tram

PLAY AREA UPDATE – Cllr Hillier still to produce update.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – TO AGREE PAYMENT TO RESIDENT FOR ELECTRICITY – It was agreed to pay £60 towards the electricity.

25/PC/96 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Proposed Cllr Sue Ponting Seconded Cllr Nigel Hillier

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Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/97 **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

None

25/PC/98 **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

The Clerk was requested to contact Rights of Way about the rotten stile near the Boat Club

Cllr Glen Martin informed the meeting that this would be his final meeting, as he has decided to resign. He was thanked for his support and contributions.

Next meeting 5th February 2026

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