MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chair), Sue Ponting, Stuart Sleight, & Nigel Hillier

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present

25/PC/99 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Matt Barney (RBC), Andy Brown (NCC) & Stuart Matthews (NCC)

25/PC/101 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15th JANUARY – PAGES 21-23**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/102 **CLERKS REPORT**

- Rushcliffe have published the Consultation on LGR – residents are urged to send in comments via Rushcliffe's website.
- Next meeting for Kirkhill bridge is next Wednesday
- Grant request has been submitted to Rushcliffe through their Councillors Support Scheme for ferry floor and chairs.

25/PC/103 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Nothing to report

25/PC/104 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS INC SPEED WATCH UPDATE**

The mobile speed camera has been located and is currently in use in the north of the county; however, it is expected to be available to us by the end of the month. The Chair has requested that warning signs be installed to alert motorists to the Zouch Bridge closure on 2nd March.

Councillor Andy Brown reported that arrangements are being explored for the NCC Community Speed watch camera vehicle to visit the village to monitor and report on HGV movements through the area.

25/PC/105 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON KIRKHILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE A6006**

As noted earlier, the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, and any updates arising from that meeting will be published on Facebook.

No information has been received regarding when the potholes will be repaired.

It was reported that there had been no communication between Severn Trent and Network Rail concerning the works on Stanford Lane, including the timing of the installation of traffic lights.

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25/PC/106 **PLANNING APPLICATION - 26/00071/FulL , CONSTRUCTION OF GARDEN POD WITH DECKING – 38 MAIN STREET**

Object on the grounds that the proposal is entirely out of character with the surrounding area and does not reflect the scale or style of neighbouring properties. Its design, height, and positioning would appear intrusive and visually incongruous within the established setting.

Of particular concern is the use of gabions on the site. These have already been installed and appear to alter the natural flow of flood water. Given the location and known flood risk in the area, it is unclear whether adequate consideration has been given to the potential impact on drainage and flood behaviour. We would therefore question whether the Environment Agency has been consulted regarding the potential risk of increased flooding, both on the site itself and to neighbouring properties.

The height and elevation of the proposed pod and decking would also result in direct overlooking of adjacent properties, leading to an unacceptable loss of privacy for neighbouring residents. – **Agreed Unanimously**

25/PC/107 **TO CONSIDER GRANT REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE NEWS**

Following a request from the Village News it was agreed to grant them £100

25/PC/10/ **TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO DRAFT REVISED GUIDANCE NOTE FOR THE VALADATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was agreed that members had no comments on the draft revised guidance notes.

25/PC/108 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

FERRY - £100 grant has been received from Cllr Andy Brown out of his Councillor Divisional Fund and this along with the grant from Cllr Matt Barney will goes towards replacing the floor covering and furniture. A safety inspection will be carried out at the beginning of the season by Cllr Stuart Sleight

JUBILEE FIELD - No further update.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report

PLAY AREA UPDATE – Cllr Nigel Hillier reported that he been in contact with a play equipment provider and a he has set up a meeting with the playground inspection.

BUTT LANE BENCH - . The Clerk reported difficulties in sourcing the recycled bench and shared an image of a teak wooden bench with members. Following discussion, it was agreed that a recycled plastic bench remained the preferred option, and the Clerk would seek to source one from an alternative supplier.

The Chair will inspect the remaining seats within the village to assess whether any require replacement and will report back at the next meeting.

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25/PC/109 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2026

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	318.18
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	79.40
BACS	Vertas	Landscaping Contract	184.08
BACS	NALC	Annual Subs	162.34
BACS	Grasshopper Hosting	Renewal	16.99

Receipts

		Details	Amount
BACS	NCC	Cllr Support Fund	100.00

25/PC/110 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

All correspondence previously circulated.

25/PC/111 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk was requested to chase up about the stile on the corner by the Boat Club and to also contact NCC to see when the Environment Inspector is coming out to inspect the ditch.

Butt Lane – The entrance created by Network Rail has been left in an unsightly condition. Additionally, the installed pipework is positioned too high, causing water to overflow onto the road. The Clerk and Councillor Dave Smith will raise this issue at the Network Rail meeting next week, Also on Butt Lane tarmac containers have been left/dumped by the grit bins.

The Dog Warden has been asked to visit Butt Lane to address the significant dog fouling in the area and to arrange for appropriate signage to be erected.

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