MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chair), Stuart Sleight, Alison Hall & Sue Ponting
The Clerk Sue Lewis and County Councillor Andy Brown was also present

25/PC/127 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Nigel Hillier, Matt Barney (RBC) and Stuart Matthews (NCC) reasons given and approved.

25/PC/128 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5th MARCH – PAGES 27-29**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith **Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight**
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/129 **CLERKS REPORT**

Reply received from NCC regarding the Boat Club ditch in that the Boat Club will be conducting desilting and de-veg over summer.

25/PC/130 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Andy Brown reported that the culvert on the A6006 will not be completed during this financial year but is scheduled in the programme from 6 April.

A film crew from Nottinghamshire County Council, along with the Communications team, will be visiting the ferry next week to feature it on the Iconic Nottinghamshire website, which is the county's main tourism website.

Cllr Brown has now set up a non-political Facebook page, which includes details of my attendance at a surgery at Ruddington Market on Saturday. The page will also provide updates on highways works being carried out in the area. The Councillor Divisional Fund (CDF) is now open. I have also been appointed to the Education Select Committee at County Hall.

On 1 August, Richard Butler will become the new Mayor of Rushcliffe. I will be supporting his fundraising efforts by seeing how far I can travel using only a bus pass within a week. This is intended to highlight the case for extending the bus pass scheme to operate 24 hours a day rather than starting at 9:30am.

25/PC/131 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS INC SPEED WATCH UPDATE**

Nothing to repot.

25/PC/132 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON KIRKHILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE A6006**

Nothing to report other than the next meeting is on 8th April.

25/PC/133 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

26/00071/FUL, 38 Main Street – Construction of garden pod with decking (Retrospective) and 2.2m bamboo screening – **Object on the same grounds previously submitted.**

26/00475/ADV The Plough Inn, 68 Main Street – Externally illuminated double sided pictorial, fascia board, directional amenity board, transom panel, fret cut built up logo, half A1 menu case, two small brass lanterns – **No Objections – Agreed Unanimously**

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26/00446/FUL 72 Main Street – Erecting a new pitched roof over the existing garage. New garage door to be timber with glazing panels **– No Objections – Agreed Unanimously**

25/PC/134 **TO DISCUSS & FORMULATE A RESPONSE ON THE CONSULTATION FOR THE DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)**

Following the discussion it was agreed to make the following comments.

Normanton on Soar Parish Council supports the principle of coordinated infrastructure delivery but considers that the SPD, in its current form, does not provide sufficient certainty that infrastructure will be delivered in a timely manner or that local impacts will be adequately mitigated.

The Parish Council therefore requests that the SPD be strengthened to ensure:

- Infrastructure is delivered ahead of or alongside development
- Local impacts are fully assessed and mitigated
- Rural communities are protected from adverse effects

The Parish Council would welcome continued engagement as the SPD and associated Infrastructure Delivery Plan progress.

25/PC/135 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

FERRY – The first shift of the season starts tomorrow. New floor covering will be laid, and the required safety checks will also be carried out by Cllr Sturat Sleight. Chairs will be ordered later.

JUBILEE FIELD – The picnic area will be completed once the weather improves. The tracking for the field has been delivered and will be laid over the next couple of weeks. Work is also required on the lower tree branches as they are obstructing grass cutting. The Chair will contact the tree surveyors to clarify why these were not included in the tree report.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report**.**

PLAY AREA UPDATE – Nothing to report

ALLOTMENTS – Comments have been received about certain allotments being overgrown. Clerk to write to allotment holders.

25/PC/136 **TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2026**

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	318.18
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	79.40
BACS	Vertas	Landscaping Contract	184.08
BACS	Sloane & Sons	2 x Benches	538.20
BACS	Greentec	Tracking	3695.52
BACS	Advance Carpets	Ferry Flooring	140.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of Verges	282.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mow Strim Village Hall PE	27.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Strim around trees	60.00
BACS	ICO	Renewal	47.00

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Receipts			
		Details	**Amount**
J Hellier	Allotment Rent		100.00
RBC			250.00

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting
Agreed Unanimously

25/PC/137 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

1. Letter from Cllr Neil Clark, Leader of RBC re LGR – Noted.
2. Notification that the playground inspection will take place next month.

25/PC/138 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

Hedgerow outside No. 2 Butt Lane, next to the pavement, is again encroaching onto the footway. The pavement opposite the boat club near 23 Main Street also requires the grass to be cut back. The Clerk will report both issues to NCC.

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