MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 7h MAY 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Nigel Hillier, Stuart Sleight, Alison Hall
The Clerk Sue Lewis, & Councillors Stuart Matthews (NCC), Andy Brown (NCC), Matt Barney (RBC) and two members of the public were also present

The two members of the public took advantage of the 15 minutes slot to address members on the problems facing parents in the village and surrounding villages with regard to the local primary school.

26/PC/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominated: Cllr Dave Smith

Proposed Cllr Sue Ponting Seconded Cllr. Nigel Hillier
Agreed Unanimously

There being no other nominations Cllr Dave Smith was elected as Chairman.

26/PC/2 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

Cllr Dave Smith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

26/PC/3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

26/PC/4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominated: Cllr Stuart Sleight

Proposed Cllr Nigel Hillier Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting
Agreed Unanimously

26/PC/5 TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd APRIL 2026 – PAGES 30-32

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed unanimously

26/PC/6 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report

26/PC/7 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Andy Brown reported that the Kirkhill Bridge is on schedule to be re-opened on the 17th July but the Zouch Bridge is a few weeks behind but NCC is aiming to get them both open at the same time.

A6006 – digging of the ditch awaiting to hear from Jim Freeman, VIA

The Ferry is now on Nottinghamshire County Council website as an iconic place to visit.

Cllr Stuart Matthews – good to see the roads have been done all agreed but could not understand why the rest of the village had not been done. Cllr Hillier asked if the money from Network Rail was confirmed - yes and it was going to be spent on roads from Stanford to Kegworth which have been

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affected by the closure of the A6006.

Cllr Matt Barney also commented on the good condition of the roads in the area. A village meeting was held in Sutton Bonington regarding the fire at Hathernware Industrial Estate, attended by representatives from the Fire Brigade. Residents were assured that the smoke was not toxic and were encouraged to gather as much information as possible through a survey supported by James Naish MP. Once the survey results have been received, a letter will be sent to RBC, the Strategic Health Authority, and the Environment Agency seeking further answers.

26/PC/8 TO CONSIDER GRANT REQUEST FROM SUTTON BONINGTON PLAY SCHEME

It was resolved that a grant of £135 be awarded to the Sutton Bonington Play Scheme

26/PC/9 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON KIRKHILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE A6006

As reported above

26/PC/10 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM FERRY VOLUNTEERS FOR ELECTRICITY & LIGHT

Following a discussion, it was agreed to look into having solar panels on the roof rather than connecting to the mains.

26/PC/11 TO ADOPT DATA PROTECTION POLICY

It was resolved to adopt the Data Protection Policy which will be reviewed every year

26/PC/12 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED

FERRY – Risk Assessment – The Clerk has as a copy of the assessment but date needs checking as to when it is due again. The safety inspection has been carried out and all is okay.

JUBILEE FIELD – Clerk to chase the contractors who are going to refurbish the picnic area.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report

PLAY AREA UPDATE – Cllr Nigel Hillier reported that he had obtained cost estimates for a range of equipment for the new play area, which is being designed for children aged 3–14 years. The estimated cost is approximately £15,000. He will circulate the details by email for further discussion at the next meeting.

BUTT LANE BENCH – The Clerk referred to the document previously circulated and reported that the original bench we preferred previously was now available. It was agreed that we purchase the Winawood Sandwick bench in teak at a cost of £455.33

26/PC/13 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, FOR APRIL 2026

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	318.18
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	79.40
BACS	Vertas	Landscaping Contract	184.08

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BACS	Sign Shop	Ferry Sign	24.00
BACS	PWLB	Loan Repayment	1292.27
BACS	Village News	Grant	100.00
BACS	Grasshopper Hosting	Website Review	65.00
Chq	R & P Maintenance	Install Ground Prote	400.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of verges	564.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Strim around Trees	120.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of VH Play Equipt	54.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Installation of Benches	360.00
BACS	Dave Smith	Chairs Allowance	90.00
BACS	Sue Lewis	Microsoft 365	84.99
Receipts			
		Details	**Amount**
20/04/26	Mike Stanley	Ferry Takings	362.45
23/04/26	RBC	Precept	16370.00
21/04/26	HMRC	VAT Return	1475.18

26/PC/14 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

None

26/PC/15 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

Pavement outside the Old Post Office is covered by overgrown vegetation – Clerk to report to NCC
Bridle path through Lime Kiln Woods is overgrown - Clerk to report to Mather Jamie.

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