MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Stuart Sleight, Alison Hall
The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present

26/PC/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Nigel Hillier, Matt Barny & Andy Brown reasons given and approved.

26/PC/16 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7TH MAY 2026 – PAGES 1-4**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously

26/PC/17 **CLERKS REPORT**

- Attended on line the Radcliffe on Soar Parish Forum about the free port – notes to be circulated.
- Email received from Soar Valley Bus who looking for a volunteer to drive the bus every other Tuesday – if you know of anyone please let him know.
- Sutton Bonington Playscheme wish to extend their thanks for the grant
- Letter of support on behalf of Parents of Normanton on Soar Primary school sent to Equals Trust and reply received which has been circulated.
- Playground inspection report received and passed to Cllr Stuart Sleight for investigate to enable costs to be obtained.
- Reply received from NCC/Via Rights of Way with regard to the stile near the Boat Club - As the structure is the ownership and responsibility of the private landowner they did try to push a free gate in his direction to install instead of a stile, but he wanted to keep a stile in place. Unfortunately, they only have the powers to enforce that he maintains what is already there and not to insist he puts a gate in or even a dog latch.

26/PC/18 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Due to the absence of the Borough and County Councillors there were no reports

26/PC/19 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS INCLUDING UPDATE ON KIRKHILL BRIDGE**

At the meeting with Network Rail it was confirmed that that the bridge should be ready to open on the 17th July and the Zouch Bridge is on time for the 6th July. NCC are in talks with Leicestershire County Council to see if they can be both opened at the same time..

The road repairs on Moor Lane and Stanford Road will be starting in August with Moor Lane on the 27th August and over that two week period to 7th September going through to Stanford;

Still waiting for a reply from James Naish Office about camera work carried out by the Environment Agency regarding ditch under Zouch Farm and possible blockages in the pipe work

Looking to resurface the A6006 while the road is closed through Zouch with surface dressing

Still trying to get the ditch along A6006 done while the road is closed.

26/PC/20 **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

The report was noted

26/PC/21 TO CONSIDER AND COMPLETE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT, AGAR SECTION 1 & COMPLETION OF EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign the Completion of Exemption Certificate and Section 1 of the AGAR

Proposed Cllrs Stuart Sleight Seconded Cllr Alison Hall
Agreed Unanimously

26/PC/22 TO APPROVE THE AGAR 2025/26 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT, SECTION 2 AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman and Clerk were authorized to approve and sign the Accounting Statements

Proposed Cllrs Stuart Sleight Seconded Cllr Alison Hall
Agreed Unanimously

26/PC/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED

FERRY – Risk Assessment to be updated, signed and displayed in the cabin and also one on file for insurance

JUBILEE FIELD – Picnic area completed and looking good**.** The picnic table to be sanded and revarnished etc. Some of the trees have died and need to be replaced. The next tree survey is in July.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report

PLAY AREA UPDATE – Cllr Nigel Hillier had sent out prices for certain items of play equipment but there were no insulation costs, guarantees or if they going to take away the old equipment. It was agreed to get three companies to meet on site and take advice from them especially the company that does play equipment made out of recycled plastic, Once the quotes have been received grants can be applied for.

AGREE DATE FOR XMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – Date confirmed as 27th November 2026. Lights need checking as there may be one string on the village hall tree not working

AGREE DATE FOR A LITTER PICK AROUD THE VILAGE – Due to the surrounding road closures it was agreed that there was no much litter in the village and therefore agreed no to go ahead with one.

26/PC/24 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, FOR MAY 2026

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	317.98
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	79.60
BACS	Vertas	Landscaping Contract	184.08
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of verges	282.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Strim around Trees	60.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of VH Play Equipt	27.00
BACS	Ladybug Garden Services	Installation of Bench	180.00
BACS	Normanton Bars	Refreshments AGM	27.50
BACS	NBB Recycled Furniture	Bench (Butt Lane)	546.00

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BACS	Jackie Siddy	Internal Audit	100.00
BACS	ROSPA	Playground Inspection	104.40
BACS	Sutton Bonington Playscheme	Grant	130.00
CARD	Vodafone	Ferry Contract	60.00
Receipts			
		Details	**Amount**
20/04/26	Mike Stanley	Ferry Takings	417.97
08/05/26	VIA	Grass Cutting Grant 25/26	495.95
28/05/26	Normanton Jubilee	Marque Hire	250.00

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

1, Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning – Local Development Order has been adopted

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

Check that the correct number for the Ferry is right on the website and the ferry phone needs to be left switch on as calls are being missed.

Trees need to be trimmed around the new picnic site, Ladybug Garden Services to quote.

Investing the use of Solar panel for the ferry cabin. Approx cost will be about £900. Clerk to contact Borough and County Councillors to enquire if they have any money in their grant pots.

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