**MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present**: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Stuart Sleight, Nigel Hillier, Alison Hall

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present

**26/PC/38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Andy Brown, Matt Barney & Stuart Matthews were also present.

**26/PC/39 TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 30th JULY 2026 – PAGES 8-11**

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

**26/PC/40 CLERKS REPORT**

Hopefully, you will have seen the email previously circulated confirming that the LGR has been paused for the time being while further investigations are carried out.

**26/PC/41 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

In the absence of the Borough and County Councillors, no updates have been received to report.

**26/PC/42 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

**Boat Club Ditch -** The Chair reported that the ditch at the Boat Club corner requires clearing and desilting. The Clerk will write to the Boat Club regarding this.

**Far Lane Flooding -** A meeting was held with Andrew Spearman and a drainage specialist, who attended the site to investigate the flooding issues and possible solutions.

The drainage specialist advised on various issues and confirmed that permission would also be required from and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), particularly if the proposal involves any alteration to a watercourse.

The Chair is arranging a further meeting with Josh Wells from NCC, who will visit the site and advise the Parish Council on what can be done to address the flooding.

Andrew Spearman has indicated that he is happy for the Parish Council to take action and has offered to cover the cost of materials if volunteers can be found to carry out the work.

An alternative option would be to approach the Environment Agency to establish the cost of increasing the flow capacity of the pumps at the Boat Club. Depending on the cost, Andrew has indicated that he may be able to make a contribution towards this.

**Village Road – Common Land -** The Parish Council has written to the resident regarding the proposed landscaping works on Village Road. The contractor has responded,

acknowledging that Village Road is Common Land, and has explained that the main concern is security.

Members discussed the proposal and noted that there are restrictions on what can be undertaken on Common Land, including the erection of fencing and other structures. It was also noted that Village Road is a bridleway and that the proposed hedging may not necessarily address the security concerns.

Members understood the resident's reasons for wanting to improve security but acknowledged that the land is Common Land and that the appropriate permissions would therefore need to be established before any works are undertaken.

The Clerk will seek advice from the Borough Solicitor and NALC regarding what works can legally be undertaken on Common Land and what permissions or consents may be required.

**26/PC/43 FUTRE DEVELOPMENTS**

Following the meeting with Mr Spearman and his agent, John Holmes, regarding the proposed plans, it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a list of matters and concerns for consideration. This will enable the agent to take these issues, and the potential impact on the village, into account when preparing the plans for a meeting with residents

**26/PC/44 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

**FERRY -** The solar panel has been delivered and is being stored securely until an agreement is reached regarding the purchase of a steel box for storage.

**JUBILEE FIELD - Allotments** – There is currently one vacant allotment. Following an advertisement, an interested person has come forward who does not live in the village. It was agreed that, if no other suitable applicants come forward, the allotment will be offered to this person.

The Clerk reported that this year's allotment invoices have now been issued.

**Trees** – The Parish Council is awaiting confirmation from the tree survey contractor regarding when the trees on Jubilee Field can be pollarded.

**VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS -**There was nothing to report.

**PLAY AREA UPDATE -** The Clerk will send a list of potential suppliers to Cllr Nigel Hillier.

**SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS UPDATE -** Cllr Nigel Hillier has a meeting with the school on Saturday to discuss the celebrations.

**RUSHCLIFFE COMMUNITY TREE SCHEME -** The Chair referred to the application forms previously circulated. It was agreed that the Chair would review the list of available trees and identify those that would be suitable for planting, with an update to be brought to the next meeting.

DRAFT

**26/PC/45 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, FOR AUGUST 2026 & UPDATE ON BANK ACCOUNTS TO BANKLINE**

| 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 ofVH Play Equipt | 27.00 |
| BACS | Community Heartbeat | Pads | 80.10 |
| BACS | Grasshopper Hostings | Hosting/Manag Fee | 144.00 |
| BACS | UK Fossibot | Solar Panel/Gen | 829.00 |
| BACS | C Coltman | Allotment Deposit | 25.00 |
| **Receipts** | | | |
| | | **Details** | **Amount** |
| 12/08/26 | Mike Stanley | Ferry Takings | 445.65 |
| 13/08/26 | Normanton Jubilee | | 150.00 |
| 25/08/26 | Normanton Jubilee | Rounders | 25.00 |
| 28/08/26 | V Wardle | Allotment | 50.00 |
| 01/09/26 | V Wardle | Allotment Deposit | 28.00 |
| 02/09/26 | Normanton Jubilee | | 30.00 |
| 08/09/26 | Mike Stanley | Ferry Takings | 434.24 |

**Proposed Cllr D Smith Seconded Cllr A Hall**
**Agreed Unanimously**

Bank signatories – another councillor is required for authorising payments. Cllr Nigel Hillier agreed to be added.

**26/PC/46 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**26/PC/47 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Stile on field next to Ferry Field is broken – Cllr Dave Smith will take a photograph of the stile and get the What3words for the Clerk to report.

DRAFT