MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2026 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Stuart Sleight, Nigel Hillier, Alison Hall, Andy Brown (NCC) & Matt Barney (RBC)
The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present

26/PC/48 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Sue Ponting reasons given and approved

26/PC/49 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th SEPTEMBER 2026 – PAGES 12-15**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously

26/PC/50 **CLERKS REPORT**

- Reply received from the Boat Club following out request to clear the ditch to which they have agreed.
- Fly tipping on Butt Lane has been removed
- Broken stile on Loseby's Field will be repaired as soon as possible
- Vacant allotment has been let
- Letter sent to the Borough Solicitor with regard to Village Road for advice, to date nothing has been received, therefore it was agreed to send a letter to the resident.

26/PC/51 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Andy Brown – NCC

Local Government Review (LGR): NCC has now issued a pre-action protocol letter to the Government, requesting further information and clarification on the decision-making process in Nottinghamshire. This does not mean that court proceedings have been started, but it could be the first step towards legal action if the issues cannot be resolved.

At last week's Full Council meeting, Cllr Brown wished to make a constituency speech regarding the loss of the 66 bus service. However, he was advised by the Monitoring Officer that he could not do so, as the constituency boundaries have changed and responsibility for the bus service now sits with Mayor Clare. As a result, he has lost the platform to raise the issue in this way. However, he has arranged a meeting to discuss wider transport issues.

A meeting has also been held with the Police regarding speeding and anti-social behaviour. The Police have recently carried out a recruitment drive for PCSOs, but only two applications were received. Suggestions were also made regarding possible locations for speed cameras.

Cllr Matt Barney – RBC

Local Government Review (LGR): The Borough elections will definitely take place in May next year. Cllr Barney confirmed that, sadly, he will not be standing for election again. Depending on the outcome of the LGR, councillors elected next year may serve either a full term or a two-year term.

Cllr Barney is now a member of the Planning Committee..

New planning reforms are due to come into force at the end of October. Under the changes, the Borough Council will no longer be able to call in certain planning applications, which will instead be determined by planning officers. It was noted that these changes will not affect Parish Councils

26/PC/52 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, FLOODING ISSUES, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

- No figures have yet been received from the police regarding speeding through the village while the A6006 the road was closed.
- The Chairman is still trying to arrange a meeting with Josh Wells from NCC regarding the flooding on Far Lane.
- Further road repairs are scheduled to take place on Moor Lane from 10th to 11th November.
- The ditch at the boat club has been cleared, but the silt still needs to be removed.
- The oil slick on the River Soar near The Plough has been reported to the Environment Agency. They have acknowledged the report, but no further information has been received.
- A resident has reported that the dead tree branches overhanging Soar Lane has now been removed.

26/PC/53 FUTRE DEVELOPMENTS – UPDATE

The Chair reported that a letter along with a list of general matters and concerns for consideration has been sent. 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. A copy of the letter and concerns to be circulated to all councillors.

26/PC/54 TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE IF ANY TO THE SCOPING CONSULTATION FOR RUSHCLIFFE LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk presented notes on the above consultation, which will be circulated to all Councillors for their consideration and comments. The comments received will then be used to form the basis of the Parish Council's response to the consultation.

26/PC/55 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES AND ANY ACTIONS CONSIDERED

FERRY - Chairs still be purchased for the Ferry Cabin as RBC require a copy of the invoice. Pennywort on the river has been reported several times this year. The Ferry is now closed for the winter, The Sumup machine has worked well and 13% of the takings have been done on credit card. Volunteer drinks to be arranged on the same basis as last year. The ITV filming was cancelled and will be arranged early next year.

JUBILEE FIELD - Clerk was asked to arrange for three extra cuts on the field as the grass was growing rapidly. The Chair reported that there were rabbit holes in the field that needs filling if anyone is walking up there, could they take a bucket of soil and fill them in. The surface of the Picnic Area is very soft and the Chair will speak to Kenway.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Article for Christmas Lights Switch on.

PLAY AREA UPDATE – Cllr Nigel Hillier will now contact the three playground providers for ideas of costings.

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS UPDATE – Cllr Hillier reported hat preparatory work is going on in the background.

RUSHCLIFFE COMMUNITY TREE SCHEME & TREE QUOTE – It was agreed to order six trees as Streetwise will plant and water for 12 months at no cost. The trees to be ordered are 2 x Aspen, 2 x Common Whitebeam and 2 small leaved lime. It was agreed to accept the quote for trimming trees etc on the Tree Survey Report

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – It was agreed to proceed with the Christmas Lights switch-on on Friday, 27th November, as The Plough has offered to provide mince pies and mulled wine. The chosen charity for donations this year will be the Air Ambulance. The Christmas lights in both trees need to be checked

26/PC/56 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS, FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 & UPDATE ON BANK ACCOUNTS TO BANKLINE PLUS BUDGET UPDATE

Payment Method	**Payee**	**Details**	**Amount**
BACS	Susan Lewis	Salary	391.92
DD	HMRC	PAYE	98.20
BACS	Vertas	Landscaping Contract	211.69
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	Clear Insurance	Insurance Renewal	809.16
BACS			
Receipts			
		Details	**Amount**
11/09/26	J Farmery	Allotment 3 Rent	50.00
21/09/26	J Sankey	Allotment 9 Rent	50.00
24/09/26	Pippa Davis	Allotment 5 Rent	50.00
30/09/26	M Stanley	Ferry Takings	228.95

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously

Budget - It was reported that at the end of August, there were several variations but in general we are in line with predictions.

26/PC/57 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

None

26/PC/58 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

None

Next meeting 5th November 2026.

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