

MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sam Kearn, Glenn Martin, Stuart Sleight, Sue Ponting, Patrick Burge, Paul Waterfall

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present.

22/PC/74 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Carys Thomas, Lesley Way, Kevin Shaw, and Matt Barney reasons given and approved.

22/PC/75 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

22/PC/76 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3rd NOVEMBER 2022 – PAGES 15-18**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Sam Kearn
Agreed Unanimously

22/PC/77 **CLERKS REPORT**

- £480 has been received from the Borough Councillors Support Fund for the ferry railings
- Following the signing of the Civility & Respect Policy a certificate has been received.
- A reply has been received from the Canal & River Trust with regard to the pennywort and reeds by the Ferry informing that there is not quick fix but they ensured us they are working hard to tackle it.
- Following on from last meeting I have investigated the cost of Tommy silhouettes for next years Remembrance Day - £175 each and are 4ft 10" high.
- Letter regarding parking outside the school sent to Head Teacher.

22/PC/78 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

In the absence of the Borough Councillors the following report was read out:

Rushcliffe Council meets tonight – short agenda – the two items are the outcome of the Polling Districts Review and changes to the Public Spaces Protection Order in West Bridgford.

The solar farm near Kingston was approved. No decision on the one in West Leake hills yet. Rushcliffe is putting together guidelines for solar farm applications – this will go out to consultation.

Proof of identity (voter ID) will be required for the next elections in May. There will be a process to obtain a certificate for people who don't have a driving licence or passport. Publicity about this will start in January. The alternative is to register for a postal vote.

Note, particularly if you have been co-opted onto the council this time, that nomination forms for parish and borough councillors have to be submitted by 4 April. Election day is 4 May.

Nothing much further on the Ratcliffe on Soar power station site since your last meeting. We continue to make representations about the impact on local roads. As yet no mitigation is proposed for smaller roads, though there is discussion about J24.

The "devolution" deal is open for consultation via Notts County Council website until 8 January. Combining Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire into the "East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority" will unlock government funding not currently allocated via the individual councils, but creates a extra layer of local government with an additional election for a mayor.

The airport has been through phase 2 of the consultation on arrival and departure routes, and I attended the presentations. I don't see any major new impacts for Normanton, but it is certainly worth keeping an eye on this and looking at the next phase of consultation.

22/PC/79 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

- Clerk to chase Mather Jamie for reply on why the farmer would not let ST on to his land.
- Soar Lane has now been cleared and is ready to be seeded.
- Christmas Lights on the conker tree have been repaired but we are still in discussion with NCC over ownership of the land. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the householder who supplies the electricity for the tree this year.

22/PC/80 TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR 2023-2024 AND SET PRECEPT FOR RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Chairman referred to the draft budget previously discussed at the Finance Meeting and requested approval.

RESOLUTION

That the precept requirement for 2023-2024 be set at 14,881 which equates to a 3.10% increase.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Sam Kern

22/PC/81 TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY COMMUNITY TURBINES TO OFFSET ENERGY COSTS <https://communityenergyengland.org>

It was agreed to monitor this website

22/PC/82 To Discuss and Consider Reply to Notts Fire Cover Consultation <https://www.notts-fire.gov.uk/about-us/public-consultation-fire-cover-in-nottinghamshire/>

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk reply to the Consultation

22/PC/83 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

FERRY – Clerk reported that a grant had been received from Rushcliffe Community Fund towards the replacement of the steps and rail.

JUBILEE FIELD – The new gate for the side of the village will be made up soon and the pins to be taken off gate post – Cllr Stuart Sleight to action.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Article on the Christmas light switch and the pennywort on the river to be submitted.

CONSERVATION AREAS - The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the

Conservation Officer at Rushcliffe who would like to understand Normanton on Soars Parish Council's desire to have a conservation area and explore the current or potential issues we think a conservation area designation will address.

22/PC/84 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 22

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
2251	S Lewis	Salary	401.36
2252	HMRC	PAYE	100.40
2253	Ladybug Garden Services	Clearing of Soar Lane	580.00
2254	Dave Smith	Glasses for Lights Switch-on	27.48

Receipts

		Details	Amount
10/11/22	RBC Cllr Support Fund	Ferry Railings	480.00

22/PC/85 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

1. RBC – Devolution Briefing – circulated
2. RBC – Update on 2023 Elections – circulated
3. Civility & Respect Certificate – Noted
4. Copy of email received via Cllr C Thomas on Community Speed Watch – Agenda item for January meeting.
5. RBC – 22/01755/FUL, 58 Main Street – Removal of existing conservatory and new single storey rear extension. New solar panels to roofs. Removal of 1 rear roof dormer and new ridge roof to existing rear dormer, application of new render and timber boarding to dwelling, alteration to existing doors and fenestration. Replace existing tiles on front dormer. New front timber canopy. Extend raised rear terrace. – Application permitted with conditions.
6. RBC – 22/01833/FUL, 81 Main Street – Proposed new garage, entrance gates, wall and piers – Application withdrawn.
7. Email from resident re- condition of noticeboards – Clerk to action
8. Notification from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited that PKF Littlejohn will be our auditors for the next five years - noted

22/PC/86 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

None

The next meeting 12th January 2023

The meeting closed at 8.30pm