

**MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY 11th MAY 2023 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Stuart Sleight, Glenn Martin, Patrick Burge,
The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present.

23/PC/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Nominated: Cllr Dave Smith

**Proposed Cllr Stuart Sleight Seconded Glenn Martin
Agreed Unanimously**

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

23/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

23/PC/3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - None

23/PC/4 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Nominated: Cllr Stuart Sleight

**Proposed Cllr Sue Ponting Seconded Cllr Glenn Martin
Agreed Unanimously**

23/PC/5 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
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**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously**

23/PC/6 **CLERKS REPORT**

The bridge on the footpath at the back of the village hall has been reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council and they have confirmed that they will inspect it and carry out any repairs needed they will also look at the footpath signs that have fallen down on Butt Lane

The AGAR forms have been completed and are now with the internal auditor.

Notices advertising the two vacancies on the Parish Council have been put on the website and noticeboards.

23/PC/7 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Matt Barney reported that the Notts on Demand Bus commences on Monday 15th May running Monday – Saturday 7.00am to Midnight. Funding for this bus is guaranteed for three years.

Jean Corliss from the Soar Valley Bus is wanting Parishes to help advertise for more drivers to volunteer to drive the bus.

23/PC/8 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

- **STW**

The Clerk reported she will attend the Rushcliffe South Villages – Community Safety Group (RSVCSG) on the 6th June, if any councillor has any issues they want addressing please let the Clerk know.

The Clerk was requested to report all the potholes in the village along with the road surface near Bowley's Farm which is cracking up.

ST – The Chair reported on an e-mail received from Tim Smith, ST reporting that the Trent Rivers Trust report has now been shared with Nottinghamshire County Council and there has been some feedback, we are to be forwarded a copy of the final report. We have been informed that TRT can't complete everything as they cannot get access to the land due to the farmer not allowing them, this is being looked into with the land agents. The Headwall in the ditch is still being sorted out. The surface water ditches along Main Street have been cleared, they are also talking to the Environment Agency about clearing the ditch in the fields.

23/PC/9 TO ADOPT GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE FOR 2023/24

It was agreed to adopt the General Power of Competence for 2023/2024 as the Council meets the right criteria.

23/PC/10 PLANNING

[23/00753/VAR](#) **58 Main Street** – Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans), 3 (Materials), and 5 (Solar Panels) for application [22/01755/FUL](#) to allow alterations to door and window layout, change of materials and details of solar panels

No Objections Agreed Unanimously

[23/00801/VAR](#) **Zouch Bridge Main Street Zouch** - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved documents/plans - Noise and Vibration Assessment), Condition 4 (Construction Traffic Management Plan), and Condition 5 (Construction Noise Management Plan) from planning application 17/00925/FUL to allow night-time working and working on Saturdays

No Objections Agreed Unanimously

23/PC/11 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM SUTTON BONINGTON PLAYScheme & VILLAGE NEWS

Following a discussion, it was agreed to give financial support of £100 to the Sutton Bonington Playscheme and to donate £80 to the Village News

23/PC/12 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE LAYING OF TRACKS TO STOP DAMAGE BY CARAVANS ON THE PLAY FIELD AND TO DISCUSS RATES AND WEED SPRAYING

The Chair reported that following the Caravan Club using the field a few weeks ago damage was caused to the field which was mostly due to the amount of rain and caravans getting stuck. It was agreed to have a look into laying interlocking tracking around the edge of the field to stop this happening again. The Clerk reported that the Play Inspection would be taking place this month and it was agreed that the Chair would accompany the inspector and ask about the tracking and if it would be safe for children using the play equipment.

It was agreed that the rates for hiring the field to the Caravan Club should be raised to £13 per caravan, this rise will help cover the costs of the maintenance of the field and will be reviewed in two years' time.

Cllr Glenn Martin requested that the field be strimmed more often especially around the trees – Agreed and that the weeds on the field need spraying.

Picnic Area – it was agreed to look in to having the area tidied up and more bark added. Area to be reviewed and report back at the next meeting.

20.15pm Cllr Matt Barney left the meeting.

23/PC/13 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

FERRY – Mayor’s Visit. The Mayor of Rushcliffe will be visiting the Boat Club on Sunday 21st May and has also requested to visit the ferry. The Chair has agreed to meet her at the ferry at approx. 2.15pm.

“**WHAT 3 WORDS**” – Cllr Stuart Sleight reported that there was already a “What 3 Words” notice up in the ferry cabin and it was requested that this be put on the website.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report.

KINGS CORONATION GRANT – it was agreed to buy a bench for under the Conker Tree, Clerk to order. The old bench to be cleaned up and go on Butt Lane

CONSERVATION AREAS – Nothing to report.

VILLAGE ROAD – It was agreed a letter be sent to the new owners welcoming them to the village and thanking them for the improvements being carried out but also to point out that the Village Road belongs to the Parish Council and that there is a right of way over it.

HORSE CHESTNUT TREE – UPDATE – Information has been found that the Parish Council do own the land therefore it needs to be registered with land registry. According to NCC we only own the sub-soil therefore we need to find out what this means.

TREES – Following an email from the Insurance Company it was agreed to have the Parish Council trees surveyed every three years. Cllr Stuart Sleight to enquire if his neighbour is qualified to carry out this.

23/PC/14 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 23 PLUS AGREE TO TRANSFER THE BANK ACCOUNT TO ON-LINE BANKING WITH NAT WEST.

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
2278	S Lewis	Salary	280.14
2279	HMRC	PAYE	70.00
2280	Frogbox IT	Upgrade Laptop plus Backup	208.80
2281	Glenn Martin	Plants	69.00
DD	PWLB	Loan Repayment	1292.27
2282	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing Verges	258.00
		Mow, Strim Vhall & Play Eqpt	49.00
2283	Sue Lewis	Stamps	5.44
2284	NCC	Landscaping Contract	462.71
2285	Sutton Bonington Playscheme	Donation	100.00
2286	Village News	Donation	80.00

Receipts

		Details	Amount
27/04/23	NoS Jubilee Comm	Hire of Field (Caravans)	280.00
1/4/23	RBC	Precept	14881.00
10/05/23	M Stanley	Ferry Takings	308.00

Proposed Cllr D Smith
Agreed unanimously

Seconded Cllr S Ponting

It was agreed that the Clerk transfer the bank account to on-line banking with Nat West which will allow dual authorisation.

23/PC/15 **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

- 1.** NALC – Notification that CPRE will not be running Best Kept Village Competition in 2023 – Noted
- 2.** Thank you card from HRH King Charles for Normanton on Soar’s condolences on the death of the Queen – Noted
- 3.** Notification of play inspection being carried out in May
- 4.** NALC – Playground Inspection Course – Cllr Stuart Sleight agreed to attend.

23/PC/16 **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Thursday 25th May in the back room of the Plough at 7pm.

Next meeting – 1st June 2023