

**MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Stuart Sleight, Glenn Martin, Patrick Burge, Nigel Hillier

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present.

**23/PC/41**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Matt Barney

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Nigel Hillier to the Parish Council

**23/PC/42**      **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**23/PC/43**      **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/44**      **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator in the Telephone Box on Main Street had stopped working and required replacement. A grant application was submitted to EMA which was successful. A new defibrillator has been ordered and should be delivered next week.

Community Speed Watch – All the equipment needed has been purchased following a grant from Rushcliffe Borough Councillors and a date has been set for the training on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at East Leake Parish Council Office. All volunteers have been contacted and it will be re-posted on social media.

**23/PC/45**      **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

None

**23/PC/46**      **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Chairman reported he had failed to get hold of Tim Smith from ST with regard to flooding - to be carried forward to next meeting

Potholes have been reported.

**23/PC/47**      **TO DISCUSS A REMEMBRANCE DAY DISPLAY**

Cllr Glenn Martin reported that the two tommie silhouettes had arrived along with 11 poppy crosses. It was agreed that a display will be created on the green area opposite the Plough on two weeks before Remembrance Day.

**23/PC/48**      **TO AGREE QUOTATION FOR ANNUAL INSURANCE**

It was agreed to accept the quotation for the Annual Insurance in the sum of £640.75 which is an increase of £30.

**23/PC/49      TO DISCUSS QUOTATIONS FOR TREE WORK**

The Clerk reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council have approved the work on the Ash tree which has a TPO on it. Three quotations were obtained for work to the Ash tree and to coppice a crack willow on Soar Lane as follows:

**Crown Reduce Ash Tree**

- a) £680
- b) £700
- c) £1400

**Coppice Crack Willow**

- a) No quote
- b) £400
- c) £750

Following a discussion, it was agreed to accept quote b for both trees who is John Etchell, Sileby

**23/PC/50      TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:**

**FERRY** – The chain to the ferry requires replacement and, Sileby Fabrications have quoted like for like replacement in the sum of £415plus VAT for a 40meter chain – Agreed to go ahead with this quote. It was also reported that one of the pulleys had fallen into the river. Sileby Fabrications are going to have a look at replacement.

A date has been set for the volunteers 'thank you' drink – it was agreed to contribute up to £250.

**JUBILEE FIELD – PICNIC AREA, STRIMMING UNDER TREES AND REPLACEMENT OF DEAD TREES** – It was agreed that more bark is required to be put down around the picnic area.

It was reported that out of the 10 trees brought and planted last year 9 have died – it was agreed to replace them.

The school have requested a Cherry Tree for the Jubilee.

Cutting under trees – as required during the summer.

A new seat in memory of a resident will be installed over the next few weeks.

Goal posts – one has broken, and it was agreed to replace with one of a similar size.

**VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – It was agreed to submit articles on the Remembrance Display, Christmas lights switch-on and the new defibrillator.

**ALLOTMENTS** – Hedge cutting/field, Ladybug Garden Services to quote. It was agreed to let the hedge grow for a couple of years and then investigate laying it.

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received on the size of the poly tunnel requested by an allotment holder – it was agreed to permit this.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS** – Lights to be tested and a new transformer will need to be installed at a cost of approx. £200 – Agreed. The switch on will be on on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm. Cllr Dave Smith agreed to purchase the mulled wine along with mince pies unless the Plough are willing to provide the refreshments. Temporary warning signs to be erected on the road. Local school to be approached to see if the pupils would like to sing carols on the night. Any donations received on the night to be given to St James Church.

**CORONATION BENCH** – The bench has been delivered and it was agreed to bolt into the ground under the Horse Chestnut tree and the one being taken out to be re-sited on Butt Lane to replace the one broken by vandals

**23/PC/51**

**TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTMBER 23 & TO DISCUSS BUDGET**

**July**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2303	Susan Lewis	Salary	280.14
2304	HMRC	PAYE	70.00
2305	Paul Sharpe	Ferry Phone	10.00
2306	Play Safety Ltd	Playground Inspection	144.60
2307	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of Verges	£516.00
2308		Mow, Strim Village Hall Play Equip	49.00
		Mow, Strim trees on Playing Field	55.00

**Receipts**

		<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	M Stanley	Ferry Takings	210.00

**August**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2209	Susan Lewis	Salary	280.14
2210	HMRC	PAYE	70.00
2211	Rushcliffe Borough Council	Election Expenses	66.79
2212	AT2	Tree Survey	295.00
2213	Grasshopper Hosting	Hosting of Website	144.00
2214	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of Verges	£258.00
2215		Mow, Strim Village Hall Play Equip	49.00
		Mow, Strim around trees	55.00
2216	Sports Radar	Speed Gun	237.48
2217	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	175.00
2218	Community Speed Watch Shop	High Viz Jackets	128.19
2219	Protect Signs	Signs CSW	216.93
2320	RBL Industries	Tommies Sil	350.00
2321	Susan Lewis (RBL)	Crosses	36.99

**Receipts**

		<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	M Stanley	Ferry Takings	286.50

## September

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2322	Susan Lewis	Salary	280.14
2323	HMRC	PAYE	70.00
2324	Clear Insurance	PC Insurance	640.75
2325	NCC	Landscaping Contract	462.71
2326	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of Verges x 2	£516.00
		Mow, Strim Village Hall Play Equip	49.00
		Mow, Strim around trees	55.00
2327	Susan Lewis	Tally Counters (CSW)	11.48
2228	Susan Lewis	Postage	11.50
DD	PWLB	Loan Repayment	1,292.27

## **Receipts**

		<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	M Stanley	Ferry Takings	384.95

The Chairman reported on the budget for this year and so far, we have a surplus of approx. £3800.

## **23/PC/52      TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. RBC – 23/00763 La Petite Maison, 1 Ferry Fields – Construction of replacement chalet – Application permitted.
2. RBC – 23/01149/FUL The Soar Boat Club – Single storey infill toilet extension to an existing covered hardstanding area – Application permitted.
3. RBC – 23/01270/FUL 14 Moor Lane – Single storey rear extension – Grant planning permission
4. RBC – 23/00801/VAR Zouch Bridge – Variation of Conditions 2, 4 and 5 – Application permitted.
5. RBC – Notice of adoption of the Ratcliffe on Soar Local Development Order – Noted
6. RBC – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Consultation – Agenda item next month
7. Ruth Edwards MP – Natural Flood Management Programme 2023 – Noted
8. Notts ALC – D-Day 80 Anniversary – Agenda item next month

## **23/PC/53      ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Clerk to check with East Midlands Ambulance Service to see if they can provide any CPR training for the village.

Missing drain cover – reported again following a lady falling in to it.

The Plough – still problems with the fat trap on Soar Lane – Clerk to chase up with Environmental

Health.

Pennywort in the river – Clerk to report to Rivers Trust.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**