# Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council

Minutes of the General Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held at

**Burnside Memorial Hall, Church Hill, Plumtree** on **Tuesday 7th November 2023** at **6.30pm.**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Kay Cutts (Chair), Cllr Vivienne Ives, Cllr Aruna Day, Cllr Dawn Clements,

Cllr Jodi Gray, Cllr Richard Stewart *(x1 vacant seat)*.

**Officers**: Lesa Gilbert – Parish Clerk.

**Also present:** x3 residents, NCC Cllr Butler, RBC Cllr Chewings.

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1. **Apologies for absence** – None.
2. **Declarations of interests** – None.
3. **Chairman’s announcement** – NOTW Parish Council caried out a litter pick round the village on a lovely Autumn day on Saturday 14th October, with great success. Residents joined in, including children and the Village looked spick and span after all the hard work. At least 8 bags were filled with litter which were taken away by and disposed by RBC. The Council would like to place on record our thanks for all the extra help and Cllr Richard Stewart for organising it. -- At the last PC meeting we were asked to look at the policy of cutting the grass vergers, and enquired if it could be carried out more frequently. We have consulted all residents on this policy by including it in the latest newsletter. The results will be discussed later in this meeting. -- NOTW PC will be attending the Remembrance Day service at Plumtree Church this Sunday and will be placing a poppy wreath on the War Memorial along with those from The Royal British Legion, RBC, NCC, and the villages of Plumtree and Clipstone-on-the-Wolds. Our thanks go to Cllr Jodie Gray and her husband for putting the large poppies on the telegraph poles along the old Melton Rd, and other Cllrs for putting them on the entrance signs to the village. -- We as a Parish Council are always happy to receive feedback from residents and any positive suggestions made for improving NOTW. All Cllrs are unpaid volunteers and we welcome friendly debate. *– Cllr Kay Cutts, Chairman.*
4. **Minutes from the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 for acceptance**: Council agreed accurate and signed by Chair.
5. **Open Session for the public to raise matters of council business:** *(Time open: 6.33pm)* Resident raised safety concerns for the public/nursery children using the public footpath next to South Haven due to unauthorised horse riders using the public footpath. – Another resident also expressed concern on this matter but would like the footpath to remain accessible for wheelchair users. – Residents and Councillors discussed the matter and possible resolutions at length. Councillors will confirm resolutions to be actioned on agenda item 6bi later *(Time closed: 6.50pm).*
6. **Reports – to consider:**
	1. **District and County Council Members**: RBC Cllr Chewings flagged that the Borough have made contact with the PC to refresh the village’s conservation plan. – NCC Cllr Butler reported that the Back Lane sign is to be reinstated. – The Talented Athletes funding scheme is now open. – County Council is very busy addressing flooding problems and highlighted a small grant is available for resident’s homes affected by flooding.
	2. **Parish Councillors –**
		1. **Request for support of a gate installing on Greenleaves footpath** – to review and agree any actions. – Councillors discussed the possible actions the PC can take to assist with the matter raised under agenda item 5. Council resolved to ask NCC, as the enforcing authority, to send a letter to the Livery to remind riders not to use the footpath and to look to reinstate the old bridleway.

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* + 1. **Village flood areas** – to review and agree any actions. - Chair highlighted village flooding problems and that the stream between Cotgrave Rd/Tollerton is blocked by fallen trees/overgrowth. Water overflowed across the road as the culvert under Platt Lane could not cope with the volume of water. Tree has since been removed. – Council discussed and resolved to ask NCC to contact landowners to ensure streams/ditches are dug out/clear from overgrowth.
1. **Parish Council services and operations**:
	1. **D-day beacon lighting event – to discuss and agree any actions. –** Clerk explained D Day 80 next year and Plumtree would be keen to see if NOTW would like to make it a joint event incorporating lighting the beacon? Council discussed and agreed to do a joint event.
	2. **Litter pick – review of event. –** Cllr Stewart reported on the success of the litter pick event. Council agreed to hold another litter pick in March time.
	3. **Commemorative Stone – receive update.** – Clerk sought to obtain 3 quotes to install the stone, only 1 quote back @ £650.Still awaiting the permission licence from highways. Council agreed to go ahead with the installation, Clerk will enquire if any local undertakers do this sort of installation.
	4. **Tree Protection Order List – receive update.** – Cllr Gray shared resources on how RBC consider the grading of trees. Clerk reported that only 2 trees on TPO list. Cllr Ives understands more trees to be listed under the villages Conservation Plan. Council agreed to take areas and plot trees to be considered for protection.
	5. **Conservation Area Plan – receive update.** – motioned to dismiss 7e as repeated under item 9b.
	6. **Communication methods – to discuss and agree any actions.** – Cllr Stewart shared few residents have signed up for the village email comms but wonders if there’s a better way for instant/urgent village communications e.g. village WhatsApp or FB group? Councillors discussed. Some concerns over content control. Council agreed to consider further in January.
	7. **Grass cutting schedule – to review residents’ comments and agree any actions.** – Clerk shared residents’ comments received regarding the village grass cutting. Council reviewed and agreed to ‘no mow May’ and ask NCC to cut 1m edges to the wildflower verges/village entrances. Also agreed to restart the pc grass cutting contract again, Clerk to obtain costs/areas.
	8. **Defibrillator installation – receive update.** – Clerk gave an update on the defibrillator installation/grant: still awaiting grant application. Obtaining electrical installation quote.
	9. **Casual vacancy – to discuss and agree any actions** – one resident has enquired about the vacancy.
2. **Financial matters:** Clerkupdated Council on pc finances*-*
	1. **Expenditure and Income** – Total expenditure over August 23 is £685 and Income is £0. Total expenditure over Sept 23 is £328 and Income is £0. Chair signed payments record. Council signed invoices.
	2. **Bank balance and reconciliations** – Council signed bank rec sheet.
	3. **Budget to actuals** – Clerk talked over the budget year to date – noted by Council.
3. **Planning Matters**:
	1. **Vistry Homes pre-application public consultation** on plans for a residential-led development on land North of Tollerton (part of the East Gamston/North Tollerton Strategic Allocation). – for review/comment. – Council discussed consultation and agreed to await the planning application.
	2. **RBC Conservation area review** – to agree members involved and meeting dates. – Chair explained RBC refreshing the village’s conservation plan. Cllr Ives flagged that trees and hedges need to be protected within the plan. Council discussed and agreed the next step is a working group in the new year, followed by a meeting with RBC conservation officers.

To consider and comment on live applications notified to the Parish Council, including:

* 1. *No live applications for review.*

 Notices received of planning decisions taken by Rushcliffe Borough Council:

* 1. *23/00339/FUL - Park Side Old Melton Road - Retrospective application for replacement dwelling as built and air source heat pump in the rear garden – Granted.*

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1. **Urgent matters received prior to the meeting** – Chair shared reports that the Trent Barton buses are not keeping to the timetable. -- Cllr Ives proposed that the telephone box requires repaint, Council agree subject to sources the correct red paint required. -- Cllr Clements flagged that the planters require new plants and removal of old Remembrance wreaths, Council agreed.
2. **Date for the next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 6.30pm held at The Burnside Memorial Hall – noted by Council.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated: