# 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 3rd September 2024** at **6.30pm.**

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

Cllr Dawn Clements, Cllr Richard Stewart.

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

**Also present:** NCC/RBC Cllr Richard Butler.

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1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Nathan Cutler - accepted. Cllr Jodi Gray – not present.
2. **Declarations of interests** – Cllr Stewart item 9a, *refrained from comment.*
3. **Chairman’s announcement** – Normanton-on-the-Wolds PC provided a stall at the village annual garden party. Cllr Vivienne Ives compiled a short survey asking resident opinions on village matters that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. We also requested locations for trees given by RBC, to be planted on land in the village. Vivienne will report on the results of the survey in the meeting.

The village Telephone Box, an asset of the PC, was well overdue for painting and refurbishing. It was decided to paint 3 of the 4 crowns situated at top of the box in gold paint to display them to greater effect. The rear of the box also has a crown, but cannot be seen, as it is close to the neighbouring hedge, so was left red. Our phone box is now a casual library and once the bookshelves had been removed it became clear that they would also need to be refurbished. It has been suggested to leave a space to display village photographs and local information about the village.

Nottinghamshire County Council cut the grass verges once again, despite being asked to restrict mowing to just the entrances to the village from the A606 for road safety purposes.

Our Parish Council now has a full complement of 7 Councillors, and we welcome Nathan Cutler to the PC and hope he finds the work interesting and enjoyable. My grateful thanks go to all the members of the Council who give up their time freely to serve our village, and to our Parish Clerk - Lesa Gilbert for providing such efficient clerking duties.  Our thanks also to our County and Brough Cllrs. Our elected County Councillor Richard Butler is also Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council and we are grateful that he finds time to attend our meetings. - *Cllr Kay Cutts, Chairman NOTW PC.*

1. **Minutes from the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 for acceptance**: Council agreed accurate and signed by Chair.
2. **Open Session for the public to raise matters of council business:** No comments*.*
3. **Reports – to consider:**
   1. **District and County Council Members**: RBC Kier Chewings sends his apologies. --NCC/RBC Cllr Richard Butler referenced the NCC grass cutting and flagged there are regulations to highway mowing but hoping to come to an agreement to suit all. -- Also highlighted the new On-demand bus service. -- Chair enquired about the RBC polling station survey – Cllr Butler believes NOTW will still be Plumtree cricket ground for local and Burnside Hall for general.
   2. **Parish Councillors –** Cllr Clements expressed thanks that the new bus timetable has now been displayed. -- Cllr Ives gave a report of the village garden party stand which was fairly quiet with only 4 surveys handed out. Cllr Gray also helped man the stand. – Cllr Ives highlighted the RBC tree scheme and Council agreed to order the maximum trees – locations tbc.

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1. **Financial matters:** Clerkupdated Council on pc finances*-* 
   1. **Expenditure and Income** – Total expenditure over Jun/Jul 24 is £382.37 and income is £265.66 (*VAT reclaim*). Payments noted by Council and invoices signed.
   2. **Bank balance and reconciliations** – as of 2/8/24, current ac: £17,950 - noted by Council and Chair signed bank rec sheet.
   3. **Budget to actuals** – Clerk shared the budget ytd being half way into the financial year – noted by Council.
2. **Parish Council services and operations:** 
   1. **Coronation stone plaque** – Clerk updated Council on the supplier problem with the brass plaque and that a refund had been issued. Council discussed and agreed that a bronze plaque would be better although more expensive est. £800-900 plus installation. Council agreed to go ahead with a bronze plaque.
   2. **Telephone Box** – Chair reported that the telephone box has now been painted and thanked Cllr Stewart for kindly storing the books. It has become apparent that the shelves now need replacing – Council agree, Clerk to obtain quotes to circulate to Council. Council also agreed to have an information/history display area in the Telephone box.
   3. **RBC tree planting scheme** – as already discussed, Council agrees to apply to the scheme.This will also form part of the conservation plan that the Council is compiling to shortly meet with RBC conservation officers.
   4. **NALC Councillor training** – Clerk shared costs/training available for Councillors; Councillors discussed and agreed initially to save costs to revisit the free guides available.
3. **Planning Matters**:

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

* + 1. *24/01343/FUL - Wolds Lodge, Old Melton Road - Replacement dwelling, landscaping, external swimming pool. – Council observes some misleading info within the application. Feel the design is very modern/out of character in a conversation area.*
    2. Any other application received Any other application received prior to the meeting. – None.
    3. Confirm expired planning applications responded to under delegated authority: - None.
    4. Notices received of planning decisions taken by Rushcliffe Borough Council:- None.

1. **Urgent matters received prior to the meeting** – Chair shared correspondence from NCC Highways re the verge grass cutting. Council discussed and agreed answers to the questions asked. Clerk will check the PC insurance around grass verge length.
2. **Date for the next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 6.30pm, held at The Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree – noted by Council.

*Meeting closed to public: 7.31pm*

Signed by Chair:

Dated: