# 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 4th March 2025** at **6.30pm.**

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

Cllr Richard Stewart, Cllr Nathan Cutler, Cllr Jodi Gray.

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

**Also present:** RBC Cllr Kier Chewings, x1 resident.

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1. **Apologies for absence** – None.
2. **Declarations of interests** – Cllr Cutts, item 6biii.
3. **Chairman’s announcement** – Spring has finally arrived and the grass verges in the village (*namely Old Melton Rd, Platt Lane and Clipstone Lane*) are full of Snowdrops. This greatly adds to the attractiveness of our village, and this leads me to consider if the PC should purchase further bulbs in the green for planting now. I hope we have settled with the County Council on our grass mowing programme so that the verges will not be cut before the Snowdrops have chance to seed. -- Parish Councillors have considered Rushcliffe Borough Council’s Design Code document for future development in Rushcliffe and support it. We will consider all future planning applications with this design brief in mind. Our thanks go to Cllr Ives for leading on this, with support from other Councillors. Normanton PC always considers all planning applications seriously and makes comments and observations on each application. -- The proposed litter pick on 5th April is in need as so much litter is thrown out of passing cars as well as deposited by others, either without consideration, or deliberately dumped in gateways fly tipping. Thank you to Cllr Stewart for organising the clean-up. My thanks go to Lesa Gilbert for all her work as Clerk to the Council. - *Cllr Kay Cutts, Chairman NOTW PC.*
4. **Minutes from the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025 for acceptance**: Council agreed accurate and signed by Chair.
5. **Open Session for the public to raise matters of council business:** A resident shared their property frontage boundary situation with the Parish Council who discussed the proposed options/village conservation with the resident. The resident is keen to ensure the new frontage/greenery is in keeping with the village/property and plans to make an application to RBC. Councillors thanked the resident for attending the meeting to share their situation (*resident thanked the PC and left the meeting*).
6. **Reports – to consider:**
	1. **District and County Council Members**: Apologies from NCC Cllr Richard Butler given. --RBC Cllr Kier Chewings reported on the Borough’s budget setting with a proposed council tax increase of +2.46%/+£3.89 Band D. -- Highlighted that the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan is going back out to consultation in light of the new Government quotas. Also to note that Gedling Borough Council has pulled out of the plan to go alone. Prior consultation comments will still be considered. – Also reported that emergency meetings will be held this month to consider the proposed government devolution plans once announced. – Cllr Gray flagged the Nottingham City airport closure notice to Cllr Chewings.

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* 1. **Parish Councillors reports –**
		1. **Village mowing** – Cllr Cutler flagged the need for Spring bulb protection from NCC mowers. Council agreed to contact NCC to highlight that the emerging bulbs aren’t mowed. Also agreed to purchase Snowdrops.
		2. **Litter pick** – Cllr Stewart confirmed arrangements for the 5th April and will be advertised out to the village. Clerk to report the increased litter on the A606 roadside.
		3. **Planning and footpaths** – Cllr Ives shared that historically the PC did an annual footpath walk to check the condition of the public footpaths bridges/sties/signage and report any repairs to NCC. Cllr Ives proposed that the PC carry this inspection out again. Council all agreed and deferred the item to the May pc meeting to confirm arrangements and a date in June.
		4. **Village newsletter** – Chair proposed that a Spring newsletter is produced. Council agreed and discussed news articles.
		5. **Local Government Reorganisation** – Chair explained the reorganisation; Council reviewed and agreed to share information.
1. **Financial matters:** Clerkupdated Council on PC finances*-*
	1. **Expenditure and Income** – Total expenditure over Dec 24 is £545 and income is £0. Expenditure over Jan 25 is £1,041 (*inc Burnside Hall roof grant*) / income £0. Payments noted by Council and invoices signed.
	2. **Bank balance and reconciliations** – as of 26/02/25, current ac: £12,510 – bank statements/reconciliation noted by Council and signed by the Chair.
	3. **Budget to actuals** **ytd** – Reviewed and noted by Council.
	4. **Internal Audit 24/25** – Clerk shared costs (£268+VAT) for the Internal Audit – agreed by Council.
2. **Parish Council services and operations:**
	1. **Schedule of meetings 25/26** – Council agreed meeting dates.
		1. *Including confirmation of the Annual meeting for the Parishioners – Council agreed a 6.15pm start time on the 6th May.*
	2. **VE Day 80, on the 8th May 2025** – Council discussed the event and agreed to purchase one flag and x20 lamp post signs.
3. **Planning Matters**:

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

* 1. Any other application received prior to the meeting: *None.*
	2. Confirm expired planning applications responded to under delegated authority:*None*.
	3. Notices received of planning decisions taken by Rushcliffe Borough Council:
		1. *24/02090/FUL - Melody Back Lane - 2 rear exts - a front ext - a new entrance feature/staircase - alteration to the house roofline - realignment of openings and recladding - a detached garage building - landscaping works.* *– Withdrawn.*
	4. Rushcliffe Design Code Supplementary Planning Doc Consultation – Council reviewed and agreed no comments to add.
1. **Urgent matters received prior to the meeting** – None. Cllr Stewart proposed we ask RBC for an update on the Conservation Plan – Council agreed.
2. **Date for the next Annual Meeting for the Parishioners:** Tues 6th May 2025 at 6.15pm, held at The Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree. Followed by the **PC AGM:** Tues 6th May 2025 at 6.30pm – noted by Council. *Meeting closed: 7.35pm*

Signed by Chair:

Dated: