# 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 January 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 (arrived 6.49pm).

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

**Also present:** NCC/RBC Cllr Richard Butler, RBC Cllr Kier Chewings.

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1. **Apologies for absence** – None.
2. **Declarations of interests** – Cllr Ives, item 8a as a Burnside Hall Trustee Member.
3. **Chairman’s announcement** – Normanton on the Wolds PC have been active since our last meeting; meetings have been held to complete our Conservation Appraisal for RBC. We have asked that the whole village should be included this time as The Leys is now a mature site with its own style and setting. The village green is a private provision for those properties, and the trees are now mature and should be recorded. This is a comprehensive and robust piece of work and my thanks go to Vivienne for leading on it.

A flood warden training session was held by NCC in Stapleford for Parish Cllrs. Vivienne, Dawn and Aruna attended on behalf of NOTW.  A report will be received from them during the meeting to update the council on the procedures to be carried out for this duty. My thanks go to these Councillors for this service.

During the recent storm this weekend, with heavy rain and snow overnight, extensive floods affected Nottinghamshire. Normanton was flooded yet again on Clipstone Lane, Cotgrave Road and Platt Lane. This has become a regular problem for our village - I wonder if the new build properties in Keyworth on three separate sites have added significant volumes of water to the Polser Brook with the effect of flooding Normanton.

10 large trees were delivered before Christmas from RBC to the PC for planting in the village. These have all be planted in garden settings and other suitable sites by residents - for natural landscape settings, hedge rows and open spaces we would require forest type trees.

My thanks go to all the Parish Councillors for their continuous work to benefit our village, and our Parish Clerk, Lesa for all her assistance - *Cllr Kay Cutts, Chairman NOTW PC.*

1. **Minutes from the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 for acceptance**: Council agreed accurate and signed by Chair.
2. **Open Session for the public to raise matters of council business:** No residents present*.*
3. **Reports – to consider:**
   1. **District and County Council Members**: RBC Cllr Kier Chewings flagged flooding across the borough. Also updated Council on the borough’s tree replacement process. Council discussed and Cllr Chewings agreed to obtain the full list of village trees felled that are due to be replaced as per a condition of granting planning.

-- NCC/RBC Cllr Richard Butler reported on the flooding around Normanton and the urgent work being carried out following flooding on the A606 Laming Gap. Council highlighted to Cllr Butler the need to enforce landowners to carry out dredging – in particular along Clipston Lane.

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* 1. **Parish Councillors reports –** 
     1. **TPO/Conservation Area Appraisal** - Cllr Ives gave an update on the Appraisal following meeting with the RBC Conservation Officer. Despite what felt like a productive meeting with the Conservation Officer, recent email communication from the RBC Planning Manager has differed and the PC were given a short deadline of 2nd January to submit all comments/information. This has now all been submitted and the PC awaits next steps from RBC.
     2. **Litter pick** – Council discussed litter problems around the village and agreed to hold a community litter pick on the 5th April at 10am, meeting near the Plough.
     3. **Poor road/pavement conditions** – Council discussed poor pavement/road conditions around the village which have been reported to NCC highways and are due to be inspected.
     4. Council also noted fireworks set off in the village at 3am on several occasions over the Christmas period. This will be monitored and further action taken if continues.

1. **Financial matters:** Clerkupdated Council on PC finances*-* 
   1. **Expenditure and Income** – Total expenditure over Oct 24 is £552 and income is £0. Expenditure over Nov 24 is £357 / income £0. Payments noted by Council and invoices signed.
   2. **Bank balance and reconciliations** – as of 30/12/24, current ac: £13,899 – bank statements/reconciliation noted by Council and signed by the Chair.
   3. **Budget to actuals** **ytd** – Cllr Ives explained the urgent roof repair required to Burnside Hall. EO shared the Grant Aid request form received from the BMH trustees. Council reviewed the budget ytd and agreed as the hall is 1/3 for the Normanton Parish a contribution of £1,000 will be offer – *proposed by Cllr Clements, seconded by Cllr Day: voted all in favour.*
   4. **Budget setting 2025/26 –** Council reviewed in detail the draft budget and precept for 25/26. Whilst the budget includes inflation on some cost codes, including Burnside Hall hire fees and the Clerk’s hourly pay rate, some cost codes are decreased as routinely underspent. -- Cllr Stewart proposed, seconded by Cllr Ives to agree the budget 25/26 and set the village precept request at £10,000 which is a 0% increase on a band D property – voted unanimously in favour.
2. **Parish Council services and operations:** 
   1. Burnside Hall hire rate increase/management committee dissolved – Clerk shared notification that the hall hire rate has increased by £3 per meeting from Jan 25. Noted by Council.
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.*
     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.* *– Object: out of character in a conservation/green belt area with large scale mass/impingement on neighbours.*
  2. Confirm expired planning applications responded to under delegated authority:
     1. *24/01868/FUL – Bernan, 2 Clipston Lane - Conversion of part of existing garage into habitable accommodation. – DNO.*

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* 1. Notices received of planning decisions taken by Rushcliffe Borough Council:
     1. *24/01868/FUL – Bernan, 2 Clipston Lane - Conversion of part of existing garage into habitable accommodation. – Granted.*
     2. *24/00225/CONARE - Fell 3 Conifers/Reduce 1 Cherry by 50% at Norlands. – Granted.*
     3. *24/00209/CONARE - Reduce height of Leylandii / 1 Ash by 25% at Willowbrook. – Granted.*

1. **Urgent matters received prior to the meeting** – None.
2. **Date for the next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 6.30pm, held at The Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree – noted by Council.

*Meeting closed to public: 7.40pm*

Signed by Chair:

Dated: