

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

**Time:** 19.30

**Venue:** Norton Village Hall

**Clerk:** Angela Feltham

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MEETING</b>		
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Agenda Item/Outcome</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence.</b>  <b>Council Attendance:</b>                      Cllr M Goodman (Chairman)                      Cllr K Russell                      Cllr C Thomas                      Cllr E Macanndrais                      Cllr S Mason  <b>Invitees</b>                      Cllr A Hills (NCC)  <b>Public</b>                      One in attendance</p>	
15.03.067	<p><b>Acceptance of Apologies</b>                      Apology received and accepted from Cllr K Woods, Cllr D Smith (DDC)                      Cllr S Goulden absent – no apology received.</p>	
15.03.068	<p><b>Declaration of Interest on the Agenda</b>                      None to declare</p>	
15.03.069	<p><b>Consideration of any requests for dispensation</b>                      None to declare</p>	
15.03.070	<p><b>Open Section</b>                      Cllr Hills gave the following report.</p> <p>The <b>Women’s Cycling Tour</b> returns to Northamptonshire on 19 June 2015, starting in Oundle and finishing in Kettering.</p> <p>February saw the launch of <b>Base to Top Strategy</b>, an Education performance that aims to provide top quality schools by 2020. All schools have been invited to apply for funding.</p> <p>16 new schools are planned for the county in the next 12 years. NCC is looking for quality sponsors to provide these.</p> <p><b>Secondary schools</b> – 84% of applicants have been allocated a school of their 1<sup>st</sup> preference, 97% of applicants have been allocated a place in one of their top three choices. 94% of applications were made on-line, an increase on last years applications.</p> <p>The <b>NCC budget</b> for 2015-16 has been approved. Cllr Hills will provide more details at the March meeting (17<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>Cllr Macanndrais asked a question of Cllr Hills. Would NCC have the power to intervene if it was shown an Academy was failing its students?                      In Cllr Hills’ experience as a Governor at Danetre Learning Village, the standard that pupils display throughout the year does not always match the outcome of their results and qualifications. Sometimes there is a ‘gap’ that teachers and Boards of Governors are unable to explain.</p> <p>The level of learning attained in any one year of pupils can sometimes be held back by the lack of support within the family unit. If a child arrives at schools in their first year without there being basic training in personal hygiene or knowledge of letter or numbers this can detract from the learning of the whole class.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Macanndrais asked a question of Cllr Hills. Would Cllr Hills like to comment on NCC's plans to reduce staffing levels from 5000 to 150.</p> <p>The aim of NCC is to reduce from 4000 to 150 the number of employees yet still retaining services through employees becoming outside contractors. NCC are planning on these people remaining within the main building where all services will be provided under one roof instead of being spread around the town/county. Cllr Hills is not in favour of such a move by NCCI.</p>	
	<b>PLANNING</b>	
15.03.071	<p><b>DA/2015/0102</b>  <b>Norton Fields Farm, Watling Street, Norton. NN11 2NA</b>                  Single storey extension side                  The plans for the proposed extension show material and style as being in line with existing.                  Proposal to agree with this application based upon there being no agricultural tie on the property.                  Proposed by Cllr Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Goodman. All in favour.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Russell asked for it to be noted that the litter pickers had cleared a major stretch of verge side between Daventry and Norton however the section outside the golf course entrance and leading up the hill toward Norton had not been picked. This may be due to Health and Safety concerns. Cllr Russell asked if this could be investigated.</p>	
15.03.072	<b>Meeting closed 19.51</b>	
Signed	<p>.....</p> <p><b>Cllr Mike Goodman</b>  <b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Date .....</b></p>	