

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**Time:** 19.30**Venue:** Norton Village Hall**Clerk:** Richard Oliver

Minute	Agenda Item/Outcome	Action
	<p><b>Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence.</b></p> <p><b>Council Attendance:</b>            Cllr K Russell <i>Chairman</i>            Cllr M Goodman <i>Vice-Chairman</i>            Cllr S Mason            Cllr R Macanndrais            Cllr Goulden</p> <p><b>Invitees</b>            Cllr A Hills (NCC), Cllr A Brown (DDC),</p> <p><b>Public</b>            One</p>	
16.09.254	<p><b>Acceptance of Apologies</b>            Cllr J Amos (DDC), Cllr Paybody, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Child</p>	
16.09.255	<p><b>Declaration and Nature of Interests in matters on the Agenda</b>            None</p>	
16.09.256	<p><b>Consideration for any requests for dispensation</b>            None</p>	
16.09.257	<p><b>Open Section</b> For a duration of 15 minutes with the permission of the chairman members of the public may speak for 3 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCC Representative</li> <li>• DDC Representative</li> <li>• Members of the Public</li> </ul> <p><b>Canal Arm</b>            Cllr Brown informed councillors that a further revision to the application for the new Canal Arm from the Grand Union Canal to Daventry had been lodged with Planning at Daventry District Council. The plan is to include a Boat Lift instead of Locks.</p> <p><b>Community Lottery Scheme – Consultation till 31 October 2016</b>            Cllr Brown advised of a consultation for a new Community Lottery Scheme for Daventry District to assess the support that such a scheme may have from the public. Cllr Hills added that any funds raised would only be used for good causes. Follow this link for more information and to register your views: <a href="http://bit.ly/2dd4weH">http://bit.ly/2dd4weH</a></p> <p><b>Parliamentary Boundary Changes</b>            Cllr Brown advised that the Boundary Commission were proposing changes to Parliamentary Constituency boundaries by 2018 which could mean that Norton would then fall under South Northamptonshire. These changes are only at the consultation stage at the moment. District boundaries would not change. More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.bce2018.org.uk/">https://www.bce2018.org.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Scrutiny Panel for Unadopted Roads</b>            Cllr Hills is now on a panel of 3 people to look at the issue of unadopted roads.</p> <p><b>Daventry Link Road</b>            Cllr Hills advised that the Link Road was on schedule so far. Cllr Goulden voiced concerns that Norton did not become a traffic rat-run as vehicles tried to avoid the construction</p>	

	<p>delays. The position is to be monitored as the construction ramps up.</p> <p><b>Travellers</b> Cllr Hills advised that the Travellers in Daventry had now been moved on from Daventry to Billing Aquadrome.</p> <p><b>M1 overnight closures</b> Cllr Hills advised of imminent closures A full list can be found on Highways England site at the following link <a href="http://bit.ly/ZPvvlL">http://bit.ly/ZPvvlL</a></p> <p>Cllr Hills also advised that he would not be standing at the May 2017 County Council elections but would continue with his other commitments.</p>	
16.09.258	<p><b>Approve minutes</b> of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 The minutes were approved. Proposed Cllr Goodman 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Macandrais. All in favour</p>	
16.09.259	<p><b>Actions from Previous Minutes</b> (not covered on agenda and for report only) The Clerk informed councillors that a letter of thanks had been sent to Andy Forrest.</p>	
	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p>	
16.09.260	<p><b>11/0052/FULWND (AMENDED)</b> New canal arm, associated works linking the Grand Union Canal and Daventry Town Centre. Use the following link to access original and amended documents: <a href="http://bit.ly/2clGy0S">http://bit.ly/2clGy0S</a></p> <p>Cllrs Hills and Brown advised that the plans could include a Boat Lift and a Visitor Centre and this could prove to be a huge tourist attraction. Cllr Russell raised the questions over canal management and questioned if the Canal &amp; River Trust (C&amp;RT) would take over the long-term maintenance of this extension. Cllr Hills advised that pre-1939 an extension had been planned for the north side of the reservoir but had to be abandoned because of the war. This new extension was attracting commercial interest and discussions with C&amp;RT were planned but he was unable to give more details at this time. Cllr Goulden asked that there be sufficient visitor parking so that visitor numbers did not impact adversely on the local community if the scheme goes ahead.</p>	
16.09.261	<p><b>DA/2016/0635 – Decision notice</b> The Old Vicarage, Daventry Road, Norton NN11 2ND Demolition of existing extension and construction of single storey extension. Planning permission granted. Councillors noted this decision.</p>	
	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p>	
16.09.262	<p>Cllr Macandrais advised that traffic monitoring through the village should continue to be monitored in the light of the Daventry Link Road construction work. He also noted an increase in fly-tipping. Cllr Hills advised that Daventry District had recently fined an individual and that the council will continue to track and fine anyone proved to be fly-tipping in the district.</p>	
	<p><b>NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA PLAN</b></p>	
16.09.263	<p><b>Update from NNAP Steering Group</b> Cllr Goulden advised that an open meeting with a presentation from the Norton Neighbourhood Area Plan Steering Group of progress to date. This meeting would take place in the <b>Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30PM</b> All parishioners are urged to attend. Cllr Russell advised the Neil Gilliver of MRHA would either attend or provide information on for this meeting.</p>	

16.09.264	<p><b>Daventry NE SUE</b></p> <p>The Stakeholder Meeting organised by Pegasus Planning and Barratt Development held at the ICON Centre in Daventry on 8 September was attended by Cllr Child as Chair of Norton Area Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Cllr Russell and Cllr Goulden. The feedback was that this was a positive meeting with Norton being well represented and the councillors ably expressing the case for Norton. The councillors felt that both Pegasus Planning and Barratt Developments were actually listening to the points raised by the councillors but more importantly would act upon them. Cllr Goulden again emphasised the importance of traffic calming measures to be an integral part of the design and not an afterthought. The meeting advised that the Norton / A5 / Buckby Wharf junction would become a roundabout and that the road into Long Buckby would be upgraded as well.</p>	
	<p><b>JACKS PATCH</b></p>	
16.09.265	<p><b>Update from site visits by Admiral Play and Sovereign. Councillors to discuss and agree costs for the repair work recommended in the RoSPA report.</b></p> <p>Cllr Goodman and Tim Kirby reported back from the onsite visits with Admiral Play and Sovereign. Tim Kirby also provided his regular Inspection Report and an Action Plan. Sovereign who supplied the Thumper Unit climbing frame agreed without hesitation to the replacement of the rotten wood identified in the RoSPA report. They have scheduled the work to be carried on w/e 30 September. Admiral play would not replace the damage to the climbing frame as it was not covered under warranty so was asked to quote for replacement. Admiral quoted 2 options of £3053 and £1618 for supply and installation which the councillors rejected as too expensive. An alternative quote for supply only requested from Sovereign of £361.69 plus an installation cost from Andy Forrest of £875 was agreed to be acceptable. Cllr Hills advised the Clerk to contact Tim Cantwell at Daventry District Council to see if a grant might also be available to help reduce the cost further. It was also agreed to purchase additional Playbark up to a value of £150 after the repair work had been completed. The councillors also agreed that an independent inspection of the installation work is carried out after completion to ensure the necessary safety standards have been adhered to. The above was proposed by Cllr Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Goodman All in favour. The Clerk was instructed to 1) contact Daventry DC about the grant and 2) place orders with Sovereign and Andy Forrest and 3) contact an independent inspection authority.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p>	
16.09.266	<p>Internal Control audit report. Cllr Russell conducted the audit on 12 September 2016 and confirmed all was in order. Cllr Russell also stated that the councillors should review the form of the current audit at some point.</p>	
16.09.267	<p><b>BDO Audit. To approve and accept the audited Annual Return 2015-16</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised the councillors that BDO had issued their report and only reported that the council should take note of the Internal Auditors remarks to review the earmarked reserves. The councillors had previously agreed to review these reserves and revise them to reflect the current need of the parish when deciding the precept for 2016-17. Councillors approved and accepted the report and recommendations. Proposed Cllr Goodman 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Russell All in favour.</p>	
16.09.268	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank: Bank Charges June-Sept 2016 £18</b> Councillors noted this new charge.</p>	
16.09.269	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank. Internet banking.</b></p> <p>Individual Councillors to contact bank to finalise setup. Councillors agreed to contact the</p>	

	bank in order for as many future payments as possible to be made by internet banking instead of by cheque. Clerk to email account and contact details to councillors.	<b>Clerk</b>																																																																																				
16.09.270	<b>E.ON Electricity charges to be paid by Direct Debit.</b> Councillors agreed that this should happen. Proposed Cllr Goodman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Goulden All in favour. The Clerk to send off the form once signed at after the meeting.	<b>Clerk</b>																																																																																				
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16.09.273	<b>Raise matters for report only</b> Cllr Goodman requested that a wreath and 17 small crosses be purchased for Remembrance Day. A total cost of £50 was agreed by all councillors. Cllr Goodman also asked that Roger Hepton be contacted so that a payment of £300 could be made to cover his work maintaining the flower troughs in the village. All councillors agreed. The Clerk to organise both the above points. Cllr Goulden raised the problem of increased traffic on the village which had been reported to her by a parishioner. Cllrs Mason and Macandrais also commented on the weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes which they felt was being ignored by some drivers. The Clerk to contact the police to see what action could be taken. Cllr Goulden added some additional comments that she would like to be included in the 3 Parishes letter that is being sent to BT to try and have a fibre cabinet installed in the village. Cllr Goulden felt the current draft was too narrow and needed to include people working from home and other business such as IT and printing. The Clerk to add to the draft.	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>																																																																																				
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**Chairman: Kim Russell**