NORTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 26th April 2016 7.30pm Norton Village Hall

Present: Chairman – Mike Goodman
District Councillor Johnnie Amos
18 members of the public
Parish Clerk/RFO Richard Oliver

Welcome from Norton Parish Council Chairman

Chairman and Councillor Mike Goodman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Parish Clerk/RFO Richard Oliver.

Cllr Goodman thanked the outgoing Clerk, Angela Feltham, for all her hard work and wished her every success in the future.

Parish Council Annual Report

Cllr Goodman announced that 7 Councillors had been re-elected unopposed in the May 2016 elections to the Parish Council.

He explained the Parish Council now had its own standalone website at www.nortonvillagepc.weebly.com. Street lighting was under continual review as new LED lamps would be used instead of the older style as and when they needed replacement.

In relation to the NE SUE (Churchfields) development Croudace were no longer involved and after a recent meeting between the Parish Council and Savills, the agents, advised that new developers would be appointed in the near future. Cllr Goodman emphasized that the Parish Council would be working closely with the new developers to obtain the best possible outcome for Norton Parish.

The scourge of potholes was a constant concern to the council. They are continually pushing Highways for proper repairs to be undertaken as soon as possible. Cllr Goodman urged as many people as possible to keep reporting the problem to Highways through the Street Doctor facility at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Cllr Goodman also extended his thanks to Roger Hepton and Nigel Turner for the wonderful flower displays in the troughs in the village

Reports to the meeting

Reports from County Councillor Alan Hills and the Parochial Church Council were read to the meeting. Councillor Amos-District Councillor, Frances Moorhouse-Allotments, Andree Rodriguez-Veglio, Neighbourhood Watch and Roger Saunders-NVCA read out their own reports. Cllr Carole Child gave a report of the work of the Norton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Electronic copies, where available, will be on the Norton Parish Council website.

The Chairman opened the floor to questions and there was a lively debate about the future of the allotments in the village and how this might change with the development of the NE SUE. The lack of a proper broadband service was raised and Cllr Goodman explained there was no good news at this time with no clear information on when Norton would be connected to a fibre network.

Date of next Annual Parish Meeting
To be advised.

Meeting closed at 8.30PM