

NORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting of Norwell Parish Council held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 25th January 2023 in Norwell Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Penny McQuilkin (PM), Ashleigh Robertshaw (AR) and Richard South (RS)

In attendance: LJ Campbell (Clerk), Cllr Sue Saddington (SS) and Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL).

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS
	<p>Public Participation: PM thanked the Pilates class for re-arranging their session so that the PC could use the big hall, and welcomed Bathley Parish Council. A representative of the Solar Farm steering group addressed the Parish Council and read out 7 aspects against the application. Cllr's BL and SS responded in their capacity as County and District Councillor; SS confirmed that she has requested the application goes to the Planning Committee. Clerk to inform the PC FB page as to the date and agenda of the Planning Committee.</p>
070/22	Apologies for the absence: Cllr Moreno gave her apologies.
071/22	Declarations of interest/dispensations: PM declared an interest in item 075/22.
072/22	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd November 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
073/22	To discuss and agree action re Solar Farm in Bathley Parish: OBJECTED.
074/22	To receive and note reports from District and County Councillors: County Council is looking at a 4.8% increase in Council tax.
075/22	To receive feedback on the ACV survey: The ACV for Norwell Village Stores has been lodged and registered by an unincorporated group which is in the process of converting to a Community Benefit Society.
076/22	To receive update on village signs and noticeboards: The signs have been ordered and it has been promised to the PC that the noticeboards will be installed by the end of January 2023.
077/22	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as of 31st December 2022: Bank reconciliation and bank statements were submitted by the Clerk and approved. b. Accounts for payment – Payments totalling £1360.01 were authorised. c. To approve the Budget for 2023-24 – approved, amended version to be signed off at the February meeting. d. To set the precept for 2023-24 – the Precept was set at £9123.00 e. To appoint an internal auditor for 2022-23 – Keith Roe was appointed as internal auditor. f. To approve the Clerk's annual pay scale – the Clerk's annual pay scale was approved. g. To approve the annual insurance – Deferred to the February meeting. h. To discuss and agree action on accounting software – proposal and costing to be considered at the February meeting.
078/22	Green spaces including allotment update: update from working party meeting and voting on the introduction of the Band pricing system to be deferred to the February meeting. It was agreed that there will be no charge to the school for their allotment. It was reported that two gates are missing and one is broken; the broken gate will be removed and AS and RS will visit the site, as

	well as checking the pump, which is not working. The PC have been notified of a diseased tree on the allotments which is posing a risk to public safety from falling branches.
079/22	Risk & Resilience: a. To receive monthly defib report: all working.
080/22	Planning: Applications: None requiring PC response at time of setting the agenda. b. Decisions: 22/01945/FUL The Croft, conversion of traditional barn – PERMITTED 22/02239/FUL Flaggs Farm, new agricultural building – PERMITTED
081/22	Highways Update: PM will send the whatthreewords for the road between Norwell Woodhouse crossroads and Pickerings farm.
082/22	Communications Update: AR a. The King's Coronation – AR gave an update on the Coronation and suggested that the steering group will be looking at Sunday 7 th May 2023 for the big lunch. AR is chairing the steering group and asks for volunteers to join the steering committee. AR has contacted Newark First Aid to run a free Basic Life Support course for interested parishioners.
083/22	Any other business: New Cllrs course – It was approved that three Cllrs will attend new Cllr training on 30 th January 2023.
084/22	Correspondence: All correspondence was received and circulated electronically, for information purposes only, nothing required action by the PC.
085/22	Next meeting and Agenda items: Wednesday 22 nd February 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall, NPC generic email address, check what is the official name of the Parish Council.
086/22	Close: There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20h35.
087/22	PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL: The Clerk's revised employment contract was signed.