# **Norton Subcourse Parish Council**

# **Clerk: Christine Smith**

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## **MINUTES**

#### **Of a meeting of**

#### **Norton Subcourse Parish Council**

#### **held at Norton Methodist Chapel**

#### **on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7:45pm**

**Present** – Cllrs Andrew Wright, Mike Hedley, Garry Holmes, Vic Jenkins, Vanessa Flannery and Damian Hagarty Also present was Christine Smith (clerk) and District Councillor Kay Mason Billig

1. **Welcome** – Chairman Andrew Wright welcomed those present
2. **Apologies** – none received
3. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Andrew Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9‘d’- grant to Methodist Chapel
4. **Appointment of New Councillor** – It was AGREED that applicant Rob Smith be appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the council. Mr Smith completed and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed and signed by the clerk
5. **Previous Minutes** – the minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 were circulated, APPROVED and signed
6. **Planning Decisions** – none
7. **Planning Applications** – none
8. **Planning Correspondence** – none
9. **Finance** – the following items were considered:
10. Clerk’s expenses of £30 (contribution to Broadband provision for June and July 2023) was APROVED
11. Payment of the balance of £70 outstanding from the Norfolk ALC subscription approved and paid at the last meeting was NOTED
12. The following grants to local organisations were APPROVED:

Norton Methodist Chapel £250

Parochial Church Council £100

Norton, Thurlton and Thorpe Village Hall £100

Haddiscoe Baby and Toddler Group (Norton Subcourse) £100

1. Reimbursement to Cllr Mike Hedley of £33.49 for retirement gift was APPROVED. The chairman thanked Mike Hedley for his work in compiling the gift.
2. **Speeding In the Village** - Problems with speeding on Low Road and other streets in the village were discussed. Various options were considered and it was suggested that if regular speeding offenders could be identified by their vehicle registrations, they could be reported to the police who could send a letter to the vehicle owners. Cllr Mason Billig commented that she would make enquiries and the clerk would continue to seek a response from the County Council Highways engineer. SAM cameras were also discussed, as was local setting up a village Speedwatch team. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

**The adjournment for public participation was not required**

1. **Appointment of Village Hall Committee Representative** – it was AGREED that Cllr Mike Hedley would represent the parish council on the Village Hall Committee.
2. **Chairman’s Report** – No report
3. **Parish Councillors’ Reports** –Cllr Vanessa Flannery asked that the start time of council meetings be considered at the next meeting. She added that she still felt that a dog waste bin was required in the centre of the village.

Cllr Vic Jenkins raised the matter of the food service at the pub in Thurlton be considered and suggested that the parish council write to the pub expressing concern about the lack of food availability at the pub and to ask that the dining room at the pub be available to provide a pop-up restaurant on a regular basis. It was considered that it would be acceptable for the clerk to send a letter.

Cllr Mike Hedley had reported a pothole, which had been acknowledged by Highways.

Cllr Rob Smith stated that he had noticed several street name signs in the area that had been dislodged from roadside verges. He would take photographs and note locations so the clerk could report the issue to South Norfolk Council.

1. **District and County Councillors’ Reports** – the District and County Councillors’ reports had been circulated via email. Cllr Kay Mason Billig reported that South Norfolk Council now had to comply with restrictions imposed by Natural England which restricts building until ‘nutrient neutrality’ is achieved; this had impacted the Council’s five year building land supply. She added that South Norfolk Council had now moved to Horizon House, Broadland Business Park in Norwich.
2. **Correspondence** – correspondence was NOTED.
3. **Next Meeting** – the next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023
4. **Close** – the meeting closed at 9:05pm

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Date……………………………………