# **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 10th January 2024 at 7:15pm**

**Present** – Cllrs Andrew Wright, Mike Hedley, Vanessa Flannery, Garry Holmes and Rob Smith. Also present were Christine Smith (clerk) and four members of the public

**74. Welcome** – Chair Andrew Wright welcomed those present

**75. Apologies** – received and accepted from Councillors Vic Jenkins and Damian Hagarty

**76. Declarations of interest** – none

**77. Previous Minutes** – the minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 were circulated, APPROVED and signed

**78. Planning Decisions** – none

**79.** **Planning Applications** – The following applications were considered:

1. 2023/3578 – Mr Connor Hobday, Willow Cottage, The Street, Norton Subcourse – proposed first floor side extension – after discussion and taking into account the views of neighbours it was AGREED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to the plans in principle, but it was considered that the finish of the wall facing the neighbouring property should be pale-coloured render to match the front of the property, rather than the proposed black, which would reduce reflected light in the confined area between Willow Cottage and its neighbour.

The following application was received after publication of the agenda. The clerk was delegated authority to respond with the council’s views:

1. 2024/0015 – Crosthwaite, New Road, Norton Subcourse – proposed two storey extension – no objections, so the council recommend APPROVAL
2. **Planning Correspondence** –

a) 2023/2912 – request for additional support for application for newbuild on plot between Rusholme and Holmlea in The Street, Norton Subcourse - NOTED

1. **Finance** – the following items were considered:
2. Clerk’s expenses of £30 (Broadband provision for December 2023 and January 2024 at £15 per month were APPROVED
3. **Playing Field Contribution** - a request from Thurlton parish council to make an annual contribution to the maintenance of Thurlton playing field (suggested amount £500 p.a.) was considered. It was AGREED that Norton parish council would continue to consider support of capital projects for the village hall, but would not support ongoing maintenance of Thurlton playing field, so no contribution would be made.
4. **Precept Requirement** – the parish council’s precept requirement for the financial year 2024/25 was considered. It was AGREED that the requirement would be £2573
5. **Purchase of Bench and Other Street Furniture** – the purchase and installation of a bench and possibly other street furniture in the parish using CIL funds was considered (brought forward from previous meeting). The clerk had received no objections to the initial proposed sites from Norfolk County Council Highways, but once a site was agreed further written permission would be required. The council reviewed responses to engagement with the community regarding the placement of street furniture and it was AGREED that a bench should be sited at the village sign. It was also AGREED that a dog waste bin should also be installed nearby. Help would be sought for additional purchase funding and installation costs from BAM Nuttall.

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

1. **Chairman’s Report** – Cllr Andrew Wright reported that some councillors had attended a site visit to see progress on the new pump being installed near Norton Mill. It was most interesting and informative, and the Chair asked for the thanks of the council to BAM Nuttall be noted. He added that there had been problems with flooding due to recent storms.
2. **Parish Councillors’ Reports** –Cllr Vanessa Flannery reported that she was investigating the distribution of funds raised by the annual Threshing Fair.
3. **District and County Councillors’ Reports** – the District and County Councillors’ reports had been circulated via email.
4. **Correspondence** – an email had been received from BAM Nuttall Ltd offering ad hoc volunteering work on community projects in the parish
5. **Next Meeting** – the next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7:15pm
6. **Close** – the meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed…………………………………

Date……………………………………