

the norton messenger

September 2023



EDITORIAL

Thanks to Derek Wilding for the lovely butterfly picture on the front page. We also have a very interesting pet photo – has anyone else got an unusual pet they would like to see in the Messenger?

Please send any contributions for the Messenger to the address below by the 15th of the previous month.

Best wishes, Diana

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REGULAR VILLAGE EVENTS

NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

IP31 3LE

MONDAY	9.00am - 10.00am	<i>Ren Yoga</i>
	6.00pm - 8.30pm	<i>Jo's Fit4All</i>
TUESDAY	9.30am - 10.30am	<i>Serenity Yoga</i>
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm - 7.30pm	<i>Zumba</i>
FRIDAY	9.15am - 10.15am	<i>Zumba</i>
	10.45am - 11.45am	<i>Yvonne's Body Work Class</i>

For further details please contact: nortonvhbookings@gmail.com







CARPET BOWLS

In the Baptist Church Hall every Tuesday at 14.00hrs
Come and try it out, free first session - all for enjoyment not competition.
If interested please call Ronnie Emmins on 01359 232096



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Great news!

The Norton Parish Council agreed at their July meeting to draw down the first part of the Public Works Loan Board money to pay for some of the improvements to the village hall. This gave the go ahead to finalise the contract with the chosen builder and we are very hopeful that work will begin in October.

It might seem a long time since the public consultation meeting where ambitious plans showed how the improvements would add showers, a coffee shop, and additional rooms for hirers. It's taken time and many applications to raise the additional funding required to top up the PWLB money. There are some applications yet to award us funding, but we are pleased to confirm that we are ready to go and very grateful to everyone lending or awarding money to fund this significant project.

The work will take about 36 weeks. Health and safety requirements mean that the hall will close temporarily. The addition of solar panels and better insulation will enable the hall to function more sustainably and comfortably. The architect has also detailed improvements to the external appearance as well as providing a greater range of spaces and functions.

We are confident that everyone will enjoy using the new and improved village hall in 2024. We are already talking about events to celebrate the re-opening and welcome suggestions from you. Later in the year we will be opening discussions with anyone interested in operating the new village hall coffee shop, please look out for further information in the Norton Messenger and on Facebook.

The Norton Village Hall Management Committee welcomes new members, summer 2024 will be an exciting time for the village hall so please get in touch if you'd like to contribute to making this happen.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

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Website: for more details of all our churches - including Norton - see the national Church of England website
www.achurchnearyou.com

Our benefice Church magazine is also available online at www.vcnews.org.uk

September 2023 Church Services and Opening times

Our beautiful and ancient church is open every day for visitors and private prayer.

3 rd	13th Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church BACK TO SCHOOL	Norton Pakenham
10 th	14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Harvest Festival 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton
17 th	15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Family Communion 11am Harvest festival 3pm Harvest Festival 6pm Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Great Ashfield Norton Stowlangtoft Tostock
24 th	16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Family Communion 11am Harvest Festival 11am Harvest Festival	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock

HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Andrew's, Norton Sunday 17th September 11am

All welcome to come and join in this traditional annual thanksgiving to God for all his gifts to us in creation and pray for farmers and home and abroad. As we give thanks for all those who produce the food on our plates we pray for those who have a daily struggle to find or grow enough to eat to provide for their families.

Please bring gifts of non-perishable foods and these will be donated to the Women's Aid centre in Bury.

Confirmation There will be a Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 15th October at Stanton when Bishop Mike, Bishop of Dunwich will be coming to confirm candidates from around the Deanery. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, when you can affirm your baptismal vows for yourself - and you are never too old! - please contact Revd Katherine on the number or email above as soon as possible.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH LIGHTS

The St Andrew's Church lights for the weeks of 9th and 16th September are sponsored by Penny Mathieson for family celebrations.
The weeks of 23rd and 30th September are sponsored by Amanda Bott and Philippa Wilding in memory of Ann Morton.

If you would like to see the church lit up please consider sponsoring the lights (£20 a week) or if you would like to celebrate an event or remember a loved one contact:

Philippa Wilding

email pfwilding@btinternet.com Telephone 07776443004





Norton Salvation Army

Woolpit Road, Norton, IP31 3LU

What's on at the Army in September?

Sunday 3rd	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting)	10.45am
Saturday 9 th	Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride. (Salvation Army Hall will be open for signing in)	
Sunday 10 th	Morning Worship (Led by Stephen Horrex)	11.00am
Sunday 17 th	Morning Worship Harvest Songs of Praise (Led by Maj. David Squirrel)	11.00am 6.00pm
Sunday 24 th	Morning Worship (Led by Stuart Hendry – Area Youth Engagement Worker)	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddle song (Children 0 – 4yrs - £1.00 family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Every Thursday	Cameo Lunches (3 course meal for £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Thursday 14 th /28 th	Band Rehearsal (Anyone who enjoys brass band music is welcome to come & listen)	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Thursday 7 th /21 st	Choir Rehearsal (Fancy a sing? Why not come & join us for the evening)	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Friday 22 nd	Adult Craft Club	7.00pm – 8.30pm

Please Note:- Our Hall will be open on Saturday 16th Sept (pm) in preparations for our Harvest Sunday 17th Sept. We would welcome anyone to pop along to donate non perishable goods for the display. All goods received will be donated to a food bank to support those who are in need.

Unwanted clothes & shoes:

Why not help to protect the environment by donating your discarded clothes & shoes in the clothes/shoe bank in our car park. Available 24hrs.

If you would like to make contact with Norton Salvation Army please e-mail:
Valerie.ling@salvationarmy.org.uk OR Peter.newson@salvationarmy.org.uk
We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries.

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WASPS *Vespidae*

Yes, it's that time of the year again, when our fruit trees are ripening, and they become invaded by noisy, and sometimes angry insects – Wasps! They are sugar junkies and have a bit of a bad reputation for disrupting our alfresco dining and Friday fizz. If they happen across upon a beehive when their nests are large and they are looking for food they are especially destructive, as this offers a perfect solution – sweet honey and sweet honeybees.

However, they are actually very important in keeping the ecosystem balanced. Without wasps, our countryside could be overrun with spiders and insects. Each summer, social wasps in the UK alone capture an estimated 14,000 tonnes of insect prey, such as caterpillars and greenfly. They are also pollinators!

There are approximately 9,000 species of wasp in the UK. These include parasitic wasps, some of which are so tiny, they can barely be seen without a microscope. Around 250 species are the larger wasps which have a stinger, but only nine of these are social wasps which form large nests. Most wasps are solitary, causing little trouble to humans.



A common wasp feeds on a pear. Adult wasps only feed on sugars but hunt other invertebrates to feed their offspring.



A German wasp leaving a hollowed-out apple. The small crumbs below the insect are pieces of the fruit – cut out by the wasp using its mandibles.

The Common Wasp (*Vespa vulgaris*) is found throughout the UK in almost all habitats, including woodland and urban areas. As the most common UK wasp they are easily identified. Adult workers measure 12-17mm and are always females. The queen is around 20mm. Iconic black and yellow stripes give a clear warning to other animals that these insects are dangerous. With the abdomen split into six segments, one black and one yellow stripe on each, the Common Wasp is very similar to the German Wasp (*Vespa germanica*). The key difference is that Common Wasps lack the three black dots on the head and distinct black dots on the back as they merge with the back stripes.

Beware – when a wasp stings or is killed the 'smell' of its venom causes other wasps to become more aggressive.

There are 4 key stages of the wasp life cycle. As with bees, wasps pass through the phases of egg, larva, pupa, and then emerge as adult wasps. This process is the same for social and solitary wasp species, despite the tremendous variation in factors such as the immediate environment of developing offspring, and lifespans of different species.



Many wasp species rely on high protein foods like other invertebrates, hunted by the adult. Here a female Orange Potter wasp places a caterpillar in her mud nest chamber for her larvae when hatching.



The larvae of some wasp species are vegetarian. Gall wasps for example, rely on plant matter provided when the wasp induces the host plant which forms a nutrient rich gall around the egg laid by the wasp.



Social wasps aren't particularly fussy when it comes to finding a spot to settle down, build their hive and raise their young. All they need is somewhere dry, safe and structurally sound enough to support a nest.

Did you know? Vespa scooters from Italy get their name from both the Latin and Italian word for wasp. The scooter's body shape resembling the thicker rear part connected to the front part by a narrow waist with the steering like antennae. The jewel wasp lays its eggs in pest cockroaches. The wasp then hatches inside the cockroach, eating it from the inside out, helping to reduce the numbers of breeding cockroaches! The smallest known adult insect is a parasitic wasp. These are also known as fairyflies. The smallest, *Dicopomorpha echmepterygis*, is only 0.15mm long. As larvae these tiny wasps feed inside the eggs of other insects.

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Norton Baptist Church

September 2023



Norton Baptist
Church

Check the information below for our services
throughout September and beyond

WELCOME

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and that you managed to find some sun....somewhere! It is great to welcome everyone back and we are excited about all of the things we have planned at Norton Baptist for this new term.

All of our services start at 10am with our doors open for tea/coffee/refreshments and the services will start at 10:30am.

Messy Church will be taking a break for a while, but we are going to be starting to “Explore Together”: “Explore Together is a fresh, exciting and creative way to enable groups of any and all ages to engage with the Bible. Explore Together helps people to explore God's Word and hear his voice in a way that embraces their natural preferences. It encourages the community to come together to share their thoughts, questions and revelations with each other.”



We will be starting a new group on a Tuesday afternoon for anyone who wants to look a bit more into the bible, ask questions and find out more about Jesus. Everyone welcome from 1:30pm at the home of Helen Allum. We will be finished in plenty of time if you need to collect children from school!

We will be holding our Harvest Service on the 24th September, and we would love you to join us.

The Den will be starting up again on Friday the 15th September at 6:30pm and will be open to anyone in school years 4-7.

We will be back in Norton School for Lighthouse Club alongside our friends at St Andrews.

As always, keep an eye on the Facebook page for more information and any “breaking news”!

If you need any more information, please email us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

	3 rd Sep	10 th Sep	17 th Sep	24 th Sep
Praise and Worship	10am			
Dedication Service		10am		
Praise and Worship			10am	
Café Church				10am

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DOWN OUR STREET

This month I am looking at Watling's Farm on Ixworth Road, which back in 1841 was known as Road Farm. The land was owned by John Baines Rust and was farmed by Henry Bantock. At 40 acres and straddling the Ixworth Road/Thurston Road junction, this was one of the smaller farms in the village.

(Field 173, Wisdoms, belonging to the Fiske family and farmed by Arthur Burt cut a chunk out of this compact farming parcel and is where the Ixworth Road Council Houses were built in 1921).



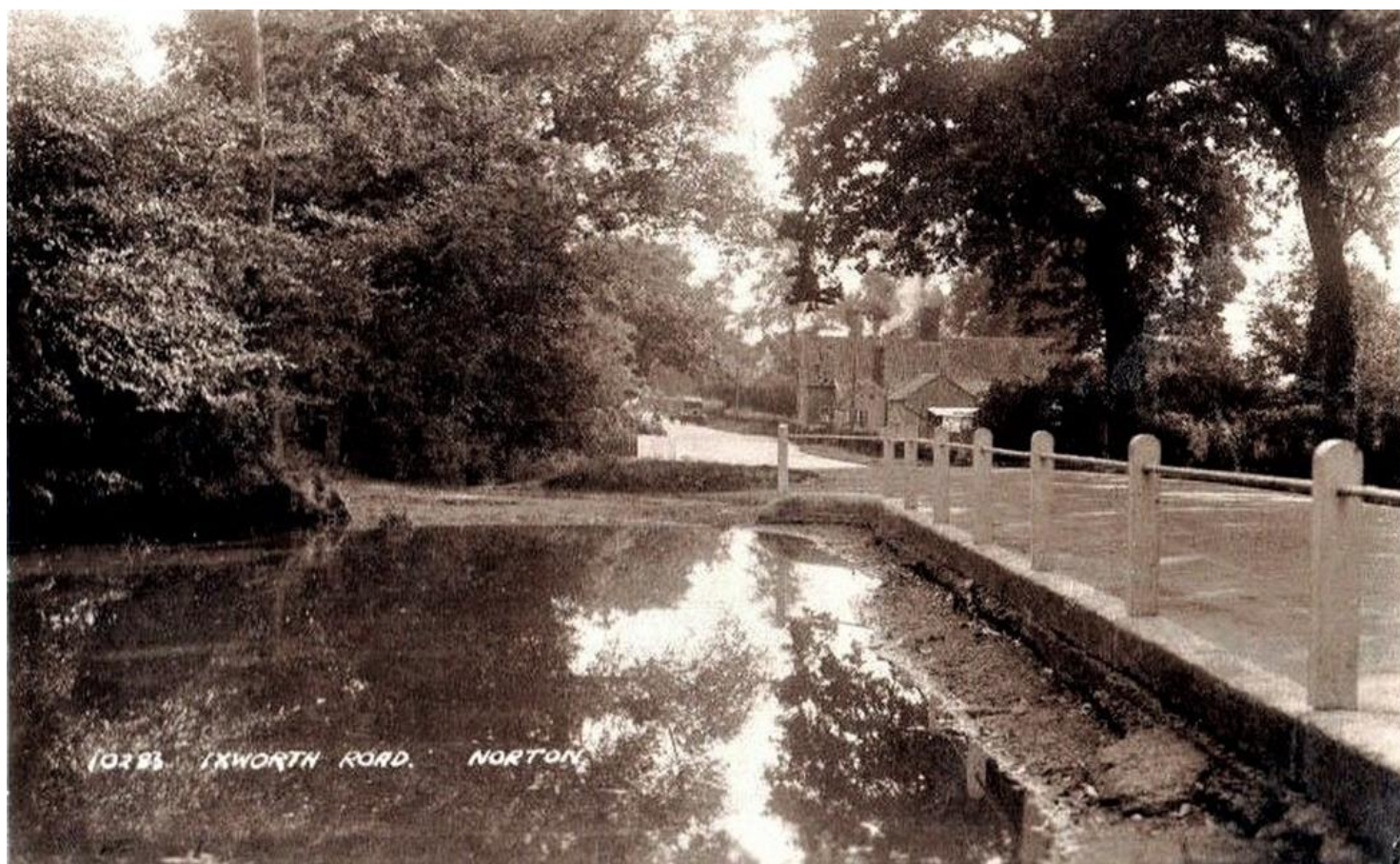
The map shows Watling's Farm lands and includes Gallant's Allotment in Hawes Lane where 'Little Brand' was built. The house and yard (174) next to Little Meadow was owned by J B Rust and leased to Samuel Last. 100 years ago it was a blacksmith/wheelwrights house and business belonging to William Peck. More about it in a future article.



Watlings farmhouse.



Two views of the large pond at Watlings Farm from Norton postcards. Many older residents will remember this bordering Ixworth Road. It was one of four ponds on this side of the road between Thurston Road and the Village Hall recycling centre. The final pond was in the grounds of 'The Cotswolds' and has recently been built over. There was another large pond between fields 278 and 283. The house known as 'Halfboys' is visible on both photos.





Looking towards Watlings Farm House from Dog Meadow. (What is now the playing field, car park and the Village Hall).



Have you got any old photos of past residents or pre - 2000 views of the village showing changes to buildings etc, for the village archive? If so please contact David Burt. bg55599@hotmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th June 2023

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J. Bolus, Mr. R. Lenko, Mrs. T. Long, Mr. G. Walton,

Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

Two members of the public

APOLOGIES: Mr. J. Morgan, Prof. K. Jaggard. The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

County Councillor A. Mellen

District Councillors A. Davies and D. Bradbury.

1.	Mrs. Hill welcomed all and reminded all of the protocol.	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests a) Declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 - none b)Declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none c) To receive requests for dispensations. Mr. Walton and Prof. Jaggard required dispensation to allow for joint representation of Parish Council and Village Hall on the Village Hall Project Management subcommittee. The Council resolved to grant the request. Both agreed to act in the village interest.	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM —to receive reports for information • Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance. Mr. Winstanley expressed his interest in joining the Council and being considered for the current vacancy. • Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email Mrs. Hill had received an email from Mr. Burt expressing his concern at the proposed repair to the damaged wall at The Dog, being within the curtilage of a Listed Building. Mrs. Hill agreed to speak with the landlady at the pub to ascertain details.	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only •Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen- noted •Report from District Councillors Austin Davies and David Bradbury - noted	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To note and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th June 2023. Mr. Lenko proposed acceptance, seconded by Mr. Walton, with all in agreement.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 UK Power Network update. Mr. Walton reported the area had been pegged out for a survey and UKPN will pay £400 per annum. He had asked for the transformer in the field to be removed and wires placed underground from the new transformer to feed the village hall and the Preschool. A response to this request is awaited. The Clerk will need to forward confirmation of ownership of land.	
	6.2 Water pump for allotments. Mr. Walton stated he had recently tried the new pump and it had worked in pumping water from the borehole.	
	6.3 Wildflower Scheme - ongoing	
	6.4 Footpath walk leaflet - ongoing	
	6.5 Management of Facebook social media – ongoing. Mrs. Hill mentioned whether one of the new Councillors might be willing to take this on and keep updated.	
	6.6 Bus service update. Mrs. Hill stated she has a virtual meeting on 10 th July with the other villages in the trial, so will have an update next month. Mr. Aket stated he had seen a number of Vertas mini buses parked up and unused during the day and enquired whether the Council could support a bus service with Vertas, perhaps running 10am-2pm to Bury on a Wednesday during the summer holiday when the school bus would not be running. It was explained that the current trial is a “call and book” service as it could not be set up as a regular service due to various regulations.	Mrs. Hill 10

	6.7 Norton Village Sign. Mr. Lenko reported the sign had been set up with the help of Mr. Bolus, and thanked Mr. Cracknell for help putting up a pole for a SID in this area.	
7.	CO-OPTION	
	7.1 To consider co-option to the current vacancies. Mr. Winstanley was asked to leave the room while the matter was discussed. At a vote Mr. Winstanley was elected to join the Council (4 in favour, 1 abstention). It was resolved to invite Mr. Winstanley to join the Council, which he accepted.	
8.	PLANNING	
	8.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - 8 Woods Pightle, Norton. Householder Application - Conversion of one bay of existing double garage to create playroom. DC/23/02857 The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the original planning permission was given with a parking quota required to be met, which included the garages. There was therefore concern this would take away the required parking specified for each house, with worry that in the future cars would park elsewhere in Ashfield Road due to lack of onsite space.	
	8.2 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Land at Stanton Street, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/23/02935 Application under S73a for Removal or Variation of a Condition following approval of DC/18/01239 dated 26/06/2018 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Erection of 4no. dwellings with garages - To Vary Condition Number 2 (Approved Plans & Documents) to provide alternative house designs for Plots 3 & 4 as per plans received. The Council had no comment to submit.	
	8.3 AMENDMENT APPROVED Land at The Rear Of The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road Application for a Non-material amendment relating to DC/23/00781 - To amend fascias and frames from grey to white to Plot 4 and amend the roof tiles of Plot 5 to natural slate to match the breakfast room roof.	
	8.4 DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS Application for DC/20/00734 – Land on The West Side Of, Ixworth Road, Norton, Condition 6 (Refuse Bins and Collection Areas) and Condition 9 (Agreement of Materials) DC/23/02041	
	8.5 APPEAL AGREED Land West of Suffolk House, Ixworth Road, Norton. Ref:APP/W3520/W/23/3316136 Councillors expressed their disappointment at the appeal being granted. However, a number of conditions were noted requiring to be met prior to commencement, including installation of a road crossing. Mr. Aket noted that the statement mentioned lack of self-build and custom build properties and questioned the definition. The Clerk was requested to contact the District Councillors for their clarification on this.	Clerk
9.	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: Clerk's salary £227.26. cheque no 522522 LGA1972 s112 HMRC £56.60 cheque no 522523 LGA1972 s112 Messenger, July, £345.00. cheque no 522524 LGA1972 s142 Robert Lenko (CCTV items) £16.69. cheque no 522525 GDPR ICO subscription, £40 cheque no 522526 GDPR Dan Millyard, play area repairs, £558.00. cheque no 522527 Public Health Act 1875 s164 SALC – Internal Audit £368.40. cheque no 522528 LGA1972 s112 Mid Suffolk, additional dog/litter bins, £254.70 cheque no 522529 Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6	
	9.2 Mr. Aket questioned the income for the Messenger. The Clerk stated the advert fees were paid directly into the Council's account, which show up as income on the Budget. He felt these figures mean the Council were subsidizing the Messenger by a large amount each month. Mr. Walton stated part of the additional cost might be the request to have the minutes in larger format. He also felt more village groups should be encouraged to submit items. It was noted the July edition contained out of date information. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.	Agenda 11

	9.3 The Clerk confirmed a Street cleansing grant of £307.38 had been applied.	
	9.4 Budget statement. The Clerk presented a budget statement to date and asked for consideration of virements to other headings. Mr. Aket asked the Council to consider a tangible reminder to mark the Coronation, and felt the Coronation budget should be renamed Coronation Commemoration. Mr. Walton stated there would be a blank wall on the new village hall refurbishment to place a commemoration plaque or similar. Councillors felt there should be a separate budget for D-day remembrance for 2024 if this is to be considered. Other virements would be kept under review.	Agenda
	9.5 Silver Birch trees. Mr. Walton presented quotes for the work required to the silver birches. He stated as they were near the powerlines, it would require UK Power network to cut the power for the work to go ahead. Three quotes had been received and the Council resolved to accept the quote from Gadd Bros for £1380.00. The Clerk and Mr. Walton will confirm the work.	Clerk Mr. Walton
	9.6 New step ladder for village hall. Mr. Walton stated the old ladder was wooden so would not meet H&S requirements. He had sourced one for £230 fibreglass 8 rung ladder with platform at the top. Mr. Aket questioned whether this should be a Hall purchase rather than a Council purchase, but Councillors agreed to the purchase. Mr. Walton will liaise with the Clerk to place the order.	Clerk Mr. Walton
10.	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	
	10. 1 To adopt the new Model Publication scheme. The Clerk confirmed this needed formal adoption approval. The Council resolved to adopt the publication scheme.	
11	SPEEDWATCH	
	11.1 Update on Speedwatch. Mr. Stone had forwarded a report. Mr. Aket enquired about speedwatch in Heath Road, but Mrs. Hill stated there was no Police approved site in Heath Road. Mr. Aket asked for a possible site in Heath Road to be revisited due to speeding vehicles and the number of children walking to school. He felt this area of the village was ignored with no SIDs or speedwatch cover. Mrs. Hill agreed to liaise with Mr. Stone. Mr. Walton stated several signs that had been put in Heath Road had been removed. Mr. Stone requested action to consider two sites in Ashfield Road at Rookery Close and the Pightle. Mrs. Smart had agreed to speak to residents in Rookery Close. Mrs. Long agreed to speak with residents near the Pightle. Mr. Walton confirmed all the signs had been put up in agreement with Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone also requested the Council to consider a strategy to address speeding through the village. Mr. Walton agreed to speak with Mr. Stone about speeding signs and put him in touch with HMS signs that have previously produced signs for the Council.	Mr. Aket Mr. Walton Mrs. Long Mrs. Hill Agenda
	11.2 To receive quote and consider purchase of small solar SID located at Norton Little Green. Mr. Lenko stated a Westcotec SID, the same as already being used in the village and therefore interchangeable, will cost around £3300. He stated £1500 Locality Funding has been offered from the County Councillor. The Council resolved to purchase this item.	Mr. Lenko
	11.3 SID in Heath Road. Mr. Lenko stated his previous investigation had not found a suitable site that the Police would agree to for a SID in Heath Road. However, Mr. Lenko and Mr. Aket agreed to have a site meeting to investigate further.	Mr. Lenko Mr.Aket
12	VILLAGE HALL	
	12.1 To nominate Mr. Walton and Prof. Jaggard as Council Representatives on the Project Management Subcommittee. Mrs. Long proposed, Mr. Lenko seconded with all Councillors in favour.	
	12.2 Mr. Walton proposed the Council draw down on part of the Public Works Loan at the earliest opportunity. He commented the interest rate continues to move upwards almost daily. Mr. Lenko proposed the initial drawn down should be £100,000, Mr. Aket seconded. Norton Parish Council formally resolved to apply for draw down on part of the Public Works Loan.	Clerk
	12.3 Update on Project Meeting. Mr. Walton stated 4 quotes had been received and there had been a questions and answers meeting with the contractors. A final decision had been made to accept the quote from M.S.Oakes, bearing in mind deadlines, costs, workforce, etc. Several other funders had been approached and it was looking hopeful to access the required amount for the whole project.	12

	PLAY AREAS	
	13.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. Mr. Lenko stated the new gates had finally been put in place. He stated a new roundabout from Playdale would cost £12277, and include rubber matting. Other quotes varied to £12750. The Council resolved to accept the quote from Playdale and authorized Mr. Lenko to go ahead with the order.	Mr. Lenko
	13.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Mrs. Long felt a roundabout at Prospect Road would not be viable, but she will investigate a disability swing. Mrs. Long stated the signs were still to be put in, Mr. Walton agreed to put up. She stated the quote for child seat and new chains from Playdale was £332.03. The Council resolved to purchase these items for safety reasons. Mr. Lenko agreed to place the order when contacting Playdale.	Mrs. Long Mr. Walton
14	CORRESPONDENCE	
	14.1 Suggestion of temporary traffic light at the Dog crossroad to operate from about 8:00am till 9:30am and from 16:00 to 18:00 until the east bound road works on A14 are completed. Prof. Jaggard suggested exiting the crossroads was near impossible at times for drivers and hazardous for pedestrians crossing the A1088. Mr. Aket suggested writing to the A14 Project team to suggest a solution to this problem.	Clerk
	14.2 D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024. To be placed on the next agenda	Agenda
	14.3 Proposed trial slip road closures, as part of the A14 junction 47a Haughley to junction 49 Tothill concrete roads reconstruction scheme – Feedback initially requested but was followed by an Update. This proposal has now been halted by Highways.	
	14.4 A14 Haughley to Tothill Concrete Roads Reconstruction Scheme update. Noted	
	14.5 Tour of Britain Stage 5.- noted	
15	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	15.1 Mr. Lenko commented that the Clerk required a contract which had been raised at the internal audit. The Clerk had forwarded a draft contract to Mr. Lenko. He felt that when completing his Internal Control Report in the near future he will look at this in more detail to bring to the next meeting, with recommendations.	Mr. Lenko Agenda
16	To confirm the date of future meeting: - 7 th August 2023, 7.30pm	
17	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.24	

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL - VILLAGE PLANTERS

At the garage and School Close are planter boxes put in by the Parish Council to enhance the village. The Council is looking for a volunteer to take on the management of these planters. Any outlay for plants etc. will be reimbursed by the Council

If you are interested in taking on this task or for more details, please contact the Clerk (07947859741) or email nortonparishclerk@outlook.com.



PETS OF NORTON



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