

the norton messenger

June 2023



EDITORIAL

Thanks to Pete Nash for the beautiful cover photo this month. I don't know how many of you have done 'no mow May', but can I encourage you to carry on with it in June? We did this last year and it saved us a lot of hours (and petrol) and we had so many different insects in the garden.

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

Best wishes, Diana

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NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

IP31 3LE

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



For further details please contact: nortonvhbookings@gmail.com



Norton & District Twinning Association

We invite you to come and join us for a

TREASURE HUNT

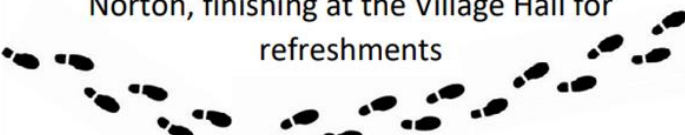
On Sunday 11th June 2023

2-4pm

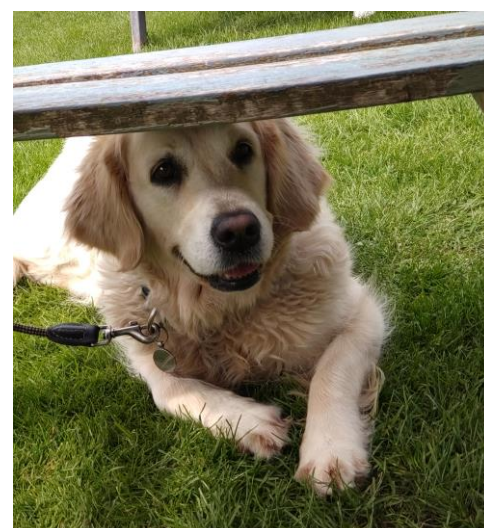
£5 per family

Maps available on the day from
Norton Village Hall

The hunt will take you for a walk round
Norton, finishing at the Village Hall for
refreshments



**PETS OF
NORTON –
MAISIE,
STUART AND
PUSHKIN**





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I am writing this article with only two weeks to go before we break for half term. This half term has certainly been busy with the school celebrating the King's Coronation and other wonderful activities and events.

In Star Class, the topic for this term is 'Living and Growing'. We currently have a mini Garden Centre in the outdoor area and the children are becoming experts at planting and telling others what is needed for a plant to grow. They have a trip planned to Lackford Lakes later on in the term where hopefully they will be able to share and develop their knowledge further.

'Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside' is the topic for Year 1, with a trip planned in the second half of term. The children will be exploring different aspects of the seaside such as entertainment, bathing machines, travel to the seaside and clothing.

In Year 2 the topic for this half term is 'Transport Through the Ages'. The children have compared modes of transport from the past to what we use now and will be learning about significant individuals in the world of transport, considering who had the biggest impact on their lives today. They have also been reading many books with a transport theme.

Year 3 are reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Using a class set, the children are reading it together and completing comprehension activities based on each chapter. In Art, they will be learning different drawing techniques focusing on line shape and pattern. They will be studying the work of two artists, Chris Mould and Gary Hirsch, looking at the drawings they have created of robots and spreading a little 'Botjoy'

In Year 4 the children are learning about the local Black Bourn River. The children have already taken a walk to this beautiful river, sketching and labelling its key features, as well as trying to spot some wildlife! This week they also went to Burwell House, their first residential. They only stayed one night, but you will be amazed how much fun can be created in such a short amount of time!

Year 3 and 4 started the term by experiencing a fabulous session with the Academy of Movement and what a talented bunch they are! I think we have some budding aerial performers and tumblers among us!

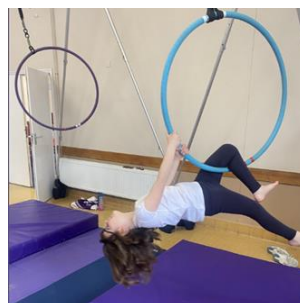
Marvellous Mexico is the topic in Year 5, unfortunately there is no trip planned but the children will learn about the physical and human features of the country. The children will also be developing their cooking skills, with 3 sessions planned with our school cook. The first session was making hash brown and the children did a great job at cutting, slicing and grating the ingredients.

This half term, Year 6 have been getting reading for SATS week. With only one test remaining I am proud to say that the children have tried so hard and their attitude of having a go and doing their best has been a real credit to them. I think cake has helped too!

The children have also represented the school in a couple of sporting events. We sent a team to the Under 11 Swimming Gala, where they came fourth, and another team to compete in the Under 9 Tennis competition, where I am pleased to reveal, we came first. In both events the children tried their best and encouraged each other.

We also had fun celebrating the King's Coronation despite the weather. An indoor picnic, planned activities and everyone coming together at the end of the day to wave flags and sing the National Anthem made it a day to remember. Many thanks to the Parish Council for kindly providing each child with a commemorative mug. With warmer weather hopefully arriving soon the second half of this term already looks busy with school trips planned, our Key Stage 2 Production and Sports Day to name but a few events!

Best wishes, Mrs Sparkes



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

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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

June 2023 Church Services and Opening times

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

4 th	Trinity Sunday	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church 3-IN-ONE	Norton Pakenham
11 th	1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton
18 th	2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Family Communion 11am Morning Worship 6pm Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Great Ashfield Norton Tostock
25 th	3rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Family Communion 11am Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT?

If you have been inspired by the call to all volunteers at the Coronation maybe you would like to help out in your village church?

Cleaning & Flowers We are very grateful to our team of volunteers who clean our lovely church on a regular basis, and those who arrange flowers to make the church welcoming to visitors. If you would be interested in joining the team please contact Janet Bauer (details below).

Grass cutting in the churchyard Everyone who lives in Norton can be buried in our churchyard. It is a lovely place for wildlife and wild flowers and some areas are left uncut to encourage them at different times of the year. It is also a peaceful place to sit and remember loved ones. However it is a very big area to look after and we always need volunteers to help cut the grass and keep it looking tidy for those coming to tend graves. At this time of year when the grass is growing fast anyone with an hour or two to spare would be welcomed with open arms! At the moment just 3 people try to keep it under control and we need more help.

Please contact our churchwarden Janet Bauer if you can help. 01359 232668 janetbauer3545@gmail.com

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH LIGHTS



The St Andrew's Church lights for the week of 3rd June is sponsored by John Morgan for Hilary.

The week of 24th June by Philippa Wilding in memory of Ann Morton.

Please consider sponsoring the lights (£20 a week) to celebrate an event or remember a loved one.

Contact: Philippa Wilding email pfwilding@btinternet.com Telephone 07776443004



Norton Baptist Church

June 2023



Norton Baptist
Church

Check the information below for our services
throughout June and beyond



June has arrived and we are very nearly half way through 2023! Where has all of the time gone and how has it gone so quickly?

Warmer, sunnier days are here and we are all looking forward to the longer days and lighter evenings.

Services for the month of June are pretty much back to normal with our Praise & Worship services on the 4th and 18th of the month, the service on the 18th will include Communion. Messy Church goes back to its usual slot of the second Sunday and so will be on the 11th and Café Church on the 25th. All Sundays start at 10am for refreshments with the services starting at 10:30am

As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page for any further information.

A couple of things to put in your diaries that will be coming up in the near future include a baptism service on the 16th July at 4pm and a dedication service on the 10th September. More details to follow but, if you have any questions about either of these please email us or message via the Facebook page.

Also coming up will be our Mega Makers Holiday Club from the 29th August to the 1st September.



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

	4 th June	11 th June	18 th June	25 th June	2 nd July
Praise & Worship	10am				10am
Messy Church		10am			
Praise & Worship			10am		
Café Church				10am	

nortonbaptist@btinternet.com

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Facebook page. Scan this code to go straight to our page





NORTON SALVATION ARMY
Woolpit Road, Norton, IP321 3LU

What's on at the Army in June?

Sunday 4th: Brunch Service 10.45am
(Every 1st Sunday of the month. Enjoy Pastries, teas/coffee as we join in Worship together)

Sunday 11th Family Service 11.00am
(We look forward to the visit of Hannah Carr from Norwich Citadel who will be leading our service)

Sunday 18th Evening Praise 6.00pm
(Former leaders Capt. Andrew & Jackie Jarrold leading , with Band and Choir taking part)

Sunday 25th Family Service 11.00am
(Community Youth Worker Stuart Hendry leading service)

Mondays (School Term Time) Toddlesong 9.00am – 11.30am

Wednesday 7th Friends Cafe 2.00pm – 4.00pm
(We are a dementia friendly group, free for all to attend for a chat and refreshments)

Every Thursday: **C**ome **a**nd **m**ee**t** **e**ach **o**ther 11.45am – 1.30pm
(Cameo Lunches - 3 Courses £6.00)

Thursday 1st/15th & 29th Choir Rehearsal 8.00pm – 9.30pm
(Anyone is welcome to come along and listen or even join in)

Thursday 8th & 22nd Band Rehearsal 8.00pm – 9.30pm
(Anyone is welcome to come along and listen)

Friday 16th Craft Club 7.00pm – 8.30pm
(Enjoy an evening out with some "crafty people")

THINK GREEN

Just a reminder that the clothes bank in The Salvation Army car park is available at any time of the day for you to be able to donate your unwanted clothes and shoes.

To find out what goes on behind closed doors, why not pay us a visit. We'd be pleased to see you

If you would like to make contact with Norton Salvation Army please e-mail the following:-

Valerie.ling@salvationarmy.org.uk OR Peter.newson@salvationarmy.org.uk

We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions or queries

MESSAGE FROM NVHMC (THE NORTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

The NVHMC is pleased to report that last year's bookings exceeded the annual forecast, not only from our one-off bookings but also from the increasing number of regular bookings. The village hall is currently used by:

- the pre-school for afternoon sessions.
- The Lapwing Education Charity to provide personalised education for young people.
- a local Saxophone Quartet and a Barber Shop Choir.
- 6 dance and fitness classes who provide regular, weekly sessions.

Please look at the web site for more information about booking the hall or to see the calendar for times of the different classes on offer.

The VHMC organised 2 successful events which contributed just under £1400 to the hall upkeep in the last financial year, there was a Valuation Morning open to all in October 2022 and a Casino Night in January 2023.

IMPROVING THE HALL

The Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loan of £500,000 is now available to Norton Parish Council for a programme of improvements and extensions to the Hall. Considerable time has been invested in planning and progressing the building project. Recent discussions with local builders have identified alternative approaches to initial advice given about the project and these will enable sizeable cost savings. As an example, we now hope that there will be no need to 'scaffold cover' the entire building and close it down for the duration of the improvements. This saves approximately £100,000 AND allows us to keep the hall running for the community. We cannot discount the need for essential restrictions based on safety as the building work progresses, we will aim to keep these to a minimum.

The NVHMC build project team is busily collecting competitive quotes and applying for available funding for all the work involved, including from solar panel installers for our own electricity generation. Our focus continues to be making our Village Hall a sustainable building for the future Norton Village Community.

CAN YOU HELP?

A detailed management report was presented at the NVHMC AGM on 13 April 2023. A new management committee was formed, and we would very much welcome new members to join us as either members of the committee and/or fund raisers.

The future of the village hall depends on the ongoing support of the Norton Parish Council and the volunteers who give their time to manage it and plan fund raising activities which we hope the community will continue to support and enjoy.



**CORONATION
DECORATIONS IN
NORTON**

DOWN OUR STREET

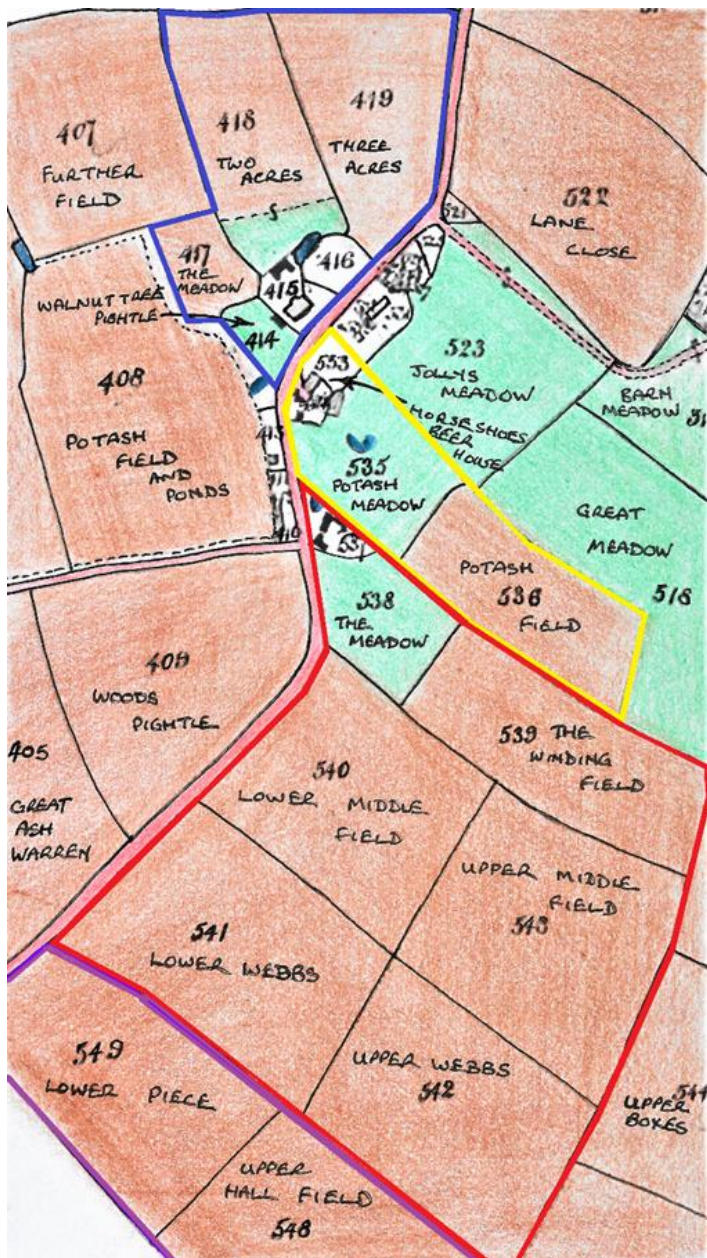
This month I will be looking at more of the tithe map with some farms and buildings along Ashfield Road. This map covers the area from near the exit of Prospect Road to The Red House.

Arable fields are coloured brown and pasture is shown in a green or yellow shade. Roads and tracks red.

The fields outlined in blue were owned by George Nunn and farmed by David Stiff. The farm is based on the current 'Red House'.

The fields and 'The Horseshoes' beer house, outlined in yellow, were owned by Samuel Bateman and occupied by Thomas Gipps.

On census records, this part of Norton was known as 'Potash' after the field names.



There used to be a small farmhouse located at 537, now part of the garden of No 1 Ashfield Road (the old council houses). This farm, outlined in red, was owned by Henry Plummer and farmed by Mark Holmes.

Lower and Upper Webbs were bought by the District Council and Prospect Road was built there. The first families 'moved in' in 1947. Field No 543, Upper Middle Field, was bought at the same time with the intention of building a mirror to the Prospect Road loop. The connecting roads were started, but the houses never materialised and the land was rented out to Ted Mitton of Mill Farm and subsequently David Downing.

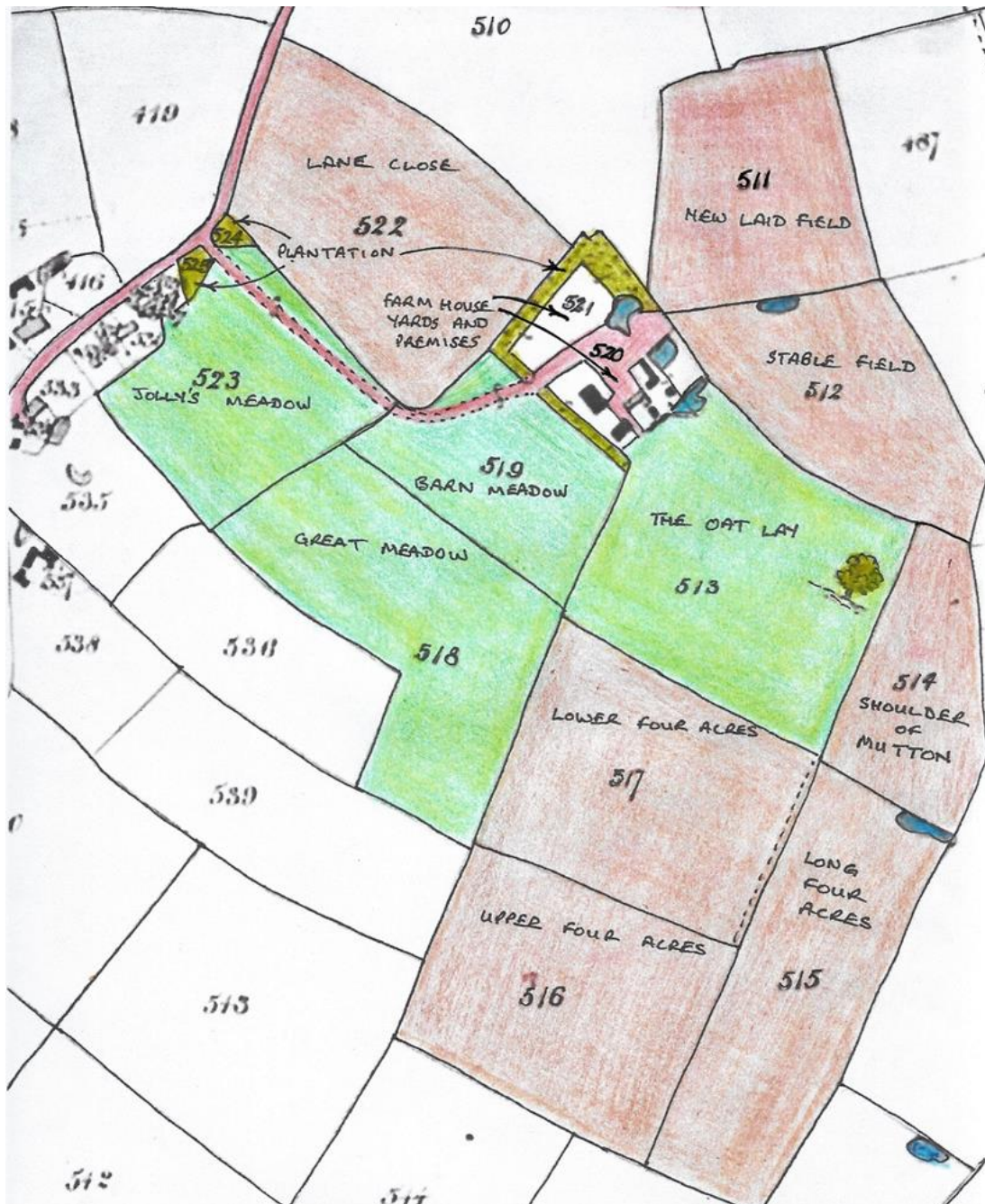


Two views of The Horseshoes. Sadly, this thatched pub burnt down in 1971. The Horseshoes estate was not built on the same site, but 200m away, after Nos 9 & 10 Ashfield Road were demolished.

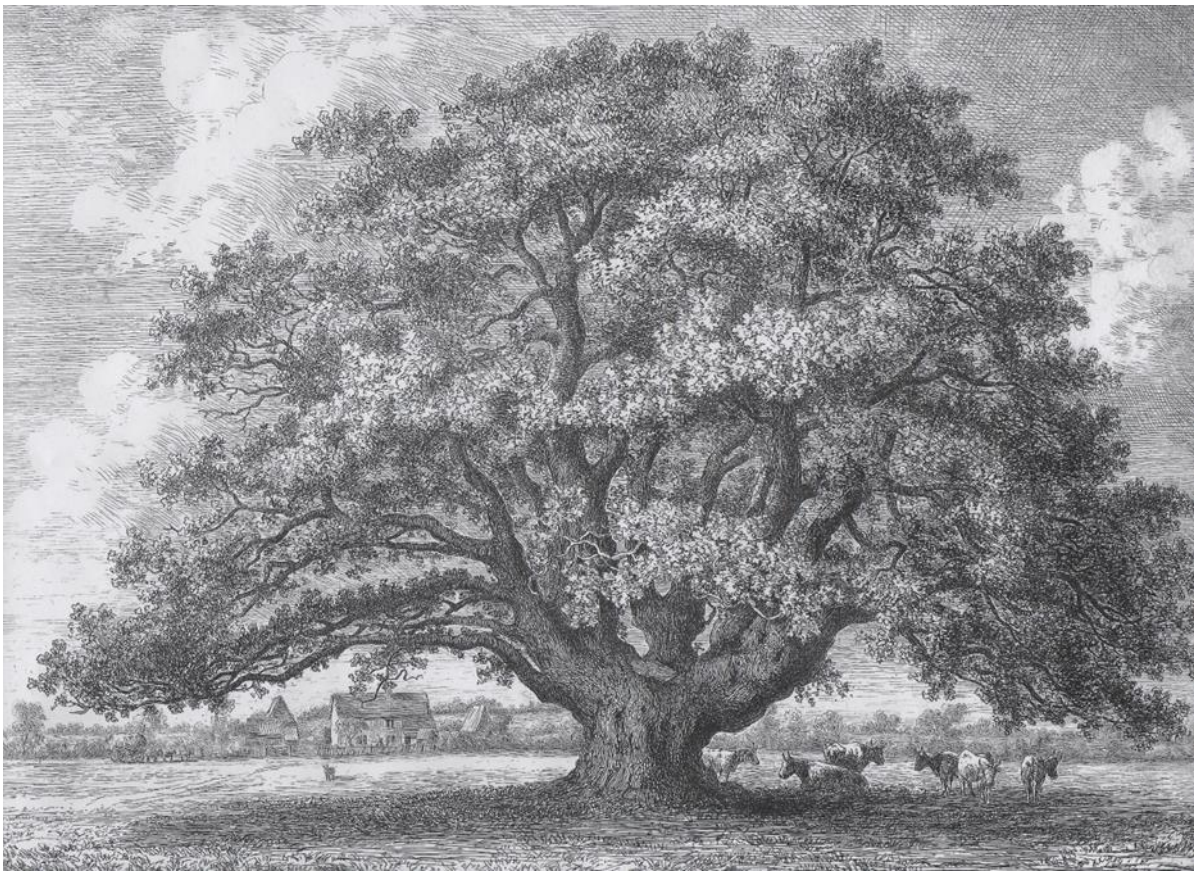
The two fields outlined in purple were owned and farmed by Robert Stiff. He lived in the cottages on the corner of Church Lane. He also had a small pasture field on Heath Road, where 'Chareth' and 'Treeholme' now stand.

Oak Tree Farm stands secluded, up a single lane track off Ashfield Road and the map shows that even in 1841, it was hidden behind a screen of trees. You can see that there was a substantial amount of pasture near the farmhouse as the farm had a herd of cattle and a good number of pigs. It is named after the enormous oak tree which was located on 'The Oat Lay'. The tree was thought to have stood near the original edge of Norton Wood when it was five or six times larger than it is today (1600s), possibly reaching land towards Hardings Farm and Buttonhaugh Green.

In 1841 the farm (520 & 521) was owned by Rev. James Devereux Hustler who had been a tutor at Trinity, Cambridge where he became a great friend of one of his pupils, the abolitionist, Thomas Clarkson. Eventually Hustler became curate of Fornham All Saints. In 1828, George Henry FitzRoy, 4th Duke of Grafton, presented him to the rectory of Great Fakenham and in 1829 to the living of Euston. Back then it was farmed by John Gipps and then passed to William Holden and the Tyrrel family.



Rev. Hustler also owned three cottages next to Jolly's Meadow. Two survive as Wendy's and April Cottage occupied by James and Robert Stiff, but the other which stood between them occupied by John Osborn and his wife Susan, who was widely accused of witchcraft, has been demolished.



The oak tree, (with the farmhouse and barn) pictured above, was the largest in Suffolk when it crashed to the ground in a summer storm in 1896. (It certainly was around in Anglo-Saxon times). Not long before it fell, a group of 14 people picnicked in the tree using the flat stump, where a large branch had been cut off, as the table. This etching by Jacob George Strutt shows the tree in about 1819. It was accompanied by two lines from the Cowper poem about a much smaller oak at Yardley Chase, Olney, whereas Norton's Oak was 66 feet in circumference.

Here is an abridged part of Cowper's poem.

*Thou wast a bauble once; a cup and ball, which babes might play with; and the thievish jay
Seeking her food, with ease might have purloined the auburn nut that held thee, swallowing down thy yet
close-folded latitude of boughs and all thine embryo vastness, at a gulp.
But fate thy growth decreed. Autumnal rains beneath thy parent tree mellowed the soil
Designed thy cradle, and a skipping deer with pointed hoof dibbling the glebe, prepared
The soft receptacle in which secure thy rudiments should sleep the winter through.
Thou fell'st mature, and in the loamy clod swelling, with vegetative force instinct
Didst burst thine egg, as theirs the fabled twins now stars, two lobes protruding paired exact.
A leaf succeeded, and another leaf, and all the elements thy puny growth
Fostering propitious, thou becamest a twig. time made thee what thou wast, king of the woods. And Time
hath made thee what thou art, a cave for owls to roost in. Once thy spreading boughs o'erhung the
champaign, and the numerous flock that grazed it stood beneath that ample cope uncrowded, yet safe-
sheltered from the storm.
No flock frequents thee now; thou hast outlived thy popularity, and art become (Unless verse rescue thee
awhile) a thing forgotten as the foliage of thy youth. While thus through all the stages
thou hast pushed of tree-ship, first a seedling hid in grass, then twig, then sapling, and, as century rolled
slow after century, a giant bulk of girth enormous with moss-cushioned root upheaved above the soil, and
sides embossed with prominent wens globose, till at the last the rottenness which Time is charged to inflict
on other mighty ones found also thee
What exhibitions various hath the world witnessed of mutability in all that we account most durable below!*



William Holden with his cattle and pigs at Oak Tree Farm in 1909.



Oak Tree Farm is a Grade 2 listed building dating from 17C, perhaps with an earlier core.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th March 2023

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler

Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. S. Hill, Mr. R. Lenko, Mrs. T. Long, Mr. J. Morgan,

Mr. G. Walton, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

County Councillor A. Mellen

One member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mr. T. Walker.

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

District Councillors A. Davies and H Richardson

1.	Mr. Etchells-Butler reminded of the meeting 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) Requests for dispensations - none	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM —to receive reports for information - Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance - none - Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email Email received concerning the amount of litter from Norton Service Station. Mr. Etchells-Butler agreed to speak with the owner and suggest a litter bin is located nearby. Breach of Planning at Suffolk House, Ixworth Road. (DC/22/01941). Noted by Councillors. This has been passed to the District Councillors to follow up with the Planning Department.	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only - Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen Mrs. Long enquired about the comment of making Council properties more energy efficient, and asked about solar panels on properties. He stated the District has currently put aside £2m for insulation etc. Councillor Mellen commented on the state of the School Close road surface and he agreed to raise repair again with Highways. He stated he had been asked for locality money for St. Andrews Church for electrical work. Councillors fully supported this donation. - Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson, Austin Davies - noted	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To note and approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 6 th February 2023. Mrs. Long proposed acceptance, Mrs. Hill seconded. Minutes approved for signature.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 Parish Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflowers Scheme 2022. Mrs. Hill felt the next stage was to mark out the two sections not to be cut by the grass cutter. Once these are marked out the Clerk will inform Vertas not to cut these areas.	Mrs. Hill Clerk
	6.2 Water pump for allotments. Mr. Walton had had a quote from one company but his research had found a positive displacement diaphragm pump would sort out the problem of accessing water from the borehole. The cost for 2 pumps plus pipes and fitting etc. would be around £500 + VAT. The Council agreed for this to go ahead.	Mr. Walton
	6.5 Use of village hall car park by local contractors. Mr. Walton confirmed he had spoken with the site manager, and then with the Director of the firm. He was hopeful of a donation to the village as recompense for using the car park during the work.	Mr. Walton

7.	PLANNING																															
	7.1 APPLICATION FOR RESERVED MATTERS - DC/23/00739 Land West Of Ixworth Road, Norton. Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/19/05860 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 2no. detached dwellings with garages. The Council had no comment on this application, but expressed concern that the dwellings were advertised as self-build which would not appear to be the case. No CIL would be incurred so there would be no benefit to the District or Parish.																															
	7.2 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/23/00781 Land At The Rear Of The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton, Application under S73a for Variation or Removal of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/17/03668 and subsequent DC/21/01170 - Erection of 5No detached dwellings. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - To Vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to lower roof pitches and ridge heights of single-storey dwellings; and amendments to approved external wall finishes. The Council had no comment or objection on this application																															
	7.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/23/00866 Land to North of, Ashfield Road, Norton. Full Planning Application - Siting a container to provide storage for agricultural equipment serving smallholding (retention of) The Council objected to this planning application on the following grounds: • The container is sited near to the road and is bright yellow in colour. It is considered visually intrusive and out of keeping with the surrounding area of open countryside. • Retention of the container is considered detrimental to the amenity of the adjacent properties. • As two proposed dwellings have been rejected on appeal on this site, the Council believe retention of the container would set a precedent for the future. • The Council consider the enforcement notice to remove should be imposed.																															
	7.4 Correspondence from Walsham le Willows Parish Council Land at Shepherds Grove, Bury Road, Stanton Planning Consultation DC/22/2190/HYB, noted. Councillors expressed solidarity with their concerns. Mrs. Hill commented on lorries still using the A1088 despite the Stowlangtoft Bridge closure and was informed the Police were monitoring. Councillors approved a contribution of £50 towards their cost of the professional consultation.																															
8.	STANDING ORDERS																															
	8.1 The Clerk had forwarded Code of Conduct, Financial Standing Orders and Risk Assessment for review. Mr. Aket commented that the financial standing order mentioned an order book and felt this needed more investigation to ensure the Council is working correctly. It was felt the Orders should be fully reviewed by the new Council when elected in May.																															
9.	FINANCE																															
	9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment: <table><tr><td>Deposit to band for Coronation dance £97.00 cheque no 522429</td><td>LGA1972 s145</td></tr><tr><td>Street Cleaner £67.20 Cheque no. 522430</td><td>LGA1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC £73.40 cheque no. 522431</td><td>LGA1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk’s salary £227.26 cheque no 522432</td><td>LGA1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk’s expenses for 2022-2023 £143.50 cheque no 522432</td><td>LGA1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>Messenger, March, £351.00 cheque no. 522433</td><td>LGA1972 s142</td></tr><tr><td>MSDC Invoice additional dog bin £17.38 cheque no 522434</td><td>Litter Act 1983,ss5,6</td></tr><tr><td>T. Edwards, hedge etc. £3180.00 cheque no 522435</td><td>Public Health Act 1875 s164</td></tr><tr><td>SCC electric light, £1434.98 cheque no. 522436</td><td>Parish Councils Act 1957, s3: Highways Act 1980 s301</td></tr><tr><td>Playdale 50% deposit for gates £2525.88 cheque no 5224</td><td>Public Health Act 1875 s164</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. Lenko, £30.00 cheque no 522438</td><td>LGA 1972,s111</td></tr><tr><td>Norton Baptist Church, hall hire, £75.00 cheque no 522439</td><td>LGA1972 s133</td></tr><tr><td>MSDC play area inspection £199.22 cheque no 522440</td><td>Public Health Act 1875 s164</td></tr><tr><td>Legend Services, Church Lane, £338.40 cheque no 522441</td><td>Highways Act 1980 ss43,50</td></tr><tr><td>Action Play, zipwire, £14160.00 cheque no. 522446</td><td>Public Health Act 1875 s164</td></tr></table>	Deposit to band for Coronation dance £97.00 cheque no 522429	LGA1972 s145	Street Cleaner £67.20 Cheque no. 522430	LGA1972 s112	HMRC £73.40 cheque no. 522431	LGA1972 s112	Clerk’s salary £227.26 cheque no 522432	LGA1972 s112	Clerk’s expenses for 2022-2023 £143.50 cheque no 522432	LGA1972 s112	Messenger, March, £351.00 cheque no. 522433	LGA1972 s142	MSDC Invoice additional dog bin £17.38 cheque no 522434	Litter Act 1983,ss5,6	T. Edwards, hedge etc. £3180.00 cheque no 522435	Public Health Act 1875 s164	SCC electric light, £1434.98 cheque no. 522436	Parish Councils Act 1957, s3: Highways Act 1980 s301	Playdale 50% deposit for gates £2525.88 cheque no 5224	Public Health Act 1875 s164	Mr. Lenko, £30.00 cheque no 522438	LGA 1972,s111	Norton Baptist Church, hall hire, £75.00 cheque no 522439	LGA1972 s133	MSDC play area inspection £199.22 cheque no 522440	Public Health Act 1875 s164	Legend Services, Church Lane, £338.40 cheque no 522441	Highways Act 1980 ss43,50	Action Play, zipwire, £14160.00 cheque no. 522446	Public Health Act 1875 s164	13
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T. Edwards, hedge etc. £3180.00 cheque no 522435	Public Health Act 1875 s164																															
SCC electric light, £1434.98 cheque no. 522436	Parish Councils Act 1957, s3: Highways Act 1980 s301																															
Playdale 50% deposit for gates £2525.88 cheque no 5224	Public Health Act 1875 s164																															
Mr. Lenko, £30.00 cheque no 522438	LGA 1972,s111																															
Norton Baptist Church, hall hire, £75.00 cheque no 522439	LGA1972 s133																															
MSDC play area inspection £199.22 cheque no 522440	Public Health Act 1875 s164																															
Legend Services, Church Lane, £338.40 cheque no 522441	Highways Act 1980 ss43,50																															
Action Play, zipwire, £14160.00 cheque no. 522446	Public Health Act 1875 s164																															

	T. Edwards, Church Lane Drainage £612.00 cheque no 522442 Highways Act 1980 ss43,50 Legend Services, dog bins £124.20 cheque no 522443 Litter Act 1983,ss5,6 Ceramic Designs Coronation Mugs £2467.97 cheque no.522444 LGA1972 s145	
	9.2 Coronation. Mugs - Mr. Aket produced a sample mug which Councillors approved to order. It was agreed to order 400 – one for each child at the primary school and pre-school, plus children in the village attending other schools. Events – During the day the event will be watched by people at home, there will be an evening dance on the Saturday, and a community lunch on the playing field on the Sunday. Mr. Walton stated the group had confirmed, playing 7.30pm – 9 pm, then a break, then 9.45pm - 11.30pm. The burrito van will park in the car park on Saturday evening. After discussion it was agreed to charge £10 a ticket, with children year 8 and under free. Professor Jaggard has applied for a drinks licence and either the VHM or NTA will run the bar. People will be encouraged to decorate their house. Dr. Mason has designed a poster logo to use on the information going in the Messenger and posters. Mr. Walton commented he had seen the foreman of the building site and subsequently emailed the director concerning parking at the village hall. He expressed gratitude for being able to use the car park and agreed to discuss some recompence for use. Mr. Walton suggested that the Council request funding for the mugs or funding the coronation band by way of the firm's charitable donation to the village.	
	9.3 Quote for bollards. Mr. Lenko confirmed bollards requirement, which the Clerk will order from Glasdon.	Clerk
	9.4 To receive budget statement- noted and approved.	
	9.5 Update on Bus shelter. Mr. Etchells-Butler stated this will be approved once written permission on the use of the additional land is received, for which he is in discussion with Mrs. Mathieson.	
	9.6 Access to preschool via playing field. Mr. Walton has been asked about gated access from the playing field onto the additional land procured by Pre-school. He commented this could be put in by UKPN when they undertake their work. Councillors agreed to this action.	
	9.7 Mr. Lenko reported the fence behind the recycling bins was rotten. He requested that Mr. Millyard be asked to repair. Councillors agreed.	Mr Lenko
10	SPEEDWATCH	
	10.1 Mr. Stone forwarded an update on Speedwatch and it was agreed this could be put on Facebook and the Messenger. He had suggested moving the SID at Rookery Farm to another location so this area could become another speedwatch site. However, it was agreed to leave for the time being and to concentrate on the Ixworth end of the village where some 3000 vehicles had been reported speeding. Mrs. Long commented that Prospect Road area would benefit from a speedwatch site and it was stated a site there had been identified, but the home owner and the Police need to agree to this area. Mr. Etchells-Butler had some speedwatch signs and it was discussed where these could be placed, ie either end of the village on the A1088 and in Heath Road and Prospect Road area as a reminder to vehicles to keep within the limit. Mr. Walton agreed to put up.	
11.	VILLAGE HALL	
	11.1 Update on Borrowing approval application. The Clerk confirmed that the loan approval had been received. Mr. Walton stated the tenders need to be requested.	
	11.2 Update on Village hall meeting and Village Hall project. Mr. Walton stated the Committee were looking at prioritizing the project in stages, with the main priority being the roof to allow for solar panels. UKPN will put in a low voltage feed-in to the network to allow for selling power back generated during the day. He commented that Mr. Jefferson will resign as VPMC Chair but has agreed to remain as project coordinator.	
12.	PLAY AREAS	
	12.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. Mr.Lenko stated the Zip wire had now been installed. The Play Inspection Report indicated the wooden posts at the top of the slide were rotten and he would like to ask Mr. Millyard to replace them. Councillors agreed.	Mr. Lenko

	12.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Following receipt of the inspection report, Mrs. Long stated the swing chains needed changing, with other minor requirements. Mr. Walton suggested the chains are replaced as soon as possible.	Mrs Long
13	CORRESPONDENCE	
	13.1 Stowmarket District Scouts - looking for advice and help. Noted	
	13.2 Bus service update – Noted	
	13.3 Spring litter picks 2023 - Noted	
	13.4 New Greenest County Community Network - Noted	
	13.5 A14 junction 47a Haughley to junction 49 Tothill reconstruction scheme - Start of works information - Noted	
14.	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	14.1 Mrs. Long commented on the potholes in the verge along Ashfield Road and the fire hydrant post knocked down on Ashfield corner. The Clerk will report these to Highways and the Water Board.	Clerk
	14.2 Mr. Aket asked for Election information to be forwarded when received.	Clerk
	14.3 Mr. Aket asked for the King Charles III Coronation Event Risk Assessment forwarded by the Insurance Company to be reviewed at the next meeting.	Agenda
	14.4 Mr. Walton commented that Mr. Mathieson and Mr. Howes had been very helpful in removing the spoils from the hedge cuttings from the playing field and asked for a letter of thanks to be sent.	Clerk
15	To confirm the date of future meeting: 3 rd April 2023, 7.00pm followed by A.P.M. at 7.30pm	
16	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.13	

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent election there are currently 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. The Council will therefore co-opt to fill these vacancies. If you would like to be considered for co-option please contact the Clerk (Jill Rowland, nortonparishclerk@outlook.com) or the Chair of the Council (Susan Hill, susan.h23@btinternet.com)

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd April 2023

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler

Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. T. Long, Mr. G. Walton, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk) LGA 1972 s12 para 40
County Councillor A. Mellen

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Lenko, Mr. J. Morgan, Mrs. S. Hill.

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

Public: Mrs. Smart, District Councillors A. Davies and H. Richardson

1.	Mr. Etchells-Butler reminded of the meeting 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) Requests for dispensations – none	

3.	PUBLIC FORUM – to receive reports for information Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance - none Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email. Mr. Etchells- Butler stated he had received a request for road signs of “Woolpit Road” and “Ixworth Road”. This item will be for discussion by the new Council in May.	Agenda
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION •Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen - noted •Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson, Austin Davies - noted	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th March 2023. Mrs. Long proposed acceptance, Mr. Aket seconded. Minutes approved for signature.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION	
	6.1 Parish Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflowers Scheme 2022. Email received from Richard Parmee stating that wildflowers will be provided in the Spring.	
	6.2 Allotments. Mr. Walton confirmed two water pumps have been ordered.	
	6.3 Coronation arrangements. Mr. Aket confirmed details have been circulated in the Messenger. Councillors approved the adoption of the King Charles III Coronation Event Risk Assessment provided by the Insurance Company.	
	6.4 UK Power Network. Negotiation on-going regarding payment for disruption and use of car park.	
	6.5 Footpath walk leaflet update. To be discussed by the New Council in May.	Agenda
	PLANNING	
	7.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton, DC/23/01570 Application under S73a for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/18/01239 dated 26/06/2018 Erection of 4No dwellings - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - To vary Condition Number 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) Amended designs for Plots 1 and 2. The Council had no views to make on the application, but commented that as self build why was the amendment to the design a joint amendment.	
	7.2 GRANTED Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/23/00178 Full Planning Application - Erection of 4No detached dwellings with garages GRANTED Three Bridges, Ashfield Gardens, Norton, DC/22/06158. Erection of 1no detached dwelling with detached garage. Demolition of existing buildings (in lieu of that approved under PP DC/21/05985 for the erection of dwelling and detached garage). APPROVED CONDITIONS Former The Old Forge, Ixworth Road, Norton, DC/23/00914. Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/05754 - Condition 4 (Access Surface Treatment)	
	7.3 APPEAL Land West of Suffolk House, Ixworth Road, Norton APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Appeal Reference: APP/W3520/W/23/3316136. Appeal Start Date: 08/03/2023 Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 9No self-build/custom build dwellings.	
	REFUSAL Springfield, Halls Lane, Norton, DC/23/00265. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear extension and garage).	16

8.	FINANCE	
	8.1 The following accounts were approved for payment: Clerk's salary £227.26 cheque no 522447 LGA1972 s112 Street Cleaner £158.40, cheque no 522448 LGA1972 s112 HMRC £96.20, cheque no 522449 LGA1972 s112 TenHats, April, £428.00, cheque no 522500 LGA1972 s142 Dan Millyard, £267.00 cheque no 522501 Local Government (Misc. Provision) Act 1976 s19 Glasdon - bollards £170.66, cheque no 522502 Highways Act 1980 s274A SCC street lighting £4946.89, cheque no 522503 Parish Councils Act 1957, s3: Highways Act 1980 s301 Coronation Dance band -balance cheque £878 cheque no 522504 LGA1972 s145	
	8.2 To confirm receipt of street cleaning grant £308.75, Recycling grant £662.05, locality award £3370.00	
	8.3 Update on Bus shelter. Mr. Etchells-Butler stated he had been unable to obtain the additional land required to site the bus shelter in Thurston Road. This matter will now be for the new Council to take up. Local Government (Misc Provision) Act 1953 s4	Agenda
9.	SPEEDWATCH – No urgency of business. Mr. Walton agreed to liaise with homeowners concerning additional sites, and with Mr. Stone about siting of signs.	
10	VILLAGE HALL. Updated tenders were being sought.	
11.	PLAY AREAS	
	11.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall - No urgency of business 11.2 Play area in Prospect Road - No urgency of business.	
12	CORRESPONDENCE	
	12.1 Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Modifications Consultation – noted 12.2 A14 Closure update – Noted. At a meeting in Elmswell the Police agreed to monitor the runs being used and enforce illegal use of the A1088 by lorries during the restrictions.	
13	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for new Council	
	13.1 Mrs. Long reported a child being clipped by a car near School Close and requested double yellow lines. Councillor Mellen agreed to enquire.	Agenda
	13.2. Mr. Etchells-Butler reported a recent accident on the A1088 at the crossroads.	
	13.3 Mr. Walton asked for the new Council to discuss the litter problem in the village.	Agenda
	13.4 Mr. Aket expressed thanks to Mr. Etchells-Butler for his leadership as Chair over the past few years.	
14	Date of next meeting: 15 th May 2023, 7.30pm , AGM, followed by monthly meeting	
15	There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 19.21	

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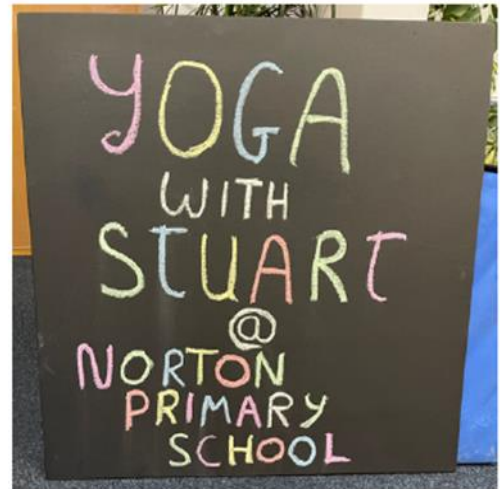
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