

the norton messenger

December 2023



EDITORIAL

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all. There are lots of Christmas events advertised in the Messenger to enjoy, as well as another walk to try, although you might need full length waders after all this rain! I am hoping for some frosty weather for the festive season.

Please keep sending your 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

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



BUS ROUTES INFORMATION

Did you know, Norton currently has a bus service that runs through the village?
The service is run by Stephenson's of Essex www.stephensonsofessex.com routes 384 and 385

You can also check other services throughout Suffolk at www.suffolkonboard.com Services can change, so check in advance!

Stowmarket - Haughley - Woolpit - Bury St Edmunds							384 / 385	
Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)								
Service	385	385	384	384				
Operator	ST	ST	ST	ST				
Service Restrictions	Sch	Sch	Sch	Sch				
Stowupland, High School (inside)	—	—	—	1550				
Stowmarket, Gun Cotton Way Park (opp)	—	—	—	1555				
Stowmarket, Argos Store (o/s)	0620	0900	—	1605				
Stowmarket, Violet Hill Road (adj)	—	—	—	1609				
Stowmarket, Narey's Garden Centre (opp)	—	—	—	1612				
Stowmarket, Railway Station (opp)	0624	0904	—	—				
Old Newton, Shoulder of Mutton (opp)	0633	0913	—	—				
Haughley, Mill Fields (opp)	0636	0919	—	—				
Haughley, Station Road (opp)	0640	0920	—	1615				
Haughley, Post Office (adj)	0641	0921	—	1616				
Haughley New Street, The Close (adj)	0643	0923	—	1618				
Wetherden, Maypole (adj)	0645	0925	—	1620				
Elmswell, Shop Corner (opp)	0651	0931	—	1626				
Woolpit, Post Office (opp)	0656	0936	—	1631				
Woolpit, Business Park (o/s)	0657	0937	—	1632				
Tostock, Gardeners Arms (opp)	0702	—	1210	1633				
Beyton, The Green (opp)	—	—	1214	1642				
Norton, The Dog (opp)	0705	0943	—	—				
Thurston, Shops (o/s)	0710	0952	—	—				
Thurston, The Green (adj)	0711	0953	1217	1645				
Thurston, College Main Entrance (opp)	0713	0955	1219	1647				
Thurston, Genesta Drive (o/s o/s64)	—	—	1222	1650				
Thurston, Post Office (opp)	0714	0956	1226	1654				
Moreton Hall, Tassel Road (adj)	0722	1003	1235	1702				
Moreton Hall, Sainsbury's (adj)	0725	1005	1237	1705				
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk Hospital (adj)	0730	1010	1242	1710				
Bury St Edmunds, Arc Shopping Centre (o/s)	0735	1013	1247	1715				
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 7)	0737	1015	1249	1717				
Saturday		Sunday						
no service		no service						

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Bury St Edmunds, Arc Shopping Centre (opp)	—	—	1427	—				
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk Hospital (opp)	—	—	1430	1745				
Moreton Hall, Sainsbury's (opp)	—	—	1440	1750				
Moreton Hall, Tassel Road (opp)	—	—	1442	1753				
Thurston, Post Office (o/s)	—	—	1449	1754				
Thurston, Genesta Drive (o/s o/s64)	—	—	1451	1800				
Thurston, College Main Entrance (o/s)	—	—	1453	1802				
Thurston, The Green (opp)	—	—	1454	1807				
Thurston, Shops (opp)	—	—	1448	—				
Beyton, Manor House (adj)	—	—	1200	1810				
Tostock, Gardeners Arms (adj)	—	—	1204	1814				
Norton, The Dog (adj)	—	—	1458	1818				
Woolpit, Business Park (opp)	0758	—	1505	1825				
Woolpit, Post Office (adj)	0759	—	1506	1826				
Elmswell, Shop Corner (adj)	0804	—	1510	1831				
Wetherden, Maypole (opp)	0809	—	1515	1835				
Haughley New Street, The Close (opp)	0811	—	1517	1837				
Haughley, Post Office (opp)	0814	—	1520	1841				
Haughley, Station Road (adj)	0815	—	1521	1842				
Haughley, Mill Fields (adj)	—	—	1843	—				
Old Newton, Shoulder of Mutton (adj)	—	—	1847	—				
Stowmarket, The Little Wellington (adj)	—	—	1852	—				
Stowmarket, Station Road West (adj)	—	—	1857	—				
Stowmarket, Narey's Garden Centre (adj)	0820	—	1525	—				
Stowmarket, High School (o/s)	0825	—	1530	—				
Stowmarket, Violet Hill Road (opp)	0832	—	—	—				
Stowmarket, Station Road West (adj)	0835	—	—	—				
Stowmarket, Argos Store (o/s)	—	—	1535	—				
Stowmarket, Railway Station (opp)	—	—	1539	—				
Cedars Park, Tesco (adj)	0842	—	—	—				
Stowupland, High School (inside)	0845	—	1544	—				
Saturday		Sunday						
no service		no service						

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Despite enduring the wettest October that Nortonians can remember, good progress has been made with the village hall building project; the builders are only a few days behind schedule. Most of the ground works (foundations, drainage trenches etc) are complete. The footings have been laid and the slabs for the floors have been poured. Some of the new floors will be made from pre-cast concrete beams, and these will all be installed before the end of the month.



While the rain poured down, work was being done inside; in the main hall the floor has been covered to protect it, the false ceiling has been removed and a crash deck (see photograph) has been installed ready for roof replacement.

The big change in appearance will soon be happening; scaffolding will be erected, and a 'top hat' will be built so that roof panel replacement can go ahead without the risk that the interior will get soaked if we should experience another Noah-like deluge. In the meantime, work has been going on to plan the whereabouts of all the electric and data cables, the position of the light fittings and the style of all the floor coverings and wall finishes.



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I write this article three weeks into the second half term with the first sound of Christmas songs and carols beginning to be heard around the school.

We ended last half term with the Year 6 children having a fantastic residential at Bawdsey Manor. The children worked together in many team building activities as well as providing each other with support and encouragement as they experienced new challenges, such as high wires and leaping from a very tall tower!

On Wednesday 8 November, each class walked to Norton's War Memorial, to take time to remember and reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. As a school, each child was given a red button, to represent the poppy, with the children being asked say a quiet prayer before putting the button in a jar.

In Star Class, the topic for this half term is 'Celebrations' and the children have already been creative; producing some rather exciting Bonfire pictures and as Christmas approaches, the children will be looking at how people celebrate before and during this season. The children have been learning their letter sounds and it is lovely to hear them blending sounds to make words.

In Galaxy Class the children have been listening to many story books to inspire their learning. In English they have done some writing linked to *Dogger* and in Art each child created a wonderful collage using the story *The Crow's Tail* as a stimulus.

Planet Class started the half term by looking at some traditional tales, focusing on descriptive writing and using conjunctions to extend sentences. They will then be using the book *Katie in London* as the inspiration recount writing before looking at the work of Anthony Browne.

In Year 3, the children continue with their topic 'Stone Age Rocks' by looking at the Bronze and Iron Age. In English, they have written explanations, explaining how Stone Age people hunted for mammoths and how the water cycle works

In Year 4 the children are continuing to learn about the Ancient Greeks, and experienced the most wonderful Greek Day. The school hall was turned into a Greek marketplace and the children had the opportunity to visit different market stalls, making mosaics and creating medicines.

As Historians, Year 5 are learning why and how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. The children will be focusing on aspects of daily life, including their food and farming, their settlements and housing, their belief systems and their social hierarchies. The children have also been completing work on how to stay safe online by creating a poster in the computer suite.

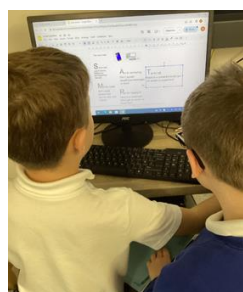
In Year 6, the Geography study for this half term is linked to energy and power. Following the children's science work from last half term, they will be finding out where electricity comes from and how it is made. The children will look at different sources of energy, renewable and non-renewable, examine the causes of global warming and look at climate change.

If on Friday 10 November you saw either Rockstars or Robots walking the streets of Norton, your eyes did not mistake you, for on that day we relaunched TT Rock Stars and Numbots - both great mathematical apps. The children in EYFS and Year 1 dressed as a Numbot robot and Years 2 - 6 came dressed as rock stars! All the children had great fun exploring the apps and learning more about how they can use them at home.

Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Production is called 'A Miracle in Town' and we have an afternoon and evening performance planned to allow the children to showcase their talents. We will also have two Christmas Carol Services to be held at the Salvation Army where we will tell the Christmas Story through song and bible readings. The Carol Services will be on Monday 18 December at 9.30 for Key Stage 2 and 10.30 for EYFS and Key Stage 1. We warmly invite parents and carers as well as members from our local community. To finish the Christmas festivities, we have Christmas Dinner planned for the children during the last week.

Wishing you a wonderful
and healthy Christmas.

Mrs Sparkes





Norton Baptist Church December 2023



Norton Baptist
Church



It seems strange to be celebrating Christmas when there is so much going on in the world around us that brings concern, sadness and worry into our homes.

At Norton Baptist Church we are praying for peace in this world to be a real miracle this Christmas time.

Over the month of December, we will be meeting together for Praise and Worship, a Christmassy Explore Together, carols, candles, a Christmas Day Family Service Special and – who knows – maybe even the odd mince pie! All the details are below. As usual, all the services at Norton Baptist start with refreshments from 10am and the services start at 10:30am, unless otherwise stated.

We pray that you will all have a restful, happy, safe and love filled Christmas time this year and we look forward to seeing many of you in 2024!



	3 rd Dec	10 th Dec	17 th Dec	24 th Dec	25 th Dec	31 st Dec
Praise & Worship	10am					
Explore Together		10am				
Village Carol Service @ St Andrews			4pm			
Carols by Candlelight				5pm		
Christmas Day					10:30am	
New Years Eve @The Salvation Army						10:30am

For all the up-to-date information please “like” our Facebook page. Scan this code to go straight to our page



NORTON TRAILS

The 4km route to Elmswell is full of classic English countryside and beautiful scenery. Conveniently, you can access Bury St. Edmunds and Cambridge from rail links at the village train station, and it has local conveniences such as a post office, multiple takeaways and a veterinary practice.

Distance: 4km

Estimated walk time: 50 minutes

Terrain: mainly muddy tracks and pavements

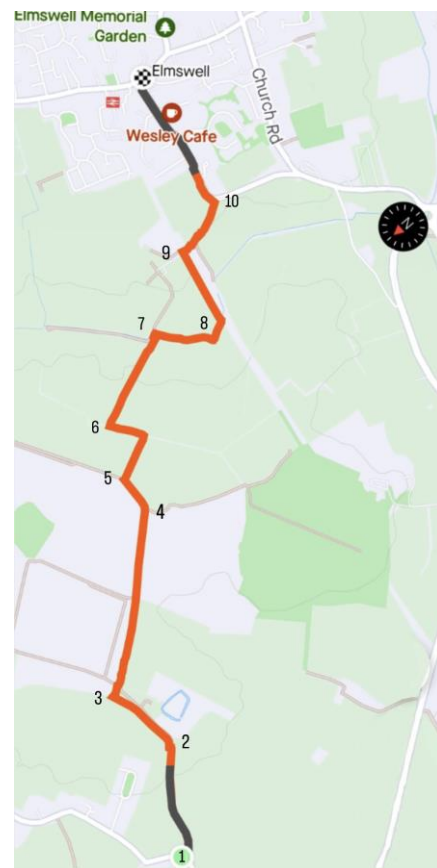
Discipline: walking/running

Not suitable for bikes as there are footpaths included

See next page for route details



- 1.Beginning at the start of the lane to Manor Farm just off of Ashfield Road, walk up here until you reach a footpath signpost directing you on to a track along the right hand side of the farm. The track will then wrap around the left hand side of the farm.
- 2.Following this footpath, turn right around the edge of the farm plot until you face a long straight dirt track leading to a black barn, with the farm directly behind you.
- 3.Head down this until you reach the black barn which will be on your right hand side.
- 4.Follow the track through the field until you reach a split in the pathway. Follow the one almost directly ahead, with the avenue of trees running down the right hand side of the path.
- 5.On coming to the end of the field, follow the path left until your next right which is a footbridge tucked into the bushes.
- 6.Heads down this, you will emerge at the top in the middle of a field. Walk directly down the middle of the field downhill until you reach the bottom of the field, and turn right at the footpath signpost.
- 7.With the signpost behind you, carry on down the trail, bearing left at the bend around a stream, until you reach the gate entering onto the path beside the railway tracks.
- 8.Follow this until you reach a road, turn right onto this road and pass under the railway bridge.
- 9.You should come out within a construction site on a road. Follow Parnell Lane until you reach the main road going around Elmswell.
10. Turn left onto a pathway beside the Bloor Homes housing development on your left, and School Road on your right.
11. Follow this past multiple closes, the fish and chips shop and the Wesley cafe, where you could stop for a coffee, until the end of the road. Ahead of you should be the co-op.



Norton Salvation Army

Woolpit Road, Norton, IP31 3LU

What's on at the Army in December?

Sunday 3rd	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting) (Led by Stephen Horrex)	10.45am
Sunday 10 th	Morning Worship (Our Choir is joining us to sing some Music for Christmas)	11.00am
Sunday 17 th	Village Carol Service with all Churches joining together at St. Andrew's Church	4.00pm
Sunday 24 th	Coffee & Carols	11.00am
Christmas Day 25 th	Salvation Army joining with friends at Baptist Church	10.30am
Sunday 31 st	Morning Worship	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddlesong (Children 0-4yrs £1 per family/session) (Last Toddlesong for 2023 will be 11th December)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 6 th	Friends Cafe - Christmas Style (We are a dementia friendly group, free for all to attend for a chat & refreshments)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 7 th	Cameo Lunches (3 Course Meal £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Friday 8 th	Christmas Movie Night	7.00pm
Tuesday 19 th	Join with us & your Neighbour Village for Carols in Tostock Church	7.30pm

The Norton Salvation Army would like to thank you for your support to our Church throughout 2023 and wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Christmas

If you would like to make contact with Norton Salvation Army please e-mail:
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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

December 2023 Church Services

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

3 rd	Advent Sunday	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Christingle	Norton Pakenham
10 th	2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am Family Communion 11am Family Communion 3pm Carol Service 3pm Carol Service	Great Ashfield Pakenham Tostock Stowlangtoft
17 th	3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 2.30pm Carol Service 4pm Village Carol Service 5pm Carol Service 6.30pm Carol Service	Tostock Hunston Norton Great Ashfield Pakenham
24 th	Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service (Children invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings) 11.30 Midnight Communion	Tostock Norton
25 th	Christmas Day	9.30am Family Festival Communion 9.30am Family Festival Communion 10.30am Crib Service 11am Family Festival Communion 11am Family Festival Communion	Hunston Pakenham Great Ashfield Tostock Norton
31 st	1st Sunday of Christmas	10am Benefice Communion	Tostock



ALL-AGE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY MORNING



SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10am-12noon - St Andrew's Church.
With Norton School Choir, Have-a-go handbell ringing, Christmas Crafts, Christmas Trail and refreshments. All Welcome - come and have fun whatever your age!



There will be a collection in Aid of the Children's Society - Norton School pupils - you can bring your collection candles from school.

The St Andrew's Church (Norton) floodlights for Christmas week is sponsored by Susan Palastanga in fondest memory of Doug & Hilda Mingay, Norton

*Although the world keeps turning
And the sun comes up each day
Life has never been the same
Since the day you went away X*

If you would like to see the church lit up in 2024 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
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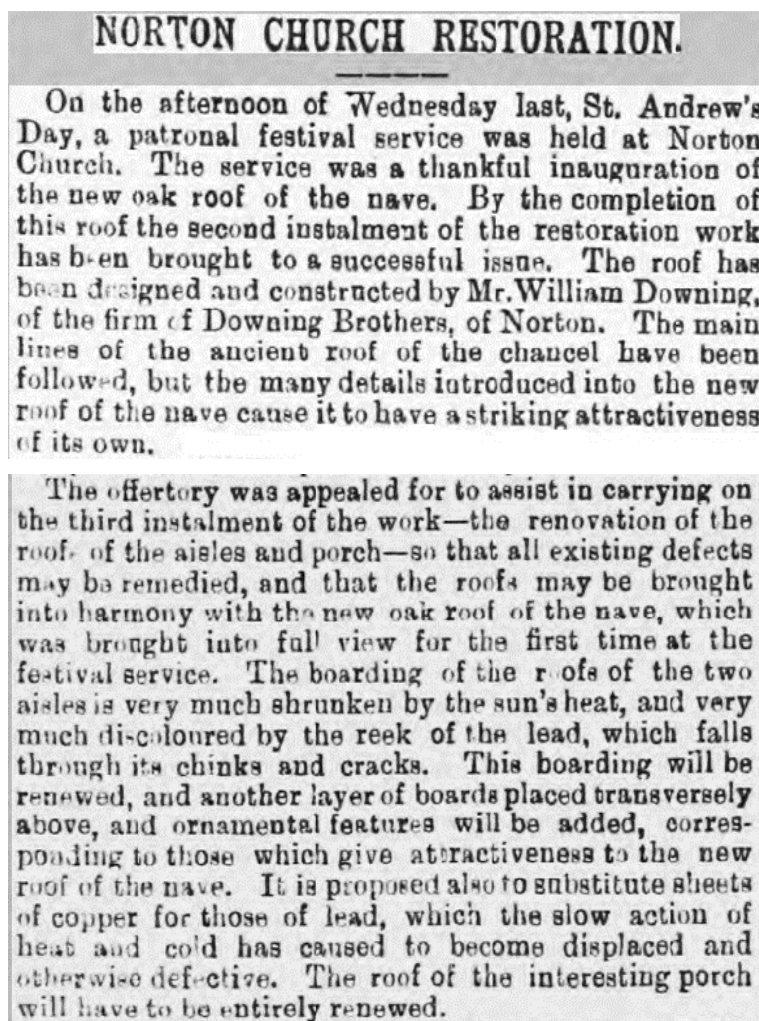
DOWN OUR STREET

Continuing the history of the Downing family of Norton.

In the early 1890s the parish church was in a very bad state of repair, with major problems to the walls and roof. A large number of fundraising events were staged and a goodly sum was raised. The firm of Downing Bros. was employed to carry out the repairs. The first phase was the removal of the box pews and replacing them with open ones and then the restoration of the church roofs in three phases between 1890 and 1900. The new roof design and construction was the work of William Downing. I believe he also designed the 12 shields with the badges of the disciples, but I am happy to be corrected.

During this work much of the original thatching material from the earlier roof of the church was uncovered.

As mentioned last month, Robert Downing married Elizabeth Alice Burt on 5th June 1893. The reception was held at Fiske Farm (Now George Farm).

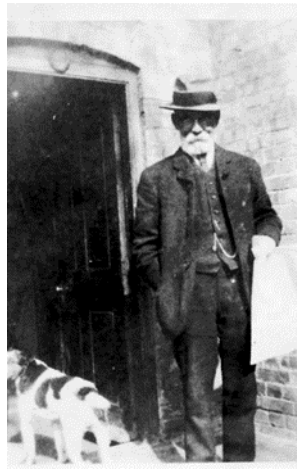


Standing L-R. Harry Burt, William Downing, Hilder Burt, Arthur Burt, George Burt, Herbert Burt, Jack Burt, Tim Burt. Middle. Sarah Downing, Bride's mother Elizabeth Burt, Groom Robert Downing, Bride Elizabeth A Burt, Bride's father Thomas Burt, Annie Burt. Front. Clara Burt, Frank Burt, Ernest Burt. Colourised photo.

Elizabeth and Robert lived at Mill Farm, The Street and raised a family of six children.



Elizabeth Downing, nee Burt.



Robert Downing.



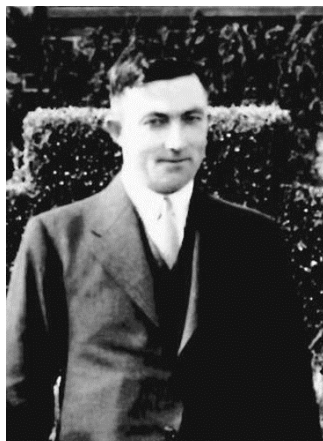
Mill Farm house.

The eldest child, Ruby, married Rudolph Dutton and the family lived at Quarry House, Stanton Street. (see photos below).



Ivy married John Stennett. They lived at Rougham Place Farmhouse.

Arthur, always known as 'Pim', had Great Green Farm in Thurston, where Seaman's builders have their offices and yard. The house is on the double bend at the top of the hill on Thurston Road.



Florence married Harry Baker who owned 'Home Mill' and 'Crown Mill' in Elmswell.



Two views of Home Mill (Baker's Mill) which was close to the level crossing in Elmswell. It was demolished in 2005 to make way for a small development, unsurprisingly called 'Baker's Mill'.



Crown Mill, showing its proximity to the railway. It, along with Crown Cottages, was demolished in 1994. The walnut tree was saved!

Daisy married Ted Mitton and lived in her parent's house, Mill Farm. (See earlier photo).



Mill Farm, old barn in The Street. It was demolished in 2011. Post Mill Cottage and Dairy Cottage were built where it stood.

Frank married Connie Coleman from Hunston and lived at 'The Beeches' opposite Old Forge Close.



Frank Downing farmed about 120 acres in Norton between 'The Horseshoes' and Church Lane. His son David Downing took over the farm and ran it till 1994 when he moved to Norfolk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd October 2023

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J. Bolus, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mrs. T. Long, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Walton, Mr. N. Winstanley, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
LGA 1972 s12 para4

County Councillor A. Mellen, District Councillor D. Bradbury

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Lenko, District Councillor A. Davies.

The following minutes have been abbreviated for the Messenger – please see the website for the full version

1.	Welcome and protocol reminder	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests - none	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM - Member of the public – questions and concerns from those in attendance - none - Members of the public – comments submitted via email. Concern expressed about flooding and blocked drains in Norton Little Green. Councillor Mellen advised submitting the information on the Highways portal. Concern expressed about overgrowth on playing field path. Councillors agreed this could be cut back to expose the full width of the path. With regard to the car park entrance, it was agreed the road visibility was not good in this area, mainly due to the bend in the road. The Mr. Morgan stated he had trimmed back the hedge from the entrance to the pole which had helped. Messages have been put on Facebook asking for hedges to be trimmed.	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION Report from County Councillor Mellen Councillor Mellen commented on chevrons on the sharp bend at Norton Little Green which he has raised with the Community Engineer. A speed limit change from Moss Chase to the bend would be a difficult and expensive process. Councillor Mellen stated the proposed road crossing associated with the Suffolk House development states delivery of the footway had to be secured by an agreement meaning SCC would need to approve it, with details submitted and agreed by MSDC planning and in place by the time the first house is occupied. With regard to lorries and vehicles stopping on the A1088 near the garage Highways states no parking within 10m of a junction. Councillor Mellen commented on a liaison group meeting concerning the bridge repair on 31 st October at the Ixworth Fire Station. Report from District Councillors Bradbury and Davies.- Noted	Councillor or Mellen Councillor or Mellen
5	MINUTES	
	5.1 To note and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 th September 2023.	
6	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 UKPN. The paperwork was still with the solicitor so the Clerk has emailed Birketts.	Clerk
	6.2 Wildflower Scheme – The area was still to be cut.	
	6.3 MSDC Free trees, hedgerows and Wildflower Scheme –Mr. Winstanley agreed to speak with Mr. Parmee from MSDC.	.
	6.4 Bus Service update – the proposed meeting has been cancelled.	Clerk
7	PLANNING	
	7.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/23/03805 2 Old Forge Close, Norton for erection of single storey detached double garage (retension of) The Council approved this application.	
	7.2 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DDC/23/03866 Norton Pre-school Honeywood Corner, Norton for continued use of land for the siting of unit for preschool for seven years and addition of Hardy Board style cladding insulation. The Council fully supported and approved this application	
	7.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/23/03899 Land west of Ixworth Road, Norton for full planning application for erection of 2 detached dwellings with garages The Council presented its objection to this application.	
	7.4 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/23/04414 1 Meadow Acre, Norton Householder application seeking retrospective planning permission for 1 detached cart lodge. The Council objected to the retrospective application	10

	7.5 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/23/04415 2 Meadow Acre, Norton Householder application seeking retrospective planning permission for 1 detached cart lodge. The Council objected to the retrospective application	Mrs. Hill
	7.6 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/23/04416 3 Meadow Acre, Norton Householder application seeking retrospective planning permission for 1 detached cart lodge. The Council objected to the retrospective application	
	7.7 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/23/04122 Springfield, Halls Lane, Norton. Proposed re-submission of application DC/23/00265 (Reduced scheme) Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (Following demolition of existing rear extension and garage) The Council supported this application.	
	7.7 APPLICATION GRANTED York House, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/23/03161 for erection of two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing extension)	
8	FINANCE	
	8.1 To approve the following accounts awaiting payment HMRC £104.00 - Lloyds Cheque 000007 LGA 1972 s112 Glasdon, dog bin, £351.74 Lloyds Cheque 000008 Litter Act 1983 ss5,6 Playdale £7366.58 Lloyds cheque 000009 Public Health Act 1875 s164 PKF Littlejohn £378.00 Lloyds Cheque 000010 LGA 1972 s112 Payments online: Clerk's salary £416.00 LGA 1972 s112	
	8.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of the second payment of Precept of £14,500	
	8.3 The Clerk confirmed completion of the external audit and presented the External Auditor's certificate for approval.	
	8.4 The Clerk confirmed submission of a recycling claim for Feb-July 2023 for £570.62	
	8.5 Norton Little Green, Mr. Lenko confirmed a replacement sign would cost £425.50+VAT.	
	8.6 The Clerk forwarded a receipts and payments with reconciliation statement for the Santander account and the Lloyds account, with accompanying budget statement	
	8.7 Mr. Walton presented further details of a proposed Coronation plaque, in the form of a footpath noticeboards. The Clerk will contact Woolpit about their footpath map noticeboard.	Clerk Agenda
9	SPEEDWATCH	
	9.1 Mr. Stone sent an updated report There was still problem trying to contact Jonathan Shaw about the ANPR	
10	VILLAGE HALL	
	10.1 Minutes of the subcommittee pre commencement meeting circulated. The defib will be resited on one of the cabins and the car park lights will be rewired so they can be kept on. He explained that at the end of the project there would be a gain of 10 extra car spaces.	
	10.2 PWLB. The Clerk asked for clarification of when submissions for further payments from PWLB would be required and when payments would need. Communities Lotteries fund was through to the second stage for a possible £70,000 grant.	
11	PLAY AREA	
	11.1 Play area in Playing field. Mr. Lenko confirmed the Orbit was fully installed and well used. Mr. Lenko enquired about adult equipment, Councillors felt this would not be used.	
	11.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Mrs. Long stated she would investigate and price a piece of equipment to ensure inclusive for all children,	
12	CORRESPONDENCE	
	12.1 Public Views sought over improvements to A140 - noted	
	12.2 Publications of Inspectors' Report on the Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan - noted	
	12.3 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Media Release: Blueprint for districts' development "sound" - noted	

	12.4 Latest Bulletin and September newsletter – A14 Haughley to Tothill recon scheme.	
	12.5 A1088 Stowlangtoft bridge liaison group meeting – date noted.	
	12.6 Suffolk Wildlife Trust Magazine	
	12.7 Clerks & Councils Direct	
	12.8 SALC conference 29 November 2023 – date noted.	
13	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting	
	13.1 Resilience of Electricity supply. With the number of new builds in the village Mr. Aket queried the resilience of the supply to residents and avoidance of outages.	
	13.2 30mph residential signs. Mr. Aket commented on the large 30mph signs in other villages. National Highways will be approached.	Clerk
	13.3 What3words. Mr. Aket commented on this being a useful tool to pinpoint an area.	Clerk
	13.4 Cricket equipment. Mr. Aket stated he had a bag of equipment and asked for this to be stored at the refurbished village hall.	
	13.5 Coronation Mugs. Mr. Aket stated he had 2 boxes of mugs available.	Agenda
	13.6 Mr. Aket commented on an article that stated Norton as being 9 th most expensive place to live in Suffolk.	
	13.7 Street Lights – Prof. Jaggard commented on street lights either being out or missing.	Agenda
	13.8 Buses. Mr. Winstanley enquired whether there was funding available to local councils to provide a bus service to the village. It was reiterated about the meetings held last year to put a plan together, but despite several attempts nothing had materialised.	Agenda
	13.9 CCTV. Mr. Walton stated the CCTV would be out of service the Hall works.	
	13.10 Newsletter. Mr. Walton stated the Twinning Association had had their notice rejected for the Messenger as there was no room for it. The Clerk stated she was aiming to do compact minutes for the Messenger with reference to see the full set on the web site.	
	13.11 30mph sign hidden in hedge. Mr. Morgan stated the sign entering the village from Norton Little Green is obscured by the hedge. Mr. Bolus agreed to speak with the owner	Agenda
	13.12 Hedges in the Street. It was commented that some hedges along The Street were encroaching into the road.	Agenda
	13.13 Remembrance Day Service. The Clerk reminded about the service at The Memorial.	
14	To confirm date of next meeting - 6th November 2023, 7.30pm	
15	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.17	

2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

First Monday of each month, plus additional meetings as required by urgency of business. Meetings are held in the Norton Baptist Church at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

8th January 2024 (bank holiday 1st January), 5th February 2024, 4th March 2024, 8th April 2024 (Easter Monday 1st April)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 15th April 2024

13th May 2024 (Bank holidays 6th May), 3rd June 2024, 1st July 2024, 5th August 2024, 2nd September 2024, 7th October 2024, 4th November 2024, 2nd December 2024

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council – 13th May 2024

Members of the public are invited to give their views/questions to the Parish Council on issues on the agenda or raise issues for consideration or inclusion at future meetings. Please lodge this with the Clerk one week in advance of the meeting date. Items received after this time may be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Alternatively members of the public may submit comments on any item on the agenda via email to the Clerk: nortonparishclerk@outlook.com ahead of the meeting.



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