

the norton messenger

July 2023



EDITORIAL

Thanks to Dave Ling for this lovely photo.

Photos from around the village are always welcome, we live in such a beautiful part of the country and it always brightens up 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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NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

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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



UK based Family Research Group researching the Sparks, Sparke, Sparkes family is holding its first reunion **Saturday 19th August 23** and cordially invites friends and family to join them at **The Pavillion, Rattlesden, Suffolk, IP30 0RT** from **12pm-4pm**.

As part of the planned events it hopes to replicate the picture below of many of its namesake and associated family members, taken in 1890 outside the 5 Bells Public House in Rattlesden.



The event is an informal gathering of the family group who has traced its roots to the area, many of which will be making the pilgrimage from around the UK and supporting the local communities and businesses over the weekend.

It welcomes the local community to attend to share their memories and pictures of our extended family that lived and continues to do in Rattlesden and the surrounding villages.

Food and drinks will be available at the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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We finished the first half of the summer term with a very busy and eventful week. All the children at Norton had the opportunity to 'Experience Pentecost' at St Andrew's Church. The experience allowed the children to gain a fuller understanding of the significance of Pentecost, the festival celebrated fifty days after Easter: central to this festival is the work of the Holy Spirit. In groups, the children visited six stations, set up around the church, each providing an interactive, multi-sensory way to engage children imaginatively with the events surrounding Pentecost. Organised by Revd Katherine and Mrs Harris, and manned by a team of volunteers from the local churches, this was a really engaging workshop enjoyed by all. Needless to say, the children's learning behaviour and contributions were excellent.

As well as a visit to the church, all classes were involved in a languages afternoon to celebrate and experience aspects of French culture! The children played boules, named colours, played lotto, gave beebots directions through a French town, painted the tricolore flag in the pointillist style of Georges Seurat and went to a French café to taste cheese and bread! It was lovely to have an afternoon where the school community could come together

Summer 2 is a half term which is busy and one where you will see many different emotions and feelings displayed by pupils, parents and staff. Excitement as pupils begin to think about moving up to the next year or starting secondary school, a time to celebrate as teachers write reports on the pupils progress during the year and an opportunity as headteacher to read and comment on all the reports and to reflect on the academic and personal development journey our pupils have been on this year.

In this term we are looking forward to a multitude of events including a whole school Sports Day, an Archery enrichment day, the Key Stage 2 children's performance of their production 'Robin Hood' and Norton's Got Talent. We have also got several trips booked to support and embed the children's learning in class.

In Star Class the children are continuing their topic on 'Living and Growing' and this half term they have some caterpillars which require looking after. Over the coming weeks the children will be watching carefully as these caterpillars change, recording and discussing the change in their appearance. The children are also excited about going on their first school trip to Lackford Lakes. Galaxy Class are looking forward to their trip to the beach where they will be able to look and record physical features of the seaside which they have studied in class. Unfortunately there will be no trip for Planet Class this half term linked to their new topic as it is *Australia*! However the children will be locating its place in the world and discovering information about its landmarks, beaches and wildlife.

Continuing the watery theme, in Comet Class, their new topic is 'Commotion in the Ocean', where the children will be learning about the 5 oceans of the world. the different layers of the ocean and the creatures that live in each layer. A trip to the Sealife Centre is also planned, with a talk from an expert. Rocket Class will be learning about deserts; where they can be found in the world and how deserts and sand dunes are formed. In Meteor Class, the children are looking forward to playing their clarinets as part of a musical performance with other schools in the local area.

This will be the last half term for our children in Supernova Class and so the term will involve transition events to their new secondary schools as well as preparing for the production when they will be taking on key acting roles. The children will also have the opportunity to work on three exciting design and technology projects : first will be investigating different load-bearing bridge structures; next, solving practical tasks using microbit mini-computers to run code; finally, testing ingredients to use in novelty flapjacks and cupcakes in order to practise our culinary skills.

As our Year 6 children prepare to leave, we welcome our new Star Class children who will be joining the school in September for some Come and Join In sessions. The current children in Star Class are really looking forward to showing the children their class and all the fun activities they can do inside and outside of the classroom.

I look forward to sharing news of the end of term production and other events in my final newsletter for this academic year.

Thank you, Mrs Sparkes



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

July 2023 Church Services and Opening times

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

2 nd	4th Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church SAINTS	Norton Pakenham
9 th	5th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton
16 th	6th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Family Communion 11am Morning Worship 6pm Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Great Ashfield Norton Tostock
23 rd	7th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Family Communion 11am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship 3pm Holy Baptism	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock Norton
30 th	8th Sunday after Trinity	10am Benefice Communion	STOWLANGTOFT

Weddings and Baptisms - Congratulations & Welcome!

It looks like the "Covid effect" has finally begun to disappear and we are very happy to be holding 3 weddings in St Andrew's this summer.

Our congratulations and prayers go to all our wedding couples: Mark and Linda, Oliver and Sarah, and Graham and Heidi.

Also we are delighted to welcome little Rufus at the end of this month as he is baptised, and we pray for him and his family.

If anyone is interested in being baptised or married in St Andrew's church, please contact Revd Katherine on the number or email above.

Confirmation

There will be a Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 15th October at Stanton when Bishop Mike, Bishop of Dunwich will be coming. 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.



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

NORTON NATURE NOTES

FIELD VOLE *Microtus agrestis*

The field vole is one of the UK's most common mammals with a population of around 75 million!

It is very common in grassland, heathland and moorland habitats, as well as arable and wooded areas. They are active day and night and spend much of their time among vegetation, so are seldom seen. Field voles are not great climbers, preferring to move along the ground through their network of well-used runs that lead to their burrows. They are herbivores and eat grass, seeds, roots, mosses and leaves. Further up the food chain, they form an extremely important part of the diet of Barn owls, as well as other predators such as kestrels and weasels.



The field vole is also known as the short-tailed vole as their tails are barely a third of the length of the body. They are about 8-13cm long including their tails which are 3-4cm long, and they weigh about 25g. Their ears hardly extend beyond the fur which is grey-brown above and pale grey below and usually less reddish than the similarly sized bank vole. Voles have blunter and rounder faces and quite small eyes which are not prominent – compared to a mouse.

They can breed throughout the year but breeding peaks in spring and summer. The nest is made on or just under the surface of the ground, often in a clump of grass. With a gestation period of around 21 days, they can breed rapidly and one female can produce as many as six litters of up to eight young in a single year. The young grow rapidly, will suckle for about twelve days and leave the nest at twenty one days, reaching sexual maturity soon afterwards. Their average lifespan is only about one year.



Did you know?

There are three voles species native to the UK: The Field Vole, the Bank Vole and the Water Vole.

A study has estimated that just under one million field voles are eaten by predators each year, with barn owls, kestrels, weasels, foxes and cats catching around 85% of those.

They have a palearctic distribution. The short-tailed vole range extends throughout Western Europe and eastwards to Lake Baikal in Siberia and north west China and northward to Norway, Sweden and Finland.

There is an Orkney Vole (*Microtus arvalis*), found only on the Orkney Islands in Scotland and the Channel Island of Guernsey. It is like the field vole, however it is deeper brown in colour and a little longer and heavier.



Norton Baptist Church

July 2023



Check the information below for our services throughout July and beyond



Summertime is most definitely here, and those warm days and long nights give us so much to be grateful for.

July sees a few changes for Norton Baptist Church services, as you can see on the table at the foot of the page.

Messy Church is taking a break and we will be starting something new after the summer, so we have an extra Café Church on the 9th July.

On the 30th July we will be celebrating our Church Anniversary – we are 189 years old this year! We will be having a short service at 12noon and then we can join together as friends and family for a Bar-B-Q. More information will be available nearer the time.

The Den continues to meet at 6:30pm-8pm every Friday during term time for any young people in school years 4-7.



Don't forget that our Summer Holiday Club – Mega Makers – will be running from the 29th August to the 1st September, so, book in now to make sure of your place.



Scan here to book in ->

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

	2 nd July	9 th July	16 th July	23 rd July	30 th July
Praise & Worship	10am		10am		
Café Church		10am			
Praise & Worship including Communion			10am		
Café Church				10am	
Anniversary Service and BBQ					12noon

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





Norton Salvation Army

Woolpit Road, Norton, IP31 3LU

What's on at the Army in July?

Sunday 2 nd	Brunch Service (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting) (Leading our Service for the morning will be " <u>Salvation Brass</u> " who are visiting our area)	10.45am
Sunday 9 th	All-Age Worship (Led by area Community Youth Worker Stuart Hendry)	11.00am
Sunday 16 th	Evening Praise (Led by Maj. Doug Askew, with Band & Choir participating)	6.00pm
Sunday 23 rd	All-Age Worship	11.00am
Sunday 30 th	All-Age Worship	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddle song (Children 0 – 4yrs - £1.00 family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 5 th	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group, free for all to attend for a chat & refreshments)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Every Thursday	Cameo Lunches (3 course meal for £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Thursday 6 th /20 th	Band Rehearsal (Anyone who enjoys brass band music is welcome to come & listen)	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Thursday 27 th	Choir Rehearsal (Please feel free to come along & join in if you like singing)	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Friday 21 st	Adult Craft Club (Enjoy an evening out along with a "Crafty Cuppa")	7.00pm – 8.30pm

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:
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We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries.

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

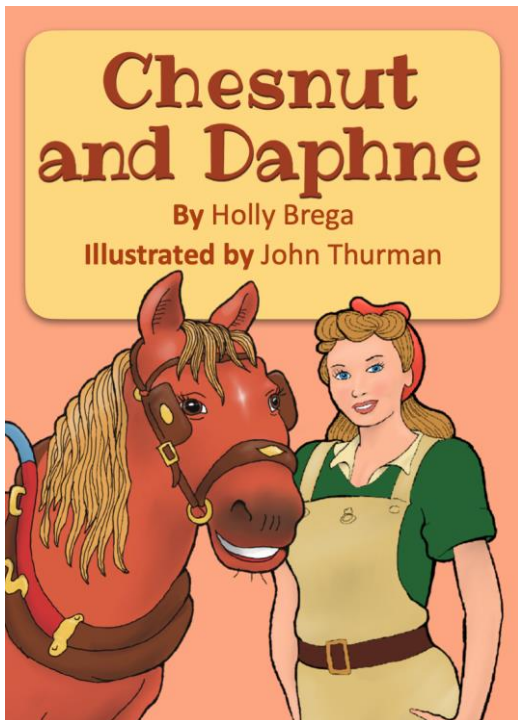
The Women's Land Army in Suffolk

It was with a high degree of anticipation that members and guests attended our May meeting for the screening of Holly Brega's new film about the vital roles played by Suffolk women during and after WW2. This being a first such film screening for our History Group, the packed audience were rewarded with a colourful and moving documentary, and Holly herself who was able to join in our discussion afterwards.

Land Army women needed many skills, some of which were taught in special centres, such as Chadacre Agricultural College and the Timber Corps at Culford. Badges were awarded for particular skills such as 'Pest Destruction Proficiency Badge', i.e. rat catching!

The lives of the women who willingly joined The Land Army were far from easy but, with the men away fighting, there were no alternatives for them but to just 'get stuck in'. The handling of animals had to be carried out with particular skill and care.

During WW2 working farm horses were still very common and, for the women assigned to land work, this meant dealing with the Suffolk Punch, a breed of ploughing horse well known for its size and sturdiness. The film fully explained how, although the Suffolk Punch had become an iconic symbol of our county, it would probably not have survived into the post war era were it not for the work of the 'Land Girls'.



Chadacre Estate

Homecoming of a 1923 Steam Traction Engine – On 2nd June, it was wonderful to see the return to the village of the beautifully restored 100-year old Wallis & Stevens traction engine, which originated in Elmswell and was used as an all-purpose vehicle for Thedwastre Rural District Council. It was then displayed at the Woolpit Steam Fair that weekend, with many thanks to the Dorset owner who was given it by his father on his 4th birthday!

Village Groups Exhibition – Saturday, 8th July, 10am-3pm, at the Wesley, School Rd, IP30 9EE.

We will be attending this Exhibition, so do come and find out what we have to offer on all things historical in East Anglia, pick up our new 2023-24 programme of talks starting on 14th September, and sample the delicious array of food and drink at the on-site café.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th May 2023

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, 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

District Councillors A. Davies and D. Bradbury.

One member of the public

1.	Mrs. Hill welcomed the new Council and reminded all of the protocol. Mr. Aket congratulated Mrs. Hill on being the first female Councillor elected as Chair of the Council.	
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. Mr. Etchells-Butler enquired about the pumps for the allotments. Mr. Walton stated these were on order and he had been in contact with the firm. - Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email 1. Email received from Tessa Mould re speeding had been followed up by Mrs. Hill. She had visited Ms. Mould and outlined speedwatch and the actions of the group. 2. Email concerning School Close road surface. Mr. Walton felt the Education Department should also contact Highways, and Mr. Aket agreed to take this to a Governors meeting. Councillor Mellen stated he had again taken this up with the Community Liaison Officer who has been reported it as a CAT3 so it seems likely that the road will receive a surface dressing. Councillor Mellen had previously enquired about yellow lines but it was questioned who would enforce it, as yellow lines were not usually put down in rural areas. Mrs. Long stated the incident had been reported to the Head and Councillor Mellen agreed to speak with Mrs. Sparkes. 3. Email from Pre-school concerning funding sources for their planned improvements. Mr. Walton agreed to speak with pre-school and inform them of places the Village Hall had sourced funding from.	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only Report from District Councillor Austin Davies. Due to the election period there was little to report on. Mr. Aket enquired how the District Councillors would organize their focus as both lived in Thurston. He felt their smaller areas and villages should not miss out. Councillor Davies said it was being decided how they would divide time and focus. Mr. Aket enquired about changes now there was a new Green Council administration at Mid Suffolk. Councillor Mellen felt there would be more listening to the communities, eg in planning matters and incorporating local views, looking into rubbish clearing, and ensuring the scheme for house insulation gets up and running, among other plans.	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To note and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd April 2023 Approval proposed by Mr. Aket and seconded by Mrs. Long. All in agreement.	

6.	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 Review of Coronation celebrations. Mr. Aket thanked everyone for the team effort in making the weekend a success. Mugs had been presented to the school children and preschool, with a few other parents requesting mugs for their children. He especially thanked Mr. and Mrs. Walton for their undertaking of the dance organization which had been a big success. Mr. Walton commented that the two fundraising games held on the dance night had raised £70 for the Village Hall and £120 for SARS, with the Twinning raising about £500 from the bar takings. He commented that the ticket sales were about £100 short of the cost of the band. The Sunday picnic was attended by about 80 people and the weather had been good. The decorated house prize had been won by Mr. and Mrs. Sadler. There were still some mugs available for purchase.	
	6.2 UK Power Network update. Mr. Walton commented that negotiations for transformer rent had been agreed at £400 pa with a three-yearly review, with a cable from the transformer to the village hall, and suggestion that the preschool is upgraded to run from the new transformer. The Council agreed to the annual £400 3-yearly review. A contract will require to be drawn up between the Council and UKPN for the lease of land for the transformer. The Clerk will enquire of SALC as to who could be approached for the Council's legal side of the contract.	Clerk
	6.3 Wildflowers Scheme. Mrs. Hill stated the areas had been seeded but were currently overgrown with grass.	Mrs. Hill
	4. Footpath walk leaflet update. No further update.	
	6.5 Road signs for Woolpit Road and Ixworth Road. This item had been raised with Mr. Etchells-Butler before the election. The Clerk will find out more details for the next meeting.	Clerk. Agenda
	6.6 Litter Problem in the village. Mr. Walton reported a large amount of rubbish had been cleared along the A1088 between the village and the bridge. Working on the A1088 workers needed to be aware of Health and Safety, so they had had a safety vehicle near them. He stated a number of the roads signs were dirty and faded.	Agenda
	6.7 Management of Facebook social media. The Clerk felt a designated person on the Council should be responsible for the Facebook page. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.	Agenda
7.	CO-OPTION 7.1 To consider co-option to the three vacancies. The Clerk will place an item in the Messenger asking for anyone interested in cooption to contact the Chair or the Clerk.	Clerk.
8.	PLANNING	
	8.1 GRANTED Land at The Rear of The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton DC/23/00781 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 finishes.	
	8.2 GRANTED Land to North Of Ashfield Road, Norton DC/23/00866 Full Planning Application - Siting a container to provide storage for agricultural equipment serving smallholding (retention of).	
	8.3 APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/23/00739 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.	

	8.4 APPEAL Land West of Suffolk House, Ixworth Road, Norton. Appeal Reference: APP/W3520/W/23/3316136. Appeal by: ASH PROPERTY PARTNERSHIP LTD Erection of 9No self-build/custom build dwellings. Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990.	
9.	FINANCE	
	9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: Clerk's salary £227.26 cheque 522505 LGA1972 s112 Street Cleaner £52.80 cheque 522506 LGA1972 s112 HMRC £76.80 cheque 522507 LGA1972 s112 Messenger, May, £351.00 cheque 522508 LGA1972 s142 MSDC Litter and dog bins emptying, £629.23 cheque 522509 Litter Act 1983,ss5,6 BHIB Insurance renewal £1411.40 cheque 522510 LGA1972 s111 Clerks & Councils Direct, subscription, £14.00 cheque 522511 LGA1972 s112 SALC membership £434.36 cheque 522512 LGA1972 s112 Vertas, grass, £332.03 cheque 522513 Public Health Act 1875 s164 SARS, printing of dance posters and tickets, £25.00 cheque 522514 LGA1972 s137 Clerk - Misc items for Coronation dance. £30.76 cheque 522515 LGA1972 s145	
	9.2 To receive and approve EOY statement for 2022-2023. Councillors reviewed and approved the EOY Statement for 22-23 presented by the Clerk.	
	9.3 To approve AGAR 1 and 2. The Clerk presented The Annual Governance Statement to Councillors, which was approved by Mr. Aket, seconded by Mrs. Long and approved by all.	
	9.4 To review and approve insurance cover. The Clerk requested the insurance summary be reviewed to ensure adequate cover in all areas. All Councillors approved BHIB's assessment and approved payment.	
	9.5 To confirm receipt of first instalment of Precept £14,500 – confirmed and noted	
	9.6 To confirm receipt of CIL payment £18,363.03 – confirmed and noted	
	9.7 To review and approve assets register 22-23. The Clerk presented the EOY assets register for approval. Noted and approved by all Councillors.	
	9.8 To receive and approve CIL expenditure statement. The Clerk presented the CIL statement for 22-23. Councillors noted and approved the statement	
	9.9 CCTV access – to review policy and confirm access users. The Clerk asked for confirmation of users following a change of Chair and Vice chair. Mrs. Hill and Mr. Lenko on behalf the Council and Mr. Walton on behalf of the Village Hall will seek training from the retired Chair on accessing the CCTV system in the Village Hall.	Mrs. Hill Mr. Lenko Mr. Walton
	9.10 Bus shelter. New Council to consider viability of bus shelter in Thurston Road. Following discussion Councillors agreed not to pursue this project for the time being.	
	9.11 To review Bank signatories and update account. The Clerk asked for a review of signatories on the account. Currently Mr. Aket and Mr. Lenko are approved signatories on the cheque book, with the Clerk as RFO as overseer of the account. Mrs. Hill agreed to become a signatory which was approved by all Councillors	
10.	STANDING ORDERS AND POLICIES	
	The Clerk had forwarded various policies and standing orders for review. Mr. Aket proposed adoption and approval of all, Mr. Lenko seconded with all in agreement. CCTV policy Data Protection Policy Environmental Statement General Privacy Notice Protocol for Public Participation in Council Meetings	Dispensation Policy Equality and Diversity Policy Health and Safety Policy Reserves Policy

	Social Media Protocol Value Added Tax Policy Contact Consent Form	Travel and Expenses Policy New Councillor Statement	
11.	SPEEDWATCH 11.1 Update on Speedwatch. Report received from Mr. Stone. He requested purchase of pedestal stand for ease of noting any car details. Mr. Walton commented on the Health and Safety aspect of a light weight pedestal close to the road liable to be knocked or blown into the road. He felt any stand needed to be heavy enough to offer stability. Mrs. Hill will liaise with Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone further stated the group had been offered an ANPR camera, free of charge, from the Police, but he would require mandate from the Council to proceed with this request. Mr. Walton proposed accepting and Mrs. Long seconded, with all Councillors very much in favour. Mr. Walton confirmed meeting with Mr. Stone to agree sites for the speedwatch signs.		
	11.2 To consider small solar SID located at Norton Little Green. Mr. Lenko asked for consideration of a SID at NLG to slow the traffic entering from the straight. He agreed to investigate prices and site for a solar powered SID. Mr. Aket commented on siting a SID down Heath Road.		Mr. Lenko
12.	VILLAGE HALL		
	12.1 Update on AGM and Project. Mr. Walton stated 4 new tenders had been received and there will shortly be a meeting with the architect and project committee to consider the new quotes. He stated they have £10,000 from Green Suffolk to go towards Solar Power battery storage. Mr. Jefferson has applied for various other pots of grant funding. Mr. Walton asked for clarification on the draw down process for the loan as some firms will require 25% before commencing.		Clerk
13.	PLAY AREAS		
	13.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. Mr. Lenko stated he had had some urgent repairs reported which he is sorting. He is also looking at equipment for disabled, as recommended in the recent inspection, such as a sunken roundabout, plus some items of adult equipment. He agreed to get suggestions and quotes for the next meeting.		Mr. Lenko
	13.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Mrs. Long commented that replacement chains are required for the swings as recommended in the inspection, plus an item of equipment for disabled children, which she agreed to investigate. Mrs. Long commented that recently a works van was being parked on the grass near the play equipment.		Mrs. Long
14.	CORRESPONDENCE		
	14.1 Mr. Burt had enquired about storage of village archive magazines, photos etc. Unfortunately, there is currently nowhere to store items at the Village Hall. It was felt when the refurbishment goes ahead room may be able to be found at that time. 1. SPS Suffolk View - noted 2. Clerks & Councils Direct – noted 3. SWT magazine – noted.		
15.	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting. None		
16.	To confirm the date of future meeting: 5 th June 2023, 7.30pm		
17.	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.27.		

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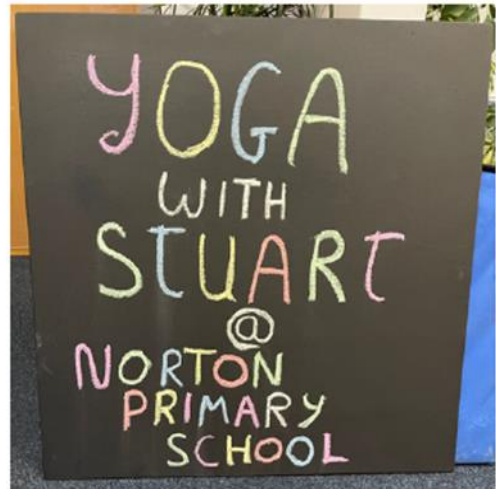
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