

the norton messenger

October 2023



EDITORIAL

Thank you to all who sent in contributions this month – I couldn't get everything in there was so much! Apologies to those of you who are disappointed not to get your photo in. We do have a new contributor with a suggested walk around Norton.

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

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



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



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Norton’s current village hall was opened in 1973, when it replaced the first hall (pictured below), erected in 1952. Today’s hall has been improved gradually, especially in the last decade (new kitchen, new toilets, new heating system [twice]). However, it is now time for a major extension to the building and for a face-lift.

People who use the hall regularly will know that the building closed on 2 October for work to begin. The chosen contractor is MS Oakes and they expect the work to take 34 weeks. The Hall management committee had hoped to keep parts of the hall open during some parts of the build but this proved to be impossible; it would be too dangerous.

Already the contractor’s accommodation has arrived on site, it is being positioned on what will eventually become extra car-parking spaces. Because the car park is such an important facility for school transport, every effort will be made to limit the impact of the work on the number of available parking spaces.



The first and a major change to the appearance of the hall will be a temporary change; a ‘top hat’ scaffold will be put over the main hall so a new roof covering can be put into place without the danger that rain would ruin the hall’s wooden floor. The old roof covering is asbestos cement sheeting; this is cold and allows free access to birds, which nest above the ceiling. The new roof will be made of insulated metal sheeting and it will be birdproof. Once the old sheet roof has been replaced, the new roof will be fitted with solar panels (some each side) to soften the impact of future rises in the price of electricity.



After the roof has been replaced the builders will begin work to extend the hall. The new elevation is shown on the plan above. The added space will provide extra small rooms for hire, a small kitchen and changing rooms that can be used in association with either the playing/sports field or the stage.

Norton CEVC Primary School
School Close Norton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3LZ
Headteacher Mrs Lisa Sparkes
01359 230520 www.norton.suffolk.sch.uk



I write this article having completed our first full week of the Autumn term with the six weeks summer holiday all but a distant memory.

Every year it surprises me how quickly our new reception children settle into school life. It is lovely to visit the classroom and to see them exploring the area, sharing information beginning to make and build on friendships. They have already become familiar with the routines of lunch, playtimes and assemblies. We have a very exciting project happening in Early Years this year where we are hoping to redesign the outdoor area, replacing the canopy and creating some fun outdoor spaces.

In Year 1, the children's first topic is 'Home Sweet Home'. During the topic the children will be looking at different types of homes as well as comparing their home to houses in the past. A walk around the village is also planned so that the children can look at different features of homes and share their learning, so please say hello if you see them in the village. We welcome Mrs Diggins to Norton School and she is now the teacher in Year 2. The topic for Year 2 this term is Castles and the children will be learning about the different features of a castle as well as finding out who would have lived in one.

Year 3 will be learning about the early humans that existed in Britain and looking at the changes that occurred through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. A trip to Gallowfields Wood is planned where the children will build dens, light fires and go gathering like Early Man. In Year 4, the children have started their topic on 'Groovy Greeks'. The children have already begun to look at the different Greek Gods and a visit from 'History Off The Page' is planned for later on in the term.

As Geographers, in Year 5 the children will be exploring our planet and how plate tectonics have shaped the world in which we live. They will investigate the formation of mountains, & the facts behind volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. In the Autumn term the children also have the opportunity to go swimming and to build on their swimming skills from last year.

In a year in which we prepare our Year 6 children for secondary school, transition events have already begun with the children taking part in a Team Building Activities with other local primary schools. The children are also excited about their residential trip to Bawdsey Manor.

It is at the start of the year that we begin to get all our committees up and running. These committees allow the pupils at Norton to have a voice and it is really insightful when they share ideas on how we can make Norton better, raise awareness on issues specific to the school community or address wider issues in the world.

We have also planned that each half term the pupils will experience an enrichment activity and this term it will be Hip Hop Dancing and Ice Hockey.

I look forward to sharing news from Norton in the coming months.

Best Wishes Mrs Sparkes



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

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www.achurchnearyou.com

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

October 2023 Church Services and Opening times

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

1 st	17th Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church HARVEST	Norton Pakenham
8 th	18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham
15 th	19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Family Communion 11am Morning Worship 6pm Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Great Ashfield Norton Tostock
22 nd	20th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Family Communion 11am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock
29 th	All Saints Sunday	10am Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Mike 3pm Memorial Service 4pm Memorial Service 5pm Memorial Service	Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield

MEMORIAL SERVICES - 29TH OCTOBER 2023 Come and light a candle for your loved one

All Saints' Day is on the 1st November and this time of year is traditionally the season when we remember and give thanks for the lives of those we have loved who have died. As in previous years we will be holding Memorial and Thanksgiving Services across the benefice. During the services names will be read out and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of each person, whether named or remembered in silence. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

All Memorial Service dates and times are:

St Mary's Pakenham 3pm (Stowlangtoft names will also be read at this service)

St Andrew's Norton 4pm (Tostock names will also be read at this service)

All Saints Great Ashfield 5pm (Hunston names will also be read at this service)

We will be sending invitations to the families of those for whom we have conducted funerals during the last two years. **However, all are welcome to come no matter how long ago you were bereaved.** In that case please let us know if you would like us to include your loved one's name/s in the service. Please contact Revd. Katherine Valentine with details (01359 235095).

(NB these memorial services are not to be confused with the Remembrance Service on November 13th when we remember those who died and suffered in war).

Bishop Mike's visit 29th October 10am at Great Ashfield

We are very pleased to welcome Bishop Mike to our Benefice service this month. He is coming especially to see and dedicate the work that has been done in the church to open up the chancel and make it more suitable for use by the whole community. Everyone is welcome to come and join in and see the work that has been done. It has made a real difference!



Norton Baptist Church

October 2023

Check the information below for our services throughout October and beyond



Norton Baptist Church



Autumn is most definitely with us as the leaves change colour and the harvest is brought in from the fields. Thank you to all who supported our Harvest Service at the end of September – all of your donations will be passed on to a local Food Bank for distribution to those in need in and around our communities.

We will be hosting our annual “Light Station” outside the church on the evening of October 31st with all the usual activities, food, fun and Hot Chocolate!!

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



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

Our Sunday services continue throughout October with our doors open from 10am when tea/coffee will be available for everyone, and the services will start at 10:30am.

The Den meets on Friday evenings at 6:30pm and is open to anyone in school years 4-7.

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

Keep an eye out for news of our other events throughout the month – everything is posted on our Facebook page.

	1 st Oct	8 th Oct	15 th Oct	22 nd Oct	29 th Oct
Praise and Worship	10am				
Explore Together		10am			
Praise and Worship			10am		
Café Church				10am	

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

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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 October?

Sunday 1st	Breakfast Church	(Led by former officers Majors Kevin & Catherine Rand)	10.45am
Sunday 8 th	Morning Worship	(Led by Majors Doug & Glenys Askew)	11.00am
Sunday 15 th	Evening Praise	(Led by Beverley Robilliard)	6.00pm
Sunday 22 nd	Morning Worship	(Led by Stuart Hendry Community Youth Engagement Worker)	11.00am
Sunday 29 th	Morning Worship	(Led by Andrew & Gillian High)	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddle song	(Children 0 – 4yrs - £1.00 family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 2nd	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
Tuesday 24 th	Half-Term Drop in (new venture)	Aimed for ages 11- 16. Come & go as you please. Pool/Snooker: Table Tennis: Computer Games & more available Soft drinks & snacks available at a small cost	10.30am – 2.30pm
Friday 27th	Adult Craft Club	(Enjoy an evening out along with like minded folk)	7.00pm – 8.30pm
<u>Saturday 4th November:</u>	Don't miss our SALE 10.00am – 1.00pm. Christmas Gifts: Jigsaw Puzzles: Books: Cake Stall:		
Refreshments			



THE SALVATION ARMY
WOOLPIT ROAD, NORTON

SALE

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
10.00am – 1.00pm



JIGSAW PUZZLES



CHRISTMAS GIFTS



BOOKS



CAKE STALL
(VARIOUS CAKES & PASTRIES)

Tea/Coffee/Squash & Refreshments available

REGISTERED CHARITY & CHURCH NO. 214779 AND SCOTLAND SC009359

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 anyone is interested in coming along to Band or Choir rehearsal please contact either email below

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

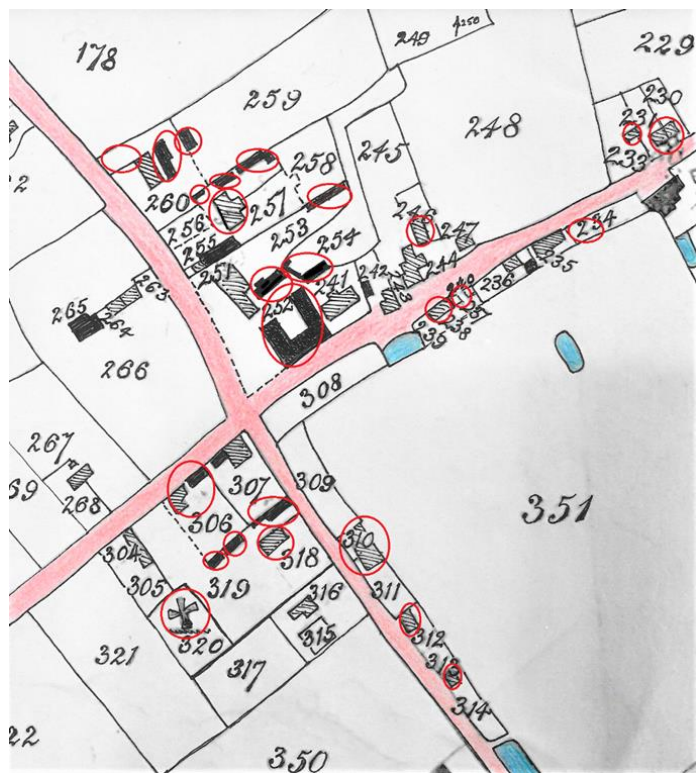
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We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries.

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DOWN OUR STREET

This month I am looking at the 1841 Tithe Map with reference to the change in the housing around the 'Dog Crossroads' area. The red circles around dwellings (hatched) and outbuildings and workplaces (solid black), show all the buildings which have been demolished since then. Although on a slightly different alignment, I have copied an aerial view from Google, to cover the same area. The map numbers refer to the tithe apportionment book, which shows the names of owners and tenants and amount of tithe payable to the Rector for that field or property.



251 The Dog. 235 Old School. 241 Maltings Cottage. 242 Maple Cottage. 243 Pond Cottage with the pond opposite (now part of the garden of Bracknell). 244 The Old Bakery. 247 Trevelyn House. 315 and 316 The Baptist Chapel and Manse. 307 Heathercroft. 304 Panya House. 268 Corell Cottage. 264 Suffolk House. 260 Marley House. 320 one of the village's windmills. (School Close & Plumbers Arms Close are recent additions.)

Woolpit Road. **Photo 1** showing 315 Chapel, 316 Manse, Pub clubhouse and 318 Old Plumber's Arms.



Photo 2 shows L-R, Plumber's Arms, 310 & 311 White house, 312 Dark timber clad house and 313 timber clad bungalow.



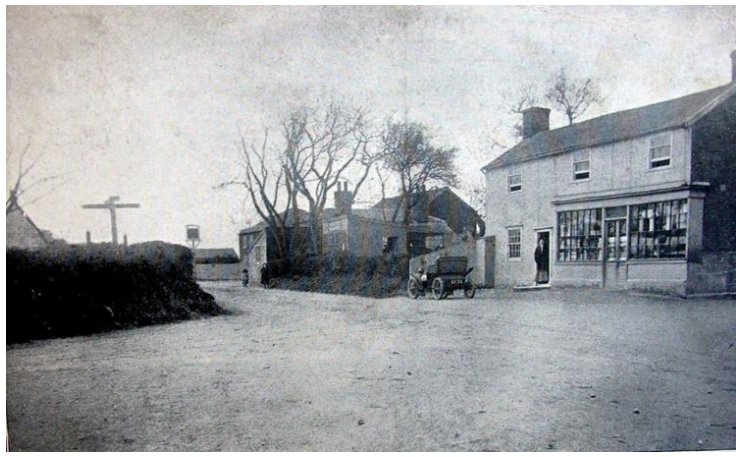


Photo 3 & 4. Dog Corner. 307 Heathercroft to right and Edgar Potter's bike shop behind car. Heath Road, 306, now demolished, can be seen behind Heathercroft.



Photo 5. Heath Road with 238 Corell Cottage. **Photo 6.** 251 The Norton Dog. 252 Dog Maltings (to the right) demolished and now part of the beer garden.



Above left. Ixworth Road. 257 The Old Forge, recently demolished. **Right.** 260 Marley House (with the village post office and store which was demolished to build Phoenix House).



The Street. Looking to Dog Corner. 234 Rose Cottage. 235 Old school. 236 Bridge House.



Photo 1. L-R. 231 & 230. George Farm. 234 Rose Cottage. 235 Old School.

Photo 2. 241 Maltings Cottage. 242 Maple Cottage. 243 Pond Cottage. 244 Old Bakery. 247 Trevelyn House. 231 & 230.

Photo 3. Reading Room. Fence in front of pond. 238 Cottage (demolished). 236 Bridge House with 235 School, behind.



NORTON TRAILS BY ALICE WINSTANLEY

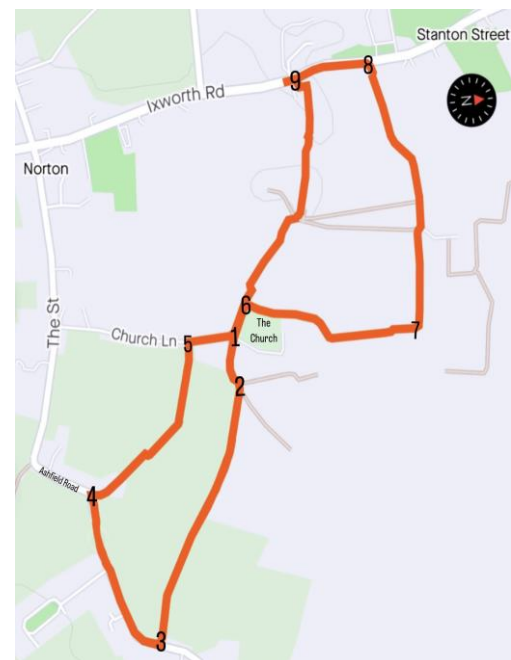
Going outside once a week does wonders for both our mental and physical health. A very commonly known fact. And, as like many other quintessential English villages, we are surrounded by an abundance of nature all around us. So, as Autumn and blackberries arrive, here is one countryside-based walk around Norton.

Distance: 4km Estimated walk time: 50 minutes

Discipline: walking/running

Terrain: mainly grassy/dusty fields with a few pavements/roads Not suitable for bikes as there are footpaths included

1. Begin at the church. This walk has two 2km loops going from the church. Starting in the church car park, with the church on your left, walk across the small lawn and straightforward through a sheltered pathway.
2. When you emerge onto the field, bear right and follow the ascending path until you get to Ashfield road.
3. Turn right off the road and continue past Wood Plight and Prospect Road on your left.
4. Just after Honeywood Grove on your right, before the bend in the road, turn right down the sheltered footpath.
5. After emerging from the footpath, walk down the centre of the field, and go right along the descending Church Lane until you reach the church.
6. With the church on your right, wrap around the right-hand side of the church until you pass over the small lawn and through a gap in the trees over a footbridge. Follow the footpath on the left-hand side of the field.
7. Follow the footpath around the field and up a hill until you reach the horse paddock. Turn right and then immediately left, and head down Hall's Lane. Follow this road until you re-emerge onto Ixworth Road.
8. Staying on the left pavement, walk around 50m before reaching a gap in the bushes, which leads onto a footpath.
9. Adhering to the route, cross a bridge and follow the pathway. On reaching a junction, walk straight ahead into a sheltered pathway and continue on the footpath until you reach the church.



PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr.A. Aket, Mr. R. Lenko, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr. J. Morgan, Mrs. T. Long,
Mr. G. Walton, Mr. N. Winstanley. Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk) LGA 1972 s12 para 40
County Councillor A. Mellen
District Councillor D. Bradbury
One member of the public

APOLOGIES:

Mr. J. Bolus.
The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.
District Councillor A. Davies.

1.	Mrs. Hill welcomed all and reminded all of the protocol.	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests a) Declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 - none b)Declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none c) To receive requests for dispensations.	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM —to receive reports for information - Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance Mr. Stone wished to update the Council on Speedwatch data. The Chair invited discussion now rather than wait until later in the meeting and Councillors agreed. Mr. Stone stated over 6000 vehicles had been reported speeding through the village with the main problem being at the Ixworth end of the village. 10 volunteers are in the Speedwatch team which helps with the requirement to have a minimum of 3 members on each session. Norton is at the top of the villages in terms of speedwatch activity. He stated a vehicle had been reported to the Police as it had been speeding and then deliberately swerved towards the team. The Police had issued a section 59 notice to the driver stating any further action of this type could result in the vehicle being impounded and crushed. A new site had been agreed by the Police at Rookery Drive. A number of speedwatch signs were up and more have been requested from the Police. He has requested use of two ANPR cameras and is awaiting an update. He commented on the camera van located at Woolpit, Wetherden and Haughley which has been employed by Highways, which he is investigating. Mr. Stone asked the Council to produce a strategy to reduce speeding over the long term, working with the County Council with the evidence he has and to find out what further help can be given. Councillor Mellen stated speeding was a problem throughout the area, but it was difficult to get speed reduction measure put in place. Mrs. Hill mentioned the request for a 40mph limit between Stowlangtoft and Norton to reduce the speed of vehicles coming into the village but this had been rejected by Highways. Mr. Stone felt the 40mph limit was supported by his data for the pond in Woolpit Road as opposed to Ixworth Road. Mrs. Long mentioned a 20mph speed limit along The Street at the School, but the Clerk reminded this had been asked for on a number of occasions but had been rejected. Councillor Mellen commented that the “20 is plenty” scheme is voluntary but the 20mph enforced speed was only in place in a couple of areas as a trial. He stated Woolpit and Elmswell were trying to get 20mph in places but this required surveys and specific criteria. Councillor Mellen stated he was keen on road safety and could certainly approach 20mph again but the County policy was difficult to get through. Councillor Mellen stated a proposed motion by his group for lowering speed limits on rural road where it was clear a lower speed limit than 60mph would be appropriate, safer, reduce accidents and make roads safer was voted down by the SCC administration. Mr. Aket proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Stone for his excellent work with Speedwatch and his detailed reports. - Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email Mr Lenko stated there had been a report of an incident on 26 June, involving two cars in the car park. This had clearly shown on the CCTV but there had been a problem downloading it. He felt the equipment would need resetting after the village hall improvements.	Agenda
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen Mr. Lenko enquired about Pylon routes, but was informed this was a National Grid issue. MSDC had expressed a view for an offshore grid but this is under consultation and a number of years away. Mr. Aket asked about the Annual Report concerning children in Care and in particular the “Watch your Words” campaign. Councillor Mellen stated that as a number of children coming out of Care often had special needs this was to ensure the language used with them was appropriate. Mr. Aket asked about the Suffolk Libraries being run by the Industrial and Provident Society Ltd. Councillor Mellen stated this organization tendered for and ran the libraries on behalf of the Council but as the contract was coming to an end this would be reviewed. When asked he was unsure if Libraries would eventually return to being Local Authority run.	10

	Councillor Mellen confirmed he had allocated £1500 of his Locality Budget to Norton for a SID in Ashfield Road. •Report from District Councillors Austin Davies and David Bradbury – noted.	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To note and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd July 2023. Mr. Lenko proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Long, with all in agreement.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 UK Power Network update. Mr. Walton stated this was progressing well with the Council's Solicitor, Birketts. He stated he had requested a change of source of power for the Village Hall and Preschool from the post transformer in the field to underground. There will be a pot ended cable to the village hall for the possibility of car charging points in the future. There will eventually be paperwork requiring signature by the Council. Mr. Aket proposed that the Chair should sign the paperwork on behalf of the Council, seconded by Professor Jaggard. The Council RESOLVED that Mrs. Hill would act as signatory.	Mr Walton Clerk
	6.2 Water pump for allotments. Mr. Walton confirmed the two diaphragm pumps were in and working.	
	6.3 Wildflowers Scheme. Mrs. Hill stated there would be a meeting with Richard Parmee to view the current area. She also reported the incident of the child who had fallen on the rope which she had dealt with.	Mrs Hill
	6.4 Footpath walk leaflet update - ongoing	
	6.5 Management of Facebook social media. The Clerk reminded that Mr. Walker had set up a Council FB page. Mrs. Hill agreed to ask Ms. Paris if she would be willing to manage this for the Council.	Mrs. Hill
	6. Bus service update – no update	Mrs. Hill
	6.7 To review Messenger. Mr. Aket commented about the lack of news from the village, but it was stated people needed to submit items to the editor, which is not happening. Mr. Morgan felt The Messenger was a good production and he personally was very interested in the Elmswell information, and he thanked the Editor for her hard work. Mr. Winstanley stated his daughter (age 14) had come up with a number of ideas to enhance The Messenger. Mr. Walton stated he had asked the archaeological dig to produce an article for the Messenger.	Mr.Winstanley
	6.7 D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024. Mr. Aket felt the Churches of the village should be asked if a service is planned.	Clerk
	6.8 Update on SID for Ashfield Road. Mr. Lenko stated he required a new pole for the SID and all equipment is in his garage waiting for the work to be undertaken.	
7	PLANNING	
	7.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - 1- 5 King George Close, Norton. Erection of 5no. garden sheds. DC/23/03134 The Council approved the application. Mr. Walton asked for the Council to consider asking the contractor to donate to a village registered charity for the use of the car park during the construction.	Mr. Walton
	7.2 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION York House, Ixworth Road, Norton. Erection of two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing extension). - DC/23/03161 The Council approved the application.	
	7.3 APPLICATION GRANTED 8 Woods Pightle, Norton. Householder Application - Conversion of one bay of existing double garage to create playroom. DC/23/02857	
8.	FINANCE	
	8.1 To approve the following accounts awaiting payment Clerk's salary £227.26 cheque no 522530 HMRC £56.60 cheque no 522531 Messenger, August, £345.00 cheque no 522532 Robert Lenko (Harry Stebbings) £245.76 cheque no 522533 Vertas, grass, £332.03, cheque no 522534 Westcotec, SID, £4434.00 cheque no 522535 Legend Services, pumps, £740.07 cheque no 522536 Playdale, Orbit deposit, £7366.60 cheque no 522537 Playdale Final instalment for gates £2525.88 cheque no 522537 Playdale, Cradle seat and delivery £116.00 Cheque no 522537 R. Lenko, pole caps from Sinclair and Rush £26.14 Cheque 522538 Norton Parish Council (cheque to open Lloyds account) £25,000 cheque no 522539	LGA1972 s112 LGA1972 s112 LGA1972 s142 Highways Act 1980 s274A Public Health Act 1875 s164 Highways Act 1980 s274A Public Health Act 1936 s125 Public Health Act 1875 s164 Public Health Act 1875 s164 Public Health Act 1875 s164 Highways Act 1980 s274A Local Government Act 1972 s111

	8.2 To approve mandate change for Santander account. The Clerk informed there needed to be an update of signatures, to add Mrs. Hill to a new signature, Mr. Sadler to be removed, and the existing signatures of Mr. Lenko, Mr. Aket and Mrs. Rowland as administrator to remain. Mr. Lenko proposed, Prof. Jaggard seconded. The Council RESOLVED to approve and enact the changes to the account.	Clerk
	8.3 To receive, review and adopt draft banking internet policy. The Clerk had circulated a draft policy for discussion. Prof. Jaggard suggested amendments, so the Clerk will redraft and recirculate for formal adoption at the next meeting.	Clerk
	8.4 To receive AIAR and Internal Audit Report. The Council noted both reports and RESOLVED to accept.	
	8.5 To approve Internal Control Report. Following a meeting between the Clerk and Mr. Lenko the Internal Control was undertaken and the Report circulated to all Councillors. The Council RESOLVED to formally adopt the Report.	
	8.6 To receive and approve Clerk's Terms and Conditions of employment. Following a meeting between Mr. Lenko and the Clerk a draft T&C of Employment had been drawn up using a template from SALC and following investigation of other Councils advertised vacancies. This had been circulated to all Councillors. Mr. Lenko proposed formal acceptance, seconded by Prof. Jaggard. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the T&C of employment.	
	8.7 To consider Coronation Commemoration plaque. Mr. Walton agreed to obtain further details on the Isleham plaque and to bring to the next meeting.	Mr. Walton
	8.8 To receive budget statement. The Clerk had circulated a budget statement which was approved by the Council.	
	8.9 The Clerk confirmed receipt of Street cleansing grant for £307.39 for the period April – June 2023.	
	8.10 To receive quote for new step ladder for village hall. Mr. Walton felt this item should be deferred as the Village Hall project nears commencement.	
9.	SPEEDWATCH	
	9.1 Update on Speedwatch – see item Public Forum. Mr. Walton agreed to speak to Dr. Mason about designing a sign more relevant to Norton, as a moveable pop up sign to remind about reducing speed.	Mr. Walton
	9.2 Update on solar SID in Heath Road. Following a meeting with Mr. Lenko and Mr. Aket a location has been identified subject to Highways agreement. Mr. Aket will ask the neighbouring property if they are agreeable to the siting of a sign.	Mr. Lenko Mr. Aket
10	VILLAGE HALL	
	10.1 Update on joint Village Hall/Parish Council project subcommittee meeting. Following a subcommittee meeting with the architect and constructors, the subcommittee recommended to accept the quote from M.S. Oakes. The Council formally RESOLVED to award the contract to M.S. Oakes. Contracts will now be exchanged and will require formal signature from the Parish Council and village hall. After discussion Mr. Aket proposed Mrs. Hill should act as the Council's signatory, Mr. Lenko seconded. The Council RESOLVED for the Chair, Mrs. Hill, to act on behalf of the Council. Mr. Walton stated the first stage of the work would involve the car park extension, so that the building materials, site hut, etc could be stored.	
	10.2 New Green Thurston had extended their agreement to allow Norton's current users to use the facilities at their current charge for Norton.	
	10.3 The Clerk confirmed that all paperwork to claim part of the loan had been submitted and the first part of £100,000 should be received at the end of the week.	
11	PLAY AREAS	
	11.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. Mr. Lenko stated the Orbit should be installed around 12 th September.	
	11.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Mrs. Long stated the cradle seat and chains need replacing with more bark underneath. Mr. Lenko will order the items when in contact with Playdale and he agreed to speak with Mr. Millyard about bark under the swings.	Mrs. Long Mr. Lenko

12	CORRESPONDENCE	
	12.1 Hybrid Facility for Mid Suffolk Planning Committee Meetings - noted	
	12.2 Walsham le Willows Parish Council e-newsletter – July 2023 - noted	
	12.3 A14 Haughley to Tothill reconstruction scheme – July 2023 newsletter - noted	
	12.4 BMSDC Pride in Your Place Funding – Noted.	
	12.5 Elmswell change to settlement boundary – noted.	
13	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	13.1 Mr. Morgan stated he had received comment about dogs on the playing field particularly off lead. He wondered if the information needed to be updated to make it clearer that dogs should be on a lead on the field, and were not allowed in the play area.	
	13.2 Mr. Winstanley commented on the information received from MSDC about self builds.	
	13.3 Mr. Walton commented on the state of some roads in Norton, ie Church Lane and School Close	
	13.4. Mr. Walton stated the dog bin at the Church is well used and constantly overflowing. The Clerk agreed to cost a larger bin for the next meeting.	Clerk
	13.5 Mr. Walton commented whether the Pride in your Place from MSDC could be promoted as “Pride in Norton”, i.e. clean road signs in your area or clear litter in your area as a small group.	Mr. Walton
	13.6 Mr. Walton stated the street Cleaner had been missed in the village. The Clerk stated that currently Mr. Mayhew had been unwell and awaiting a Hospital appointment	
	13.7 Mr. Walton commented on the Web Site. The Clerk stated this was up date with new information put on and with the help of the provider she had managed to update items that were incorrect. All the Messengers were also on the web.	
	13.8 Mr. Aket enquired if there had been an uptake on the management of the Planters in the village. As the Clerk had not received any interest, Mr. Walton agreed to ask a person he felt might be willing to take this on.	
	13.9 The Clerk felt a review of all risk assessment should be undertaken and will attempt to forward current ones held with a view to add additional assessments as required.	Clerk
14	To confirm the date of future meeting: 4 th September 2023, 7.30pm	
15	There being no further matters the meeting closed at 21.26.	

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