

Norbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A Evans, Cllr K Stubbs, Cllr P Turnock, Cllr S Ellis, Cllr A Palmer, Cllr P Turnock, Cllr P Rushton, Jayne Cooper (Clerk) and Borough Councillor S Spencer

1. To receive any apologies

Received from Cllr Marginson

2. To receive a report from the Clerk and Chair

At the annual meeting, Cllr Evans was elected Chair and Cllr Turnock elected Vice Chair. Six parish council meetings were held during the year as well as a parish meeting.

During the council year, 5 planning applications were considered and responses sent to the relevant Case Officers at Stafford Borough Council.

The Parish Council welcomed representation from Norbury Park at the September 2024 meeting to hear about forthcoming proposals for a new marina. The February meeting was attended by approximately 90 residents to comment on the planning application for the new marina. The Parish Council noted the comments raised by residents and advised those present to make their representations to the Borough Council.

Highways defects are reported at every council meeting and details sent to Staffordshire County Council. Reports were made frequently to Streetscene to clear fly tipping or debris on pavements. Blocked drains are also regularly reported.

Donations were awarded to First Responders, Katharine House Hospice, Royal British Legion, The Samaritans and to the Parish Magazine to help with printing costs. A donation to the Village Hall to help finance tree maintenance was also agreed.

The Council was represented at the Remembrance Sunday service in November 2024.

Grass cutting at the village hall, church, around the war memorial and phone box is managed using a local contractor.

Civic Amenity Visits are arranged twice per year. The second visit during 2024/25 was very well used and appreciation expressed by many parishioners using it.

The Council accepted the need to make changes to the Parish Council's website and councillor email addresses to adhere to recommendations.

Finances are monitored and audited at the end of the financial year. VAT is reclaimed and adequate insurance is in place. An annual budget is agreed as well as the precept for the following year.

3. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

There was no County Councillor present.

The Borough Councillor reported on issues within the planning department. He reported briefly on the plans for a unitary authority in Staffordshire and how work on the Local Plan had been paused whilst changes are being made which unfortunately means settlement boundaries carry less weight. This led to a brief discussion about Neighborhood Plans and whether Norbury Parish Council should consider this. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

4. Reports from Village Groups

There were no reports to present.

The meeting closed at 8pm