

Norbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Norbury Parish Council held on 19th March 2025 at 7pm in Norbury Village Hall

Present: Cllrs A Evans, K Stubbs, P Turnock, P Rushton, S Ellis, P Rushton, A Palmer, W Marginson

Member of the public: Will Smith

Stafford Borough Council's website.

1 To receive apologies

Jayne Cooper – Parish Clerk, Scott Spencer - Borough Councillor

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2025

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

4 To consider any matters arising.

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

5 To receive the Chair reports

There were no matters to report.

6 To consider any planning applications

- a) **25/40322/HOU** Single storey extension of Old Mill House, Barn Lane, Weston Jones. No objections were made.
- b) **Norbury Wharf** – representations have been made over frequent overnight hook ups of motorhomes/caravans at Norbury Wharf. This could be a material change of use and questions need to be asked whether this requires a license. It was agreed to raise the issue with the planning department and environmental health. There could be issues with access for emergency services, specifically fire engines.
- c) **24/39904/FUL** Update on proposal for 80-berth marina. The committee thanked Cllr Stacey Ellis for her detailed report on the planning application (Appendix 1). Cllr Ellis reported that she has had many requests to her for a consultation meeting with Norbury Park Estate. She confirmed that the Clerk had emailed Steve Spencer, Estate Director, but he had emailed to say “our view is that a local consultation will be most meaningful when we actually get to the point of needing to put together a detailed

construction traffic management plan..... keen to hear people's views and to do what we reasonably can to reduce the inconvenience." It was agreed we would ask again for a consultation meeting with the village and Norbury Park Estate. Cllr Ellis feels the general view is that the village is being treated with contempt and villagers had reminded her that when the Bifor (Birmingham University Forestry) project was being proposed, Prof. Jo Bradwell came to the Village Hall to explain what was proposed, and why was this not happening now?

7 To consider any finance matters

It was agreed to pay the following:

- a) Clerk's salary was approved at £730 payable now, and would rise to £1550 per annum
- b) Donations :
 - Katharine House £200
 - Royal British Legion £30
 - Samaritans £60
 - Church Magazine £160
 - First Responders £60

8 To discuss any matters requiring attending in the parish

- a) Seat replacement – it was decided there was no requirement for a bench in the War Memorial Garden and a seat would be given to the Church.
 - b) War Memorial Gate - this has been replaced and is passable but should look at a new one within one year
 - c) Speed limit in village – it was agreed to email Mark Winnington regarding the need to reinforce the 30 mile limit through the village.
 - d) HGV's in Middle Lane – the signage is missing reminding lorries that Middle Lane is not suitable for larger lorries – mainly because they are unable to make the turn left safely towards Norbury Junction.
 - e) Potholes – numerous ones in Middle Lane. It was noted that there had been some patching in Grub Street and white outlining around some potholes. Watching brief and chase after next meeting.
 - f) Village Hall external works – agreed to contact Rob Keyzor asking for a quotation to fell and remove the red oak tree by the hall kitchen door and to prune the trees round the car park. Cllr Evans to do this. Once this has been done a working party to be organised to tidy car park/garden areas. Damaged brick pillar to be repaired, roof tiles to be replaced where necessary. Hedgehog signs to be acquired.
- It was noted that there are many mole hills on the field – Cllr Evans to organise mole man so that the field can be mowed without damaging the machine.

9 Other matters

Agreed to organise a village BBQ/get together for 1st June or thereabouts. Cllr Stubbs to apply for a bar licence

10 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 23rd April or 30th April (subject to Jayne Cooper being available) 7.30 p.m.