

**Minutes of the Meeting of Norbury Parish Council
Held on 24th September 2025 7.30pm at Norbury Village Hall**

Present: Cllr A Evans (in the Chair), Cllr K Stubbs, Cllr P Rushton, Cllr W Marginson, Cllr P Turnock, Cllr A Palmer and Scott Spencer (Borough Councillor)

1 To receive any apologies for absence.

Jayne Cooper – Parish Clerk

2 To record any Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Ellis declared an interest regarding the Village Hall/Parish Field

3 To receive the minutes last meeting of council, held on 25th June 2025

The minutes of parish meeting were approved.

4 To consider any Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- Peter Turnock raised the possibility of planting daffodil bulbs on the bank at the layby in the village and possibly crocus. The suggestion is to do one half this year and the remainder next year. Cllr Stubbs said to be aware of telephone cable fairly near the surface. Cost for 20kg approx. £50. It was agreed to go ahead on this.
- BiFor lorry - the arrangement is that it does not go through the village until 8 a.m. At present it is driving through at 7.15 a.m. Cllr Evans to email Kris Hart at BiFor. Some lorries (which are very heavy and shake the cottages) are driving too fast. Long term if this continues is to write to Stafford Borough Council.
- Cllr Scott Spencer had been approached regarding the field entrance behind the new house near Rectory Corner. Cllr Stubbs said this was an existing entrance but has been tidied up as house sold and occupied and has granite setts placed to stop gravel creeping into the road.

5 To deal with any planning matters

24/39904/FUL Land east of Shropshire Union Canal.

Discussion followed on “suitable clay” - report says not bringing in external materials - Scott Spencer will read newest report as committee members not convinced report confirms that clay suitability is okay or sufficient.

Traffic management plan. The committee was shown a photo on Cllr Ellis’ phone. Shows large vehicle (Green Chem) unable to get past parked transit van delivering in the village of Norbury. Council concerned this is a sign that the road infrastructure not suitable for this size of development.

Committee decided to reach out to Stafford MP Leigh Ingham and invite her to the village.

Stafford Borough Plan- old one for Norbury canal basin says “no development” and under the new plan which has not been adopted, this canal development is “in breach.” Under policy 22 Circa A1 (not been passed yet) - states appropriate scale to its locality and requires adequate infrastructure. Cllr Ellis to provide the committee with further information.

Discussion on a new road from the proposed Marina to the A519 (High Bridge area) and mention of working hours weekdays 7 – 7 and Saturday until 6p.m. Committee very much in favour of this option.

Decision to write to Stafford Borough Council confirming that Norbury Parish Council, after consideration, is standing by its original decision stating that there has been no consideration for safety regulations and controls which is a legal necessity under planning law.

Suggestion as condition of planning – cars parked at Norbury Junction on the left hand side of the road – must be allowed to park in the new Marina or at boatyard **IF** it is approved.

Cllr Ellis and Cllr Evans to arrange to meet to write to Leigh Ingham MP and Stafford Borough Council planning department.

6 To deal with finances

To approve any outstanding invoices

The following invoices were approved:

- JWH Ground Maintenance, £160 Grass cutting in June
- Scott Spencer, £81 for materials for work on war memorial

7 Matters requiring attention in the Parish

Formal request from Forton Parish Council to merge with Norbury. The Chair read out letter from Acting Chair Steve Spencer from Forton Parish. Norbury Parish council has not changed its view as it has no greater resources and also has a Clerk who is leaving. Cllr Evans to write to Forton Parish Council.

8 Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025 - 3pm

Cllr Ellis reminded the committee that there is a service at the church at 3p.m following by laying the wreath at the war memorial.

Shelmore Valley – trees are overhanging the road. Canal and River Trust have done some work but they have not cut high enough. It is a safety issue. Agreed to contact the Staffordshire Highways department.

War Memorial – sweet chestnut that has previously been coppiced by Western Power has roots that are growing through the stone wall. Discussion followed. Agreed it needs cutting down and the root weed killing. Cllr Stubbs to look to see if this could be done by the committee or if it should be carried out professionally. Cllr Stubbs agreed to take micro digger to the War Memorial to scrape back overgrowth of ivy.

Layby – also a tree growing into the wires. Cllr Evans to contact National Grid to ask them to view the tree to decide if they could prune it.

Defibrillator Training Course. Cllr Evans to ask Gnosall Parish Council who they use.

Public Footpaths. Footpath from High Meadow that goes behind the houses. It is

overgrown and blocked in places. It was agreed to contact Jeremy Pert – Councillor for Eccleshall who is championing footpaths. Cllr Evans to ring Stafford BC to enquire about availability of finger posts so that those missing can be replaced.

Muddy pavements and weeds in gutters
These need to be reported to Stafford Borough Council.

Dog Fouling signs
Stafford Borough Council – we should request 6 to replace those missing or faded.

Additional items

Agreed to contact High Offley Parish Council or Adbaston Parish Council to ask their Clerk if they would be interested in clerking for Norbury.

Missing signs – 30 mile per hr missing one side of Pinfold Lane. No Through Road sign missing on Church Lane. Millennium Stone plaque at Loynton – looking to find original wording to get this replaced.

To confirm the date of the next meeting

26th November 2025 at 7 p.m.