

# NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 6.30pm at Normanton Town Hall

- Present:
- Councillor E Blezard
  - Councillor A Bones – Mayor
  - Councillor T Goodwin (Item 56 onwards)
  - Councillor S Hudson
  - Councillor M Jennings
  - Councillor H Jones
  - Councillor B Mayne
  - Councillor P Mayne
  - Councillor J Medford
  - Councillor T Morgan – Deputy Mayor
  - Councillor C Parsons
  - Councillor J Pritchard
  - Councillor M Rowley
  - Councillor A Samuels
  - Councillor D South
  - Councillor K Wilson, JP
- Donna Johnston – Town Clerk & RFO  
Reverend Alan Murray – Mayors Chaplain
- District Councillor A Khan  
District Councillor D Wilton
- Absent:
- Councillor C Appleyard
  - Councillor F Marchant
  - Councillor P Marchant
  - Councillor L Masterman
  - Councillor P Sampson
  - Councillor R Seal

### 046. Prayers.

The Mayors Chaplain led the Council in prayers.

Members observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to former Councillor David Appleyard who had recently passed away.

- 047. To receive announcements from the Mayor.**  
The Mayor reported that she had attended events at South Kirkby, Featherstone and Morley and reminded members about Party @ Haw Hill Park which was due to take place at the weekend.
- 048. To receive apologies for absence.**  
RESOLVED that apologies for absence be recorded on behalf of Councillors C Appleyard, F Marchant, P Marchant, L Masterman, P Sampson and R Seal.
- 049. To receive members declarations of interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest recorded.
- 050. To receive questions and comments from members of the public.**  
There were no members of the public present to ask questions.
- 051. To receive and sign the minutes of a meeting of Normanton Town Council.**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of Normanton Town Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Minute Numbers 028-045; Pages 11-16) be received as a true record and signed by the Mayor.
- 052. To receive the minutes of a meeting of the Allotments Committee.**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Allotments Committee held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Minute Numbers 01-016; Pages 1-8) be received.
- 053. To receive the minutes of a meeting of the Events Committee.**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Events Committee held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Minute Numbers 001-009; Pages 1-4) be received.
- 054. To receive the minutes of a meeting of the Property Committee.**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Property Committee held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Minute Numbers 001-020; Pages 1-4) be received.
- 055. To Co-Opt a Councillor for the Altofts Ward.**  
RESOLVED that Tracey Goodwin be co-opted as a Councillor for the Altofts Ward of Normanton Town Council.

Councillor T Goodwin signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took part in the meeting from item 56 onwards.

**056. To receive reports from District Councillors.**

Councillor A Khan for Normanton Number 10 Ward reported on the following issues:

- Traffic calming on Wakefield Road – proposals are being put forward and there will be a public consultation.
- Shop Radios – there have been issues with the contract and the Police are not moving forward with the scheme.

Councillor D Wilton for Normanton Number 10 Ward reported on the following issues:

- Park Pond – testing has been carried out on the water and the results are awaited.

Councillor J Pritchard for Altofts Number 3 Ward reported on the following issues:

- Water leak at High Green Road – Nighttime technician attending to locate the leak. The matter would be escalated if no response was provided within 7 days.
- Telephone mast at Illingworth Avenue – Raised with enforcement.
- Boundary Commission review – It was reported that the LGBCE supported the proposal put forward by the Altofts & Whitwood members and rejected the Council's proposal to move part of Altofts to the Normanton ward. The boundary between Altofts & Whitwood and Normanton Wards has been modified so that it follows the railway line as opposed to the Ashfield Beck.
- Station Road planning application is listed for 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**057. To receive a report from the Town Clerk.**

The Town Clerk reported on the following issues:

- Town Hall Damp Issues – Response awaited from the landlord.
- Hanging Basket locations – 78 columns have been tested and 2 are now due to be tested in 2025.
- Civic Sunday – Thank you to everyone who attended. A total of £323.20 was raised for the Mayors Appeal.
- Party @ Haw Hill Park – information had been circulated to Councillors.
- Register of Interests – all Councillors to ensure that their ROI form is up to date.

**058. To receive updates from members who attend external organisations.**

There were no reports from external organisations.

**059. To receive notes of the PACT meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

RESOLVED that the notes of the PACT meeting be received.

**060. To receive updates from Council representatives on Outside Bodies.**

It was reported that the Freeston Foundation are continuing to work on the development of the Pingle Field for social housing.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

**061. To receive an update from the Welbeck Liaison Group.**

RESOLVED that the update from the Welbeck Liaison Group be received.

**062. To consider the traffic calming proposals for Wakefield Road.**

Members indicated that they were disappointed with the proposals but accepted that it was a starting point and other improvements could follow in the future.

Members felt that the speed bumps would not be as effective as chicanes or speed indicator devices.

It was suggested that the junction at the Hark to Mopsey should be squared off to ensure that vehicles slow down on the approach to the turning.

RESOLVED that the comments above be referred back to the District Councillors.

**063. To consider the Boundary Commission review of the wards in the Wakefield area.**

RESOLVED that no comments be submitted to the consultation.

**064. To consider the list of invoices due for payment in July 2024.**

RESOLVED that the list of invoices due for payment in July 2024 totalling £14,880.20 (12,479.34 + £2,400.86 VAT) be approved.

A copy of the list of invoices due for payment can be found at Appendix 1.

**065. To receive the list of payments made between meetings.**

RESOLVED that the list of payments made between meetings totalling £14,661.35 (£14,155.20 + £506.15 VAT) and Direct Debits totalling £4,525.35 (£4,264.21 + £261.14 VAT) be received.

A copy of the list of payments made between meetings can be found at Appendix 2.

**066. To receive the Bank Reconciliation for May 2024.**

RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for May 2024 showing a cash balance of £336,964.56 be received.

**067. To consider the planning applications from Wakefield Council.**

RESOLVED that the planning lists be received, and no comments be submitted.

[Validated Applications - 18.06.2024.pdf](#)

[Validated Applications - 24.06.2024.pdf](#)

[Validated Applications - 01.07.2024.pdf](#)

[Validated Applications - 08.07.2024.pdf](#)

RESOLVED that Councillor M Jennings be appointed as the Town Councils representative to speak at the Planning Committee Meeting against the planning application for 408 homes at Station Road, Altofts.

In the absence of any further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.