NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes attend the Meeting of the Parish Council on **Tuesday 17th 2026** commencing at 7 p.m. **at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, Norton Canes** which the business set out below will be transacted.

Present: Cllrs. J Preece (Chairman), D Pickin (Vice Chairman), D Bilbie, J Hill, J Bridgen, B Farbrother, T Wilson, K Fereday, R Wilkinson, A Kirk, M holder, C Bickley, S Thompson

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk Ginetta Adams
MP Josh Newbury

4 Members of the public

Public Participation – 30 Minutes.

No Public Participation

Minute Reference	Item	Agenda Item
2026-01	**1**	**Apologies** To receive any apologies that may be forthcoming. **None**
2026-02	**2**	**Declarations of Interests** To note any declarations of interests **None**
2026-03	**3**	**Minutes and Matters Arising from the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2025.** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2025. **Requested to add Cllr A Kirks Apologies** **Proposed Cllr D Bilbie** **Seconded Cllr B Farbrother** **Resolved by unanimous vote.**
2026-04	**4**	**Police Report** Police reports (query from the last full council meeting) - our contact confirmed that the PCC has requested that these reports are no longer provided. Some information, although limited, can be viewed on their website https://police.uk/ They will no longer attend meetings or provide reports but will check in with the office from time to time. Any issues should be reported to 101, but we can still contact/email suki with specific issues. **The Clerk advised that the local PCSO Suki will be visiting the office on a regular bases to advise of any issues, she will also be arranging surgeries at**

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		the office for members of the public to attend to raise concerns, Cllr B Farbrother requested notice of when these will be.
2026-05	**5**	**Clerks Report** To receive a report from the Clerk. **The Clerk read through the report – nothing to note.**
	6	**Reports From Committees**
2026-06	**6a**	**Planning** To consider planning applications/decisions (summary attached) **Ref CH/25/0352 – Concerns were raised regarding the parking facilities; it was advised that Highways will be rejecting this application for this reason.** **Ref CH/25/360 this is viewed by councillors as a liveable building and not a workshop, there will be a request for a planning officer to visit the site.**
2026-07	**6b**	**Projects** To consider any matters relating to ongoing projects. **There will be a meeting to discuss 2026 projects.**
2026-08	**6c**	**Audit and Governance** To consider matters arising 1. To agree budget/precept as details in Cllr M Holders Report. 2. To agree A&G Committee to look into new banking options. **Cllr M Holder read through both reports. He explained the budget of £167k and the plans to use income and funds from other areas to bring the precept down to £139k. He also discussed Cllr B Fairbrother's report and the need revise the banking system; he asked councillors to vote on both reports as a whole which was agreed.** **Proposed Cllr D Bilbie** **Seconded Cllr A Kirk** **Resolved by unanimous vote.**
2026-09	**7**	**Reports from Councillors** To receive any reports from Councillors. **Walsall Road / Chapel Street – Company vans and cars are parking on the traffic calming road markings and blocking the view – Clerk to email Highways and the company that the vans belong to.** **Jerome Primary School – The public bin is full of residents rubbish – The Clerk to add an article regarding fly tipping to the Newsletter.** **Washbrook Lane – there has been some tree felling in the waterlogged areas – the Clerk to contact Highways regarding this.** **Bettys Lane – There is a company blocking cars and vans making access difficult – the Clerk to email company and Highways to try and remedy.** **Washbrook Lane – There is still water funning down the lane, it was advised that we need some dry weather to ascertain if there is still a leak or if this is just due to the extensive rain that we have had.** **Norton Canes Library – Saturday 13th June is the 10-year anniversary of the library being run by the community volunteers, they will be holding a small celebration and extended the invite to all councillors.**
2026-10	**8**	**New Cemetery** To receive any updates. <u>Cemetery update: From Cemetery Working Group:</u> 1. Opening dates to be agreed, based on consultants sign off date of 29 September 2026 – as long as no issues remaining (October?) Final site visit scheduled for 9 Sept 11.30.

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		Council agreed to opening the Cemetery end of September – Beginning of October. 2. Does the Council want a formal opening event? And what would that entail? **Council have agreed that there be a formal opening event of the Cemetery to all faiths and religions.** 3. New layout to be agreed with cadent – (layout can be changed) **Resolved by unanimous vote to agree items 1,2 and 3, The Clerk to action.**
2026-11	**9**	**Highways** To receive an update. **It was advised that the reporting on MyStaffs App, The Clerk advised that she would promote this in the Newsletter.**
2026-12	**10**	**Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence** To note any incoming and outgoing correspondence. **None to report.**
2026-13	**11**	**Authorisation of Accounts** To authorise accounts for attached schedule. **Proposed Cllr D Bilbie** **Seconded Cllr R Williamson** **Resolved by unanimous vote to approve the authorisation of accounts.**
2026-14	**12**	**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7pm at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, Norton Canes.**

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