

Nawton Parish Council
Draft Minutes for the Meeting held at Kristan Pavilion
on Monday 19th February 2024

Chair	John Windress
Vice chair	Debbie Swift
Councillors	Steph Collier, Russ Dickinson, Sam Jones
Apologies	Lorraine Hugill, Michael Jackson
Clerk	Elaine Woods

552 Agenda

The agenda for the meeting had been displayed on the Nawton Parish Council notice board since 8th February and also on the website.

553 Parishioner presentation

Four parishioners attended to discuss items in email received from parishioner plus other items. These discussions are noted in item **559**.

554 Minutes of council meeting of 19th January 2024

The Chair agreed the minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2024

The Chair signed the minutes and the Clerk added them to the minute book

555 Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

556 Actions from the last meeting

556.1 The Clerk's timesheet was approved and signed by the Chair.

556.2 Monthly inspection of Council owned land

All Council Land was inspected. The weather conditions were taken into account. Weather conditions were variable.

556.3 Play equipment in Beckett Recreation Ground

Concerns over the condition of some of the equipment have been raised. Clerk to find out when equipment was last inspected.

The treasurer of BRG confirms that the equipment is inspected regularly and complies with insurance requirements, but he is unsure of the date of the last inspection by a national body. The trustees are due to meet to discuss the future of the play equipment due to concerns over rising costs and insurance requirements. Clerk to contact the treasurer offering to send a representative from the Parish Council to the next Trustee meeting. Treasurer has said they are waiting for a date from someone who has offered them guidance about the

equipment and questioned why we want to attend. The Secretary confirmed broken equipment has been made unusable and will be removed. Agreed to continue waiting. Notice received of AGM on 20th February. Representatives from the Council are attending and will report back.

556.4 A170 turning

Following concerns over safety due to car parking at the corner of Station Road/A170, Clerk contacted Council about the feasibility of double yellow lines to restrict parking at the junction. Highways requested more information and photos if possible. Councillors to supply Clerk with photos. Councillors noted vehicles are parking further away from the junction and agreed not to pursue this for the moment.

556.5 Car parking generally in the village and specifically around the primary school has been raised as a concern by a Councillor. Highways requested more information and photos if possible. Councillors to supply Clerk with photos. A parishioner stated the owner of the Rose and Crown had been approached about using the car park at drop off and pick up times to ease the parking issue surrounding the school. A Councillor's mother is keen to take up the post of lolly pop lady to help children cross the road to school.

556.6 A proposal has been received from a member of the public regarding renting **Nawton Tip**. Member of the public is looking into the viability of renting the Tip, filling it in and eventually landscaping it for the benefit of the general public. Member of public is investigating feasibility. Environment agency are setting traps to safeguard wildlife; traps show no issues with wildlife. MOP is continuing enquiries into feasibility. Chair will contact Environment agency too. Councillors are happy for investigations to proceed but aware of potential issues around safety, dumping and general management. Councillors also discussed need to secure site with fencing and lockable gates. Further risk assessments are being done by the member of the public.

556.7 The condition of **Nawton bus shelter** was raised by a Councillor. Two Councillors volunteered to clean the site and would welcome members of the public too. Waiting for better weather. It was noted that the tree will also need pruning.

556.8 Parish notice board. Signage for the top of the board needs confirming. Confirmed by Clerk. Clerk chased: it is ready, just waiting for better weather.

556.9 Notice of withdrawal of provision of the **Council hosted website** 31st March 2025. Not an immediate concern but Councillors recognised need to start investigating costs. Two emails have been received from people able to help with a new website. Clerk to forward emails to Councillors.

556.10 Pot holes near Kirkdale Lodge in Highfield Lane.

Chair has spoken to Highways department and a job number has been given.
Clerk to report pot holes in Gale Lane too.

557 Planning

558 Finance

Payment of £221.09 to Elaine Woods January salary+ stationery and Ink
Income of £375 Community Infrastructure Levy received from Council

559 Items for discussion and to be added to the agenda

Urban highway grass cutting

Email received from NYC costing grass cutting service for verges. Clerk to contact NYC to find out how costs were calculated.

Letter received from parishioner:

Sweeping pavements and tidying edges of verges

Chair confirmed NYC have allocated a job number to this and agreed gullies are not cleaned enough. Parishioners pressed the point that some paths are dangerous and that water keeps flooding down the Howl. Various solutions were discussed including asking landowners to dig trenches. Chair pointed out that the council have cleared the drains and that the Howl is a shared responsibility with Beadlam.

Litter around the village

Chair advised caution in approaching issue without evidence but did agree to looking into supplying more bins so long as Highways agree to empty them. Parishioners suggested using the newsletter to raise awareness or leafleting parishioners.

Reducing the speed of traffic

Police surveys show the average speed through the village is 28MPH and therefore no further action is needed

Use of woods at Snape Hill

Parishioner questioned whether owners could be approached about re-opening the woods to the public. Chair confirmed this is the owner's choice as the land is private.

559.1 Other Parishioner Presentations:

Laser Readings Across Village

Parishioner questioned whether the recent activity is connected to the Local Plan and whether the Council is still opposed to further

development. Councillors confirmed they are opposed and that they have no knowledge of the purpose of these readings. Parishioners suggested development in terms of a new access road to Gale Lane behind Birklands might be beneficial to the school and the spa in terms of road safety and to ease congestion in Gale Lane. Chair to speak to Councillor Jabbour about proposals.

Phone Box

Parishioners questioned whether this has been decommissioned yet. SJ confirmed the phone still had a ring tone in December.

Footpath outside school

Parishioners raised concerns about the state of the path and the overhanging trees and brambles. Clerk to contact school.

Next meeting 18th March 2024