NORTON NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Norton Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 8 May.

Richard Page was re-elected Chairman and Anne Marie Delaney re-elected Vice-Chairman. Other appointments were: Jeremy Phelps as Snow Warden and Sarah Clifford as Flood Warden. Richard presented his Chairman's Annual Report for the year 2023/2024. A copy has been posted on the parish council's website (https://nortonparish.com) for parishioners' information..

The outline planning application to build up to 35 houses on land at Cold Elm, with a vehicular access onto the A38, has not yet been considered by Tewkesbury's Planning Committee. We understand this is because of ongoing discussions between the applicant and the County Council's Highways department over the proposed vehicular access.

UPDATE ON OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

As reported last month, the Parish Council has submitted a robust objection to the proposal to build 42 houses on land between Lock's Paddock and Walnut Gardens. A copy of the objection submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council has been posted on the parish council's website and may be viewed at https://nortonparish.com. The application is still being considered by the planners and has not yet been submitted to Tewkesbury's Planning Committee for a decision.

The Parish Council understands that Centaur Land have submitted a planning application to build 46 houses, comprising phase 2 of the Lime Close development, on land off Wainlode Lane. Tewkesbury Borough Council hasn't sent the application to the Parish Council for comment yet, so details are scarce. Any news about this application will be posted on the parish council's website.

DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT COLD ELM

A revised outline application for the erection of up to 35 houses on land between Cold Elm Cottage and The Teachers has been received by the Parish Council who will be holding an extraordinary Council meeting to discuss the proposals. Plans for this development were orginally submitted late last year, when the Parish Council and a large number of local residents objected. These plans have now been amended to address objections made by the Highway Authority to the proposed access onto the A38.

This revised application proposes to close the existing vehicular access to the village from the A38 and replace it with a new access located adjacent to Cold Elm Cottage which will serve the development and also accommodate village traffic. There are also some proposed changes to the landscaping of the site. The revised outline application and plans showing the access proposals may be inspected on the planning section of Tewkesbury Borough Council's website under reference 23/01003/OUT.

Severn Trent have objected to this development on the grounds that "the flow (of surface water from the site) may create or exacerbate flooding" in the area.

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Down Hatherley, Norton and Twigworth Neighbourhood Development Plan contains key rules which apply to a wide range of planning matters in these three parishes, but the NDP is nearly five years old and therefore should be reviewed and updated where appropriate. This is a complex legal process involving a public consultation. Led by Norton's Chairman, the parishes and Tewkesbury Borough Council are currently discussing the best way to proceed

ADULT GYM EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA

Following responses to the public consultation in last month's Norton News, the Parish Council has decided not to purchase adult gym equipment. Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation.

NORTON VILLAGE SIGN FOR WAINLODE LANE

Two years ago, the Parish Council erected "Welcome to Norton" signs displaying the parish church at the entrances to the village on the A38. The Parish Council has now decided to erect an identical sign on the village boundary at Wainlode Lane, below the Red Lion Inn. The sign will be placed near to the bridge over the River Chelt in a position to be agreed with the Highway Authority.

VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Changes are afoot at the Village Hall. Users of the hall will have noticed that new lighting (with energy-saving bulbs) has been installed in both the main hall and committee room - but there's more to come!

In the next few weeks the main hall, committee room and kitchen will be re-decorated and the front of the hall landscaped, to include decorative gravel, raised sleeper beds with seasonal flowers, and bench seating. Repairs to the roof and guttering are in hand, plus landscaping of the bank fronting the car park to accommodate the height barrier. Plans are also being finalised for the renovation of the toilets and improvements to the heating system, including a new boiler.

Next month's Norton News will contain a progress report on these improvement works..

NORTON CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Norton Church are holding a Coffee Morning at the church on Wednesday 19th June, 10:30am - 12:00. There will be a bring and buy table.

Everyone is welcome.

NORTON NURTURING NATURE

While the main area of the village green and herb tubs continue to be maintained by local residents who volunteer, there has been a considerable positive developments in the two wild flower patches and around the bench, the pond and on the island where the moorhens and ducks are nesting again. In the wildflower areas it is rewarding to see a broad range of native wild flowers and grasses developing and with this an increase in bee and insect life feasting on the cowslips, bluebells, vetch and dead nettles etc. A few snakes head fritilaries and wild tulips were spotted earlier in the year and it only goes to demonstrate the value to nature of leaving some areas of grass uncut and planting some local wild flowers. Maybe if every village public space/gardens/ mono culture lawn allowed for some areas to go wild and for the dandelions to flower then the bees etc would have more food to feed on.

The rich, verdant wild flower patch on the village green featuring Vetch, Bluebells and Dead Nettles which the bees love.





BURGERS, BAR AND QUIZ FUNDRAISER FOR NORTON VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

Fundraiser for Norton Village Hall: Quiz Night with Burgers and Pop-up Bar from British Polo Gin. Wednesday 12th June - burgers and bar from 15:30 and quiz across the event!

We are delighted to announce that the Norton Village Hall Committee will be holding their third, monthly quiz and burger event on Wednesday 12th June in the Hall to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall.

A principal aim for the evening is inclusivity. To this end, there will be two separate quizzes running concurrently, one for adults and one for children, so please do bring your children straight from school! Similarly, we will run without a quiz master so you can fill in your quiz sheet at a time to suit you between 15:30 and 21:00. There are new bench tables at the front of the village hall for those who want to soak up the sun whilst enjoying a refreshing ice-cold pint!

British Polo Gin will be cooking up their delicious free range Jesse Smith beef burgers, along with veggie burgers and sausages, baguettes and homemade salads from 15:30 to approximately 20:15. The burgers can be enjoyed before, during and after the quiz or simply ordered as a takeaway. Prices start at £5. There will also be a full service bar featuring draft lager, organic wines, organic G&Ts and soft drinks for from 15:30 to 21:00. We want to establish this quiz and pop up food offering as a regular event to raise funds for the Village Hall - so do come on down and check it out!

You are more than welcome to arrive on the day, but it would be helpful if you could register your interest in advance. For further information, or to register your interest, please contact Rich at British Polo Gin on richard@britishpologin.co.uk / 01452730770.







USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

https://nortonparish.com
https://seventowers.org.uk
nortoncouncil@gmail.com
Norton History
NHS 111
Police Non-Emergency number : 101
Norton Village Hall Website

Did you know there is a Norton branch of Neighbourhood Watch?

With over 100 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact. Please email to join: christine1williams@btinternet.com

There is a Regular Collection of donations for the Gloucester Food Bank at St Mary's in Priors Norton. Please drop any food or toiletry items every other Wednesday morning.