# Norton News

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## Parish Council's Annual Meeting

At its Annual Meeting held on 14 May, the Parish Council re-elected Richard Page as Chairman and Anne Marie Delaney as Vice-Chairman.

In his Annual Report on the activities of the Council, Richard thanked a number of residents who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make parish affairs run smoothly. These included Sarah Clifford, the parish's Flood Warden, and Jeremy Phelps, the Snow Warden. (Jeremy has now taken on both roles.) The volunteers who run the Village Hall and are overseeing big improvements to the building were also given a special vote of thanks.

A copy of the Annual Report has been posted on the Parish Council's website - nortonparish.gov.uk - for residents' information

## Littering and Litter-Picking

Concerns were expressed at the Council meeting about the amount of litter in the village. Everyone who walks, cycles or drives through the village is urged to remember the Countryside Code which says that:

*"All litter is unsightly. Glass, tins and plastic bags can be dangerous to people, livestock and wildlife. Keep the countryside clean by taking home your own litter and any you may find."*

We live in an attractive village in a picturesque county and it's up to all of us to help keep it that way.

## Tewkesbury Borough Council's New Approach to Grassland Maintenance

The Borough Council have announced that they will no longer cut highway verges on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council and in future will only be responsible for maintaining their own land. Instead, the County Council will be using their contractors to carry out grassland and highway verge maintenance in the Borough. This change will also allow the County Council to introduce wild flowers in some areas to help increase biodiversity.

At this time of year, particularly when cow parsley is at its height, drivers may find visibility reduced at junctions. Any visibility problems in the parish should be reported to the Parish Council on clerk@nortonparish.gov.uk so that the HIghway Authority can be informed.

## Speeding on Wainlode Lane and Old Tewkesbury Road

Councillors discussed the increasing number of speeding vehicles on village roads, particularly on Wainlode Lane and on Old Tewkesbury Road approaching the school. The Parish Council agreed to investigate the feasibility of installing vehicle-activated speed awareness signs at key points in the parish. The Chairman will also be discussing other traffic calming options with the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.

## Outstanding Planning Applications for New Housing

Residents have been asking what's happened with the planning applications for new houses at Lime Close, Brookelands Farm and Lock's Paddock which were submitted last year. In each case the Parish Council objected to the proposed development. These are all significant proposals and the Parish Council understands that the applications are still being considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Department, with no current plans for them to be referred to the Borough's Planning Committee for a decision.

The Parish Council is monitoring the situation and residents will by kept informed via the Norton News and updates on the Council's website – see:

nortonparish.gov.uk.

## Watering of Village Hall Planters - Volunteers Needed

Last year, three large wooden planters were stationed outside the front of the village hall, which have since been planted up by children from Norton's primary school. However, these are new plants which need regular watering, especially during the summer. As the school will be breaking up soon, volunteers are needed to keep the plants watered during the summer holidays.

Anyone prepared to help is asked to email rfnpage@yahoo.co.uk with details of when they might be available so that a rota can be prepared.

## Redundant Road Works Signs

Have you noticed that plastic cones and metal signs for road works are still in place months after the work was finished? If you answered "yes", you'll be pleased to hear that Tewkesbury Borough Council have set up a task force to collect and re-cycle all these unwanted signs and cones. Hopefully that will include the road works sign on the A38 opposite the New Dawn Inn!




**Useful Links and Contacts**
https://nortonparish.com
https://severntowers.org.uk
nortoncouncil@gmail.com
Norton History
NHS 111
Police Non-Emergency Number 101
Norton Village Hall Website
Norton Village Hall Bookings

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

GLOUCESTER FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

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.