Norton News

July 2025 Edition

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Next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting of Norton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

High on the agenda is the consideration of 34 revised plans and new documents relating to the proposed development of 45 houses on land at Brookelands Farm, adjacent to the A38. Come along to the meeting and have your say before the Parish Council debates the new proposals.

Lime Close housing development

Centaur Land has submitted a number of revised plans for phase 2 of this housing development. Two of these plans include new footpath links from the proposed development which are shown crossing the parish's playing fields to the Village Hall and the school.

The parish council is concerned about the proposed creation of these footpath links for a number of reasons, including:

- maintaining security of the playing fields and the MUGA,
- the likelihood of increased dog fouling of the playing pitches, particularly those used by the school. (Dog walkers are currently forbidden to use the playing fields for that very reason.)
- using the field as a footpath and shortcut to the school and the Village Hall would potentially create a public right of way over time, which could restrict the community's future use of the playing fields.

The parish council has therefore objected to the creation of these proposed footpath links and has requested Tewkesbury Borough Council to add this objection to those already submitted by the council. A copy of this latest objection has been posted on the parish council's website.

(There's still no indication of when the Borough Council intend to make a decision on the Lime Close planning application.)

Red Lion Caravan and Camping Site

Partly in order to address alleged breaches of planning control on the site, the site owners have submitted an application for a lawful development certificate, in order to approve the use of the site as a mixed holiday and residential caravan site.

The site has 84 approved caravan pitches. Consequently, the parish council is concerned that any change from just holiday caravans to a mixture of holiday and residential caravans might lead to a significant number of those caravans becoming permanent residential homes - impacting on the local infrastructure and increasing the amount of traffic on Wainlode Lane.

The parish council is therefore objecting to this application and a copy of their submission will be posted on the parish council's website shortly.

If you haven't commented on the proposals and wish to do so - it's not too late! Go to Tewkesbury Borough Council's website and select the "Planning" section. Click on the "Commenting on planning applications" box and follow the links to leave your comments. You'll need to quote the planning application reference, which is: 25/00369/CLE.

Speeding concerns in the village

After taking advice from Gloucestershire Police, the parish council is actively discussing traffic calming methods with the County Council - with the aim of reducing speeding through the village - especially on Wainlode Lane.

More news on this subject in the next edition of Norton News.

And finally...

Norton News requires a new editor. Could it be you?

I am moving out of the village at the end of April and feel that the editor of the Norton News ought to be a resident of the village.

It’s not a difficult job, typically requiring less than an hour each month. You will require a computer but that’s all; the software I use is free, although you are free to use whatever you like of course.

If you are interested please email me at:

brad@netizensmith.org.uk

and I will provide further details.

NORTON, LEIGH & DISTRICT

75TH HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Wine, Preserves & Cakes

Norton Village Hall
Saturday 9 August 2025

Doors open 2.30pm

Free Admission



Why don't you give it a go? -

to obtain a Schedule, please email nortonleighhorticshow@gmail.com

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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.