

the norton messenger

June 2025



EDITORIAL

Thanks to David Moland who sent me a selection of photos for this month's Messenger – much appreciated.

I have also had various people email to suggest different types of article we might include in the Messenger, such as a letters page. I am very happy to include any of these, so send in the material you would like to see published to the Messenger to the address below by the 15th of the previous month.

Best wishes, Diana



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NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

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MONDAY	6.00pm - 6.45pm 7.00pm - 7.45pm	Paracise Jo's Fit4All
TUESDAY	9.30am - 10.30am	Serenity Yoga
	10.45am - 11.45am	Silver Swans Over-55s Ballet Class
	7.15pm - 9.15pm	Song Circle Ladies' Choir
WEDNESDAY	5.15pm - 6.00pm	Dancing Sparkes Children's Dancing Class
	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Zumba
THURSDAY	9.30am - 10.30am 7.00pm - 8.00pm	SupaStrikers (ages 2-4) Rockfit with Bliss
FRIDAY	9.15am - 10.15am 10.45am - 11.45 am	Zumba Fitness with Yvonne

For further details please contact: nortonvhbookings@gmail.com



NORTON BOOK GROUP

The Norton Book Group was started by Helen Taylor about six years ago and currently consists of 12 members. Each month we meet and discuss a couple of books that we take turns choosing. We also share snacks and drinks and discuss other topics of interest. The last couple of years we have collected donations for The Children’s Literacy Charity. Helen picked this charity as it is fitting for a group of voracious readers.

This year The Norton Dog agreed to have a fundraiser quiz night for our charity and together we raised the fantastic sum of £325. The Charity sent us a lovely thank you certificate which we have given to The Norton Dog and would like to show to The Messenger readers.





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I'm writing this article with just a week to go before we break for half term. It has certainly been a busy few weeks at school, with a residential trip, an educational visit, and a storyteller who came in to talk to our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils about preparing for a VE Day Party.

In **Star Class**, our topic this term is *Living and Growing*. We currently have a mini garden centre set up in the outdoor area, and the children are becoming experts at planting and explaining what plants need to grow. Later this term, they are looking forward to a trip to Bradfield Woods, where they will have the opportunity to expand and share their knowledge further.

In **Year 1**, the topic is *Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside*, with a trip planned for the second half of term. The children are exploring various aspects of seaside life, including entertainment, bathing machines, travel, and clothing. I've already had the pleasure of seeing the children re-enact traditional Punch and Judy shows—what a delight!

Year 2 are learning about *Transport Through the Ages*. The children have been comparing modes of transport from the past with those we use today. They will also be learning about significant figures in the world of transport, considering who has had the biggest impact on our lives. They've enjoyed reading a range of books linked to this theme.

Year 3 recently had a fascinating visit to Cambridge Mosque. The children were struck by its beauty and splendour. They also had the opportunity to showcase what they've learned throughout the year in their Class Assembly, which featured songs, facts, and reflections on their learning.

In **Year 4**, the children have just returned from their first residential trip to Vauxhall Farm. Although they only stayed one night, they managed to pack in an impressive amount of fun and adventure! This half term, their topic is *Rivers*, and they've been learning about how rivers form and the journey they take. In the coming weeks, they'll be visiting the Blackbourn River to observe and identify key geographical features.

Year 5 are studying *Marvellous Mexico*. While there isn't a trip planned, the children will be learning about the country's physical and human geography. As part of their art work, they will explore the figurative sculptures of Alberto Giacometti and Antony Gormley, and experiment with collage in the style of Jeannie Baker.

This half term, **Year 6** have been working hard in preparation for SATs week. With just one test remaining at the time of writing, I am incredibly proud of the effort, determination, and positive attitude shown by every single pupil. (I think a bit of cake helped too!). The children also had fun creating and then making their own soft toy in Design and Technology. Many of the children persevered with their sewing techniques, with the results being well worth the frustration at times.

The children have also represented the school in several sporting events. We recently sent teams to compete in the Under 9 and Under 11 Tennis competitions. In both events, the children gave their best and were fantastic at encouraging and supporting one another.

On **Sunday 11 May 2025**, *The Norton Bold Adventurers*—a team made up of staff from Norton CEVC Primary School—took on the **Norfolk Coast Mighty Hike** to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Sadly, as a school and a village community, we have seen first-hand the impact a cancer diagnosis can have on our friends and families. On **Friday 9 May**, the School Council organised a *Green Day* to show the children's support. Pupils were invited to wear something green, echoing the colour of the Macmillan shirts worn by staff during the hike. At the time of writing, *The Bold Adventurers* have raised an incredible **£8,000** for this very worthy cause.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sparkes



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

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June 2025 Church Services

Open daily for visitors and private prayer. St Andrew's Norton services are highlighted below.

1 st	7 th Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Waiting	Norton Pakenham
8 th	Pentecost	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11.00am Family Communion 4pm United Pentecost Service and Picnic with Salvation Army Band	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton Village Playing Field
15 th	Trinity Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion 6pm Evening Prayer and Praise	Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield Tostock
22 nd	1 st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Great Ashfield Hunston Tostock Norton
29 th	St Peter and St Paul	10am Benefice Communion	Stowlangtoft

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Last month we were delighted to welcome the UEA's Claire Jowitt to hear her fascinating and detailed talk, "The Last Voyage of the Gloucester: Norfolk's Royal Shipwreck, 1682". Carrying the heir to the English throne, James Duke of York, this royal ship ran aground and sank off the Norfolk coast, the wreck having been discovered by two brothers and remained a closely kept secret until now. Although the Duke himself and most of his royal entourage were saved, many other lives were tragically lost.



Claire explored the causes of the disaster, how history might have changed if Prince James had perished, and why it matters historically, as well as showing some of the amazing artefacts which have been recovered from the wreck site. The UEA researchers are continuing to unearth the mysteries behind the ship's tragic end, to reveal the lives of those on board, build a clearer picture of 17th-century society and tell stories of corruption, political intrigue, gossip, scapegoating and class. It is hoped that this on-going project (lead by The Gloucester 1682 Trust) will eventually result in a permanent exhibition in East Anglia for everyone to learn about this significant event in local and national history.

Our next meeting at the Wesley Hall (IP30 9EE) will be on Thursday **12th June**, starting at 7pm with our AGM, immediately followed at 7.30pm with Neil Instrall's talk on the "**MIDDY Railway (Mid-Suffolk Light Railway)**".



This will take us through the trials and tribulations of the Middy which was planned to run from Haughley to Halesworth, opening for freight trains in 1904 and for passengers in 1908, but closed in 1953. Do join us then (everyone welcome, including non-members) to learn much more about this railway history from a local enthusiast.

For further information about our History Group, please visit our website – www.elmswell-history.org.uk – or contact our Secretary, on 01359-242601



Norton Salvation Army

What's on at the Army in June?

Sunday 1 st	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting)	10.45am
Sunday 8 th	Morning Worship (Welcome to Cadet Joshua Clark)	11.00am
Sunday 8 th	Churches Together "Pentecost Praise" (Norton Recreation Meadow)	4.00pm
Sunday 15 th	Evening Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 22 nd	Morning Worship	11.00am
Sunday 29 th	Morning Worship	11.00am
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Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddlesong (Children 0-4yrs £1 per family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 4 th	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group offering time out to include carers)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursdays	Cameo Lunches (3 Course Meal £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Thursday 12 th / 26 th	Choir Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm.
Friday 20 th	Craft Club	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 24 th	Youth Drop-in	4.30pm – 6.00pm

On Sunday the 8th of June we welcome Cadet Joshua Clark to Norton Salvation Army. Joshua comes to us from the International Training College in London.

As part of his training to become a full time leader/minister he will be with us for a year. I know he is looking forward to joining us and meeting the people of Norton and the surrounding area.

Please feel free to come & join in with us at any time: You would be very welcome

Our Clothes Bank situated in the car park is available to you for all your unwanted clothes & shoes.
Available 24/7. Please help us to help others.

If you would like to make contact with Norton Salvation Army please e-mail:

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We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries

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Norton Baptist Church

June 2025



Norton Baptist
Church

Check the information below for our services
throughout June and beyond



If June continues as May has started, then we should be in for some nice warm and sunny weather. Time to get out and about with friends and family into God's wonderful creation.

As always there is plenty going on at Norton Baptist Church so check out the table at the bottom of the page for what is happening each Sunday. As always, doors open at 10am for refreshments and our services start at 10:30am

Two big events to make you aware of that are coming up:

Pentecost Praise
Sunday 8th June @ 4pm
Norton Village Green & Hall



We are bringing the
Saltmine Theatre Company
back for



Keep the date:
30th November 2025
2:30pm or 4:30pm
Norton Village Hall

As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page for any further information.

If you need any more information, please email us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

	1 st June	8 th June	15 th June	22 nd June	29 th June
Praise & Worship	10am				No Service
The Prayer Course		10am			
Fathers Day All Age Service			10am		
Morning Worship				10am	

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Facebook page. Scan this code to go straight to our page



DOWN OUR STREET

Continuing a look at Norton's Women's Institute.

I have kindly been lent the W.I. archive which I have been reading through. There are yearly programmes showing events, some of them give the names of officers and committee members, such as this earliest one which dates from 1959 and new members by 1964. Sadly, nearly all of these ladies have passed away. Many will be known to older residents.

National Federation of Women's Institutes

NORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

PROGRAMME, 1959

President: Mrs. ROYCE TOMKIN
 Vice-Presidents:
 Mrs. Brewitt, Mrs. Dutton, Miss Tyrell
 Treasurer: Mrs. Howes, Street Farm, Norton
 Telephone: Pakenham 231
 Secretary: Mrs. James, Arch Farm, Norton
 Telephone: Elmswell 346
 Produce Secretary: Miss Tyrell, Oak Tree Farm,
 Norton. Telephone: Elmswell 203
 Music: Miss E. Ridley
 Drama Treasurer: Mrs. O. Wordley
 Social Time: Mrs. F. Cobbold
 Handicraft and Competitions: Miss Violet Page
 Trading Stall: Mrs. O. Wordley and Miss Violet Page
 Committee:
 President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Mrs.
 Bloom, Mrs. Bloomfield, Mrs. Borrett, Mrs. Barbara
 Brown, Mrs. F. Cobbold, Mrs. D. Hawes, Miss
 Violet Page, Mrs. Potter, Miss Ridley, Mrs. Sadler,
 Miss Jill Dutton, Mrs. O. Wordley
 Tableau and Mime: Mrs. Potter
 Decor: Miss Lilla Potter
 Tea Hostess: Mrs. Condon
 Home and Country: Mrs. Howes
 Home and Country Correspondent:
 Mrs. Fitzgerald Pantiles. Telephone: Elmswell 318

Norton Women's Institute

PROGRAMME, 1964

President: MRS. BREWITT
 Telephone: Elmswell 265

Vice-Presidents:
 MISS TYRELL Telephone: Elmswell 203
 MRS. WRIGHT Telephone: Elmswell 404

Treasurer: MRS. HOWES
 Telephone: Pakenham 231

Secretary: MRS. BLACK
 Fairhaven, Ashfield Road, Norton, Bury St. Edmunds
 Telephone: Elmswell 380

Home and Country and Press Correspondent:
 Handicraft Secretary: MISS PAGE
 Telephone: Pakenham 303

Trading Stall:
 MISS PAGE, MRS. WORDLEY, MRS. BORRETT

Tea Hostess:

Committee for 1964:
 President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs.
 Royce Tomkin, Mrs. Turrell, Mrs. Borrett, Mrs.
 Bloomfield, Mrs. Cobbold, Mrs. Dutton, Miss Page,
 Miss Treen, Mrs. Wordley, Mrs. Rattenbury

This was the programme of events for each month and the hostess rota in 1959.

PROGRAMME, 1959

Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the Month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Members are asked to be punctual, and if unable to do Tea duty on the day fixed, would THEY PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE

JANUARY 6th—
 Party, 7.30 p.m.—10 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3rd—
 Mrs. Fulcher—Making the Most of Yourself.
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. D. Bennett
 Trading Stall

MARCH 3rd—
 Miss Macrae—Film on Travel: America
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. Bloomfield and Mrs. Borrett
 Competition—Embroidered Article

MARCH 4th—Rest Room—Whiting Street

APRIL 7th—
 Mrs. Thomas-Ferrand—Continental Food Dishes
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. B. Brown, Mrs. F. Cobbold and
 Mrs. Downing
 Trading Stall

MAY 5th—
 Mr. White—N.S.P.C.C.
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Cornish, Miss Kathleen Cornish and Mrs.
 Dutton
 Competition—Bowl of Spring Flowers
 Loose Cover Course

JUNE 2nd— *no Station. Taggart.*
 Lady Garrett—Scotland
 Tea Hostesses—Miss Jill Dutton, Mrs. Gaunt and Mrs. Boughen
 Trading Stall

JULY 7th—
 Cooking Demonstration—Eastern Electric Company
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. J. Harris, Mrs. D. Hawes and Mrs.
 Hopper
 Competition—Pot Plant

AUGUST 4th—
 Mrs. Backhouse—V.C.O.
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Sybil Hopson, Mrs. P. Mathews and Mrs.
 Ivy Meekings
 Trading Stall
 Competition—Miniature Flower Arrangement

SEPTEMBER 1st— *no Sue Kitt*
 Gardening
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. A. Nunn
 Competition—Harvest Basket or Tray

OCTOBER 6th— *no Brewitt 3 in 1.*
 Miss Sue Ryder
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. G. Pleasance, Mrs. Largent, Miss Violet
 Page and Mrs. Mitton
 Trading Stall

NOVEMBER 3rd—
 Mrs. Brodhurst Hill—Ghosts
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Turrell and Miss Lilla
 Potter
 Competition—Six Ruskis

DECEMBER 1st—
 Mr. John Haylock—Christmas Decorations
 Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Golding, Mrs. Sturman and Mrs. O.
 Wordley
 Relief Tea Hostesses—Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Revett, Mrs. Stiff,
 Mrs. Rosbrook, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Tyrell, Mrs. Peck and
 Mrs. Roberts

Some other more recent committee members are Mrs S Jennings, Mrs Bloom, Mrs Fresco, Mrs M Baker, Mrs D Howes Mrs M Guy, Mrs D Rowland, Mrs Ford, Mrs L Stannard, Mrs J Folkard, Mrs B Loker, Mrs C Josey, Mrs M Morris, Mrs P Daltry, Mrs J Bunn, Mrs C Antrobus, Mrs J O'Shea, Mrs A Montague, Mrs L Rowland, Mrs D Wordley, Mrs V Ford, Mrs J Skerry, Mrs H Taylor, Mrs R Emmins, Mrs J Morcher, Mrs J Williams, Mrs J Hankin and Mrs F Thompson-Toule.

Minutes of meetings were handwritten and cover the period of 1951- 2010. I am still wading through the information contained in the eight volumes! So to conclude, here are some photos.



2000 at Village Hall. L-R. Back Row:- Barbara Brown, Helen Stiff, Mary King, Betty Loker, Liz Steele, Pat Daltry, Shirley Jennings, Lynn Upson, Angela Montague, Helen Taylor, Rachel White.

Front Row:- June O'Shea, Jill Dutton, Maureen Andrews, Olive Wordley, Marian Morris, Joan Bunn.



90th Anniversary. L-R. Front Row. Daphne Wordley, Ronnie Emmins, pat Daltry, Olive Wordley, Helen Taylor (with cake), Shirley Jennings, Hilda Jackson (Fed. Chair.), Jean Folkard, Ros Melvin. 2nd Row. Janet Montague, Rachel White, Val Ford, Barbara Brown, Jill Dutton, Liz Steele, Jill Newell, Joan Bunn, Maureen Andrews, Pat Allen. Back Row. Olive Ball, Angela Green, Vicky Pryke, Mary Daly, Abigail W-Peck, Betty Swann, Ann Carr, Rosemary Wright, Jo Bennett.

Sadly, Norton WI never reached its Centenary celebration! Covid 19 struck with all the implications of lockdown. When things got back to normal in the country, unfortunately the group had dwindled and the regulation number of officers could not be met. So it was with much regret that following the constitution, 8 the group had to disband.



Mrs Helen Stiff was a regular member of the WI and on the first Tuesday of each month she would be met with the remark "Oh I suppose its Wild Indians tonight." Mrs Stiff was for many years, the much loved and respected cook at Norton School. One of the most requested recipes by Norton villagers was for her 'Chocolate Crunch.' I can vouch for its excellent qualities. If you haven't made it, here is your chance to try it.

5 oz SR Flour. 5 oz Plain Flour. 5 oz Sugar. 5 oz Hard Marg. ½ oz Cocoa. ¾ egg. Vanilla Essence.

Melt margarine in a pan. Mix together the dry ingredients. Stir in melted marg, vanilla essence and beaten egg. Press into a greased tin about ½ inch thick. Brush the top with water and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake in a slow oven for approx. 30 mins. Serve with custard or ice cream. For vanilla crunch, just omit the cocoa. For coconut crunch, omit cocoa and add 1 oz coconut.

Having written 'Down Our Street' articles for twelve years now, trying to share the history of Norton with villagers, I am getting close to exhausting material from my archive but there may be enough for a couple more issues. I have tried particularly to illustrate the articles with photos, many of which have kindly been lent to me by people with deep roots in Norton. May I take this opportunity to say a sincere thankyou to the many folk who have helped in this way over the years. Without you, much of Norton's history would not have been saved.

As village recorder I am still looking for new photos and family stories, they still occasionally turn up! I have one person to chase up, who I know wrote a very personal account of his childhood growing up in the village. I hope he may allow me to write a précis of his story.

I have many odd snippets which I have not used, such as newspaper reports about weddings, funerals, accidents, village events and villagers from the past, but feel that most current inhabitants may not be particularly interested. I do get occasional feedback, but I do not know how many people actually read or like the articles. I have put much of the photographic archive on Norton Suffolk History and Photos, but many people do not use Facebook or have not looked.

Part of my brief as village recorder has been to document events and changes in Norton covering the period 1st Jan 2024 to 31st Dec 2024. This year, I wrote a twenty-six page illustrated report. This has been handed to Suffolk Local History Council and has been archived in the Suffolk Records Office at 'The Hold,' in Ipswich.

By the way, it is amazing the kinds of interesting data one comes across when looking through old documents. This fact particularly intrigued me. I knew that Norton Church had originally been thatched, as evidence had been found when the nave had been restored by the Downing Bros. However in the W I archive there was a reference of the church having had a thatch up till 1807.

NORTON WI – A NEW START?

In view of David's articles in the Messenger I thought now might be a good time to see if there is any interest in trying to start up a new W.I. here in Norton. After nearly a hundred years the previous W.I. closed partly due to Covid, along with a few others locally in 2020.

Recently a number of people have asked me whether there was a W.I. in Norton; there are branches in Elmswell, two in fact, Pakenham and Woolpit but none in Norton. With a splendid new Village Hall and lots of newcomers perhaps now is the time to try and start afresh. This area is covered by the West Suffolk Federation of Women's Institutes who have an office in a Business Park in Fornham and they would offer support and advice to any new initiative.

Anyone interested should get in touch with me **Helen Taylor 01359 230601** so we can see what support there might be locally.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th April 2025

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr.. B. Aket, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr.. R. Lenko, Mr.. J. Morgan, Mr.. G. Walton, Mr.. N. Winstanley

Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

County Councillor A. Mellen

7 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Mr.. J Bolus

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

District Councillor H. Richardson

1.	The Chair welcomed all to the monthly meeting.	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25- none b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters - none c)To receive requests for dispensations - none	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM —to receive reports for information Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance. Mrs. Rogers asked the Council to remind horse owners, tractor drivers, cattle owners that they are not allowed on public footpaths particularly in an enclosed space, as it is dangerous. The Chair agreed that the Council would investigate and the land owner contacted about the cows. Members of the public present presented their objections to item 8.1, particularly with the number of additional houses that would be using Hawes Lane and Heath Road and the substation adjacent to the last house driveway. Comment was made about lack of infrastructure improvement with all the building work currently happening. Mr.. Walton reminded that the previous planning applications were approved by the Planning Inspectorate on appeal. Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email - none	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only •Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen. Mr.. Aket enquired about the situation regarding Suffolk Libraries and the decision to bring it back to Council control, which had received a lot of opposition. Cllr. Mellen stated a request for review by the Scrutiny Committee had been rejected by the monitoring officer. •Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson and David Bradbury - noted	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To RESOLVE the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2025 as a true and correct record. Mr.. Aket proposed, Prof. Jaggard seconded, all in agreement.	
6.	COOPTION - To consider cooption to the vacant post - ongoing	
7.	MATTERS ARISING	
	7.1 Parish Tree and Wildflower planting scheme. Ongoing	
	7.2 UKPN – Mr.. Walton outlined the ways for this to proceed and he stated his disappointment at the stance taken by FIT. Currently there is a need to obtain a designated advisor’s report and he felt this cost should perhaps be born by UKPN. The Clerk stated she had contacted a person who may be able to help and is awaiting a reply. UKPN had offered a peppercorn rent if this could help proceed. The Council formally approved for UKPN to site a substation on the proposed site and to pay the £6000 to FIT with a peppercorn rent with review after a number of years.	Clerk
8.	PLANNING	
	8.1 APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/00562 Land Fronting, Hawes Lane, Norton, Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, all other matters reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 1No self-build dwelling and 4No build to rent dwellings including construction of electricity substation.	10

	<p>The Council reiterated objections to this application for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. Hawes Lane is a small road. There is strong concern about increased traffic generated by the proposed properties on this small single carriage road. As there is no public footway along Hawes Lane and Heath Road the Council consider that further development in this area would present a serious risk to pedestrians. With additional family housing, and particularly during construction work, road safety issues exist for children and adults alike using Heath Road. It would have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the area by means of additional traffic generation and safety. There is also concern about construction traffic accessing the site via Heath Road.</p> <p>2. The previously approved Phase 1 and 2 clearly show possible access to this proposed site from the A1088, also meaning these properties could use Hawes Lane as an access route, which increases the number of potential vehicles using this narrow lane.</p> <p>3. Hawes Lane as a single carriage road is very narrow and there is a lack of road width which would not allow access by emergency vehicles,</p> <p>4. Visibility of vehicles coming from Ixworth is poor so with additional vehicles and construction vehicles using Heath Road this would give rise to concern for safety reasons.</p> <p>5. As the proposal lacks detail of the access road and visibility splay it is difficult to give an informed comment about access to the site.</p> <p>6. It is strongly advised that Highways address the potential problems and concerns about this development.</p> <p>7. There is concern that as this proposal lacks detail it gives precedence to future amendments.</p> <p>8. The Council is concerned about the proximity of the proposed development to the Wildlife Nature Reserve</p> <p>9. The development is stated as self-build which would mean no CIL payable to benefit the village.</p>																							
	<p>8.2 APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION - DC/25/01496</p> <p>Agricultural Land At Norton Hall, Norton Little Green, to The South Of Ashfield Road. Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use. Construction of new farm track will improve access for agricultural machinery/equipment associated with the farming of the land. The Council supported this application.</p>																							
	<p>8.3 GRANTED</p> <p>2 Prospect Road, Norton - DC/25/00480 - Erection of a single storey rear extension</p>																							
	<p>8.4 Planning Statement of Community Involvement Consultation - Monday 17 March to Monday 12 May 2025 (8 weeks). The Council supported the current system.</p>																							
9.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p>																							
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	<p>9.2 The Clerk presented Vertas tree report and their quote of £3000 + VAT for the high priority work including the whole row of Limes, with medium priority as £1062 +VAT. The Clerk had requested another quote from Gadd brothers outlining the high priority tree, which had come in as £6200 +VAT. As the quotes did not seem to correspond like for like, the Clerk will get further clarification on a like for like basis.</p>	Clerk																						
	<p>9.3 The Clerk presented AGAR 3 section 1 and 2 for formally approval. Councillors RESOLVED to accept and authorized the Chair to sign the forms.</p>																							
	<p>9.4 The Clerk presented the balance sheet for 24-25 with reconciliation</p>																							
	<p>9.5 The Clerk confirmed Lloyds bank charges and stated a deposit account had been opened to offset the charges.</p>																							

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	9.6 The Clerk confirmed receipt of recycling claim (Aug 24 – Jan 25) £500.33	
	9.7 The Clerk presented a budget statement for 25-26, showing balance brought forward, precept for the year and the budget against each topic.	
	9.8 The Clerk presented the CIL expenditure report for 24-25.	
	9.9 The Clerk presented the Fixed Assets register for 24-25 for approval.	
	9.10 MSDC informed the subsidized cost of bin emptying for 25-26 would be £50 per bin for a weekly collection (full cost would be £175), but due to a slight overcharge last year the invoice for 25-26 will be £588.58.	
	9.11 The Clerk confirmed proposed CIL payment for £18074.27	
	9.12 The loan statement received - outstanding balance as at 31/3/2025 of £497,643.36	
	9.13 The Clerk presented the Council's village hall support statement, resulting in a Nil balance.	
10	REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS, POLICIES, PROTOCOLS:	
	10.1 Standing orders forwarded to Councillors for review: Internal Control, Data Protection Policy, Reserves Policy, SAR request process, Travel and expenses Policy, VAT Policy. CCTV Policy. Councillors RESOLVED to accept all.	
11	DEVOLUTION	
	11.1 SALC devolution updates forwarded to Councillors for information. 11.2 Town and Parish Liaison meeting - Devolution - 10th March – slides circulated Devolution – recording/slides from information briefing 18th March 2025 - noted.	
12	SPEEDWATCH	
	12.1 Mr.. Moland thanked Mr.. Stone for his work as coordinator. He thanked the small band of dedicated, active volunteers who average 3-4 sessions a week, but more volunteers are needed. He stated currently there are a limited number of safe places allowed by the Police. One driver had been recorded as travelling over 76mph and had been reported to the Police. He questioned the weight restriction now the bridge was open but Cllr. Mellen confirmed there would still be the environmental restriction in place. Currently around 103 vehicles are able to use the A1088.	
	12.2 Strategy to combat speeding –gating. Mr.Lenko asked for clarification as to the style of gating. He requested if village name and speed should be on the gates, the cost will rise according to what is used. Mr. Lenko will research prices.	Mr.Lenko
13	VILLAGE HALL	
	13.1 Update on progress and café. Prof. Jaggard confirmed the café lease has been signed and the kitchen being fitted. He stated the final invoice for Oakes had been questioned by the architect as it was larger than the tender. There were reasons for the additional cost – second sewer connection, fire alarm upgrade, changes to regulations, roofing. 2.5% retention is being withheld.	
	13.2 A van and access platform parked overnight in Village Hall Car park causing a problem for school and pre-school traffic first thing in the morning as each vehicle takes up two spaces. The owners will be sought and requested to not park between 7am and 9pm.	
14	PLAY AREAS	
	14.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall – play area report forwarded to all Councillors. Mr.. Lenko stated the wooden train and wood on the swings need attention, and felt the zip wire needs checking and tightening.	Mr.Lenko
	14.2 Play area in Prospect Road –play area report circulated to all Councillors. Mr.. Lenko stated the grass requires a cut and the trampoline tile is missing	Mr.Lenko
15	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
	15.1 The open public meeting had been well attended. A first working party meeting had been held and the next step outlined. Once an outline survey for public consultation is ready this will be drawn up by Mr.. Poole for distribution to all households by volunteers or through the Messenger.	

	CORRESPONDENCE	
	16.1 Adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Joint Local Development Scheme – March 2025. - noted 16.2 Project Gigabit rollout in your parish - noted 16.3 Sizewell C newsletter. – noted. 16.4 Adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Biodiversity and Trees Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - noted 16.5 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils: 'Planning for the future' briefing pack Prof. Jaggard stated he had attended a recent meeting which outlined the Government plans for development over the next 20 year period, in which Mid Suffolk had been designated as providing 15,000 new homes. He was uncertain how this figure had been reached. 16.6 NSIPs Bulletin - March 2025 - noted 16.7 Clerks & Council Direct – noted.	
17	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	17.1 Mr.Lenko commented on the scale of work in Sizewell	
18	To confirm the date of next meeting and AGM: 12th May 2025 Annual Parish Meeting – 28th April 2025 7.30pm	
19	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.26.	

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