Parish Council news report for November

Open discussion for the public, matters raised were:

Norton School has approached the Parish Council for help to fund a shed for their family’s foodbank project. The Council is keen to help the school and will send them a Grant Application form to complete which can be discussed at the next meeting.

Flooding at Ford Farm is causing a concern, the stream is not being cleared on a regular basis.

It is the responsibility of the land owner Crest Nicholson. Cllr. Dixie Darch is taking this forward.

A grant was awarded to Norton Trailblazers for equipment and for the tutor of the village choir.

Ford Farm planning applications 25/21/0024 and 25/21/0027 for 92 dwellings and the relief road has stalled as the phosphate contamination issue is held up in Parliament.

The new tennis court and multi games area is being well used and the grass is growing well on the new Football pitch. We are requesting that anyone visiting the area to please refrain from walking on the new pitch.

The Parish Council intend to buy a defibrillator to be installed at the pavilion.

A contractor has been found to deal with the weeds growing out of the gullies along the main road and all areas of the village not under the control of the developers. A treatment can be carried out before the winter and 3 treatment will be done next year.

Somerset Highways has been requested to investigate if the footpath from Manor Park to Rectory Road can be made less steep at the Rectory Road end, following a request from a resident. Somerset Highways are looking at possible solutions.

The dog bin in Station Road has been damaged, the Parish Council has agreed to replace it with a combined litter and dog bin.

The bus route no. 25 and 28 will be losing the subsidy from Somerset Council in March, there is a serious risk of the routes being lost. Higher passenger numbers are needed to save the routes.

Date, time and place of next meeting: Wednesday, 1st November, 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall.