

Northborough

Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting, held on **Saturday 10th May 2025** at **10.00am**
at the Village Hall, Cromwell Close, Northborough PE6 9DP.

MINUTES

- 1. Record of those present and any apologies for absence:** Apologies were received Northborough Parish Councillor Mark Malcolm, the Clerk, Elinor Beesley, and Ginton and Castor Ward Councillors, Neil Boyce and Peter Hillier. ? Members of the public and speakers were present.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair of the meeting.**

- 3. Report by the Chair on recent and forthcoming activity by the Council:**

Former Councillor Malcolm Spinks resigned as Vice-Chair and ultimately as Northborough Parish Councillor on the grounds of ill-health. Cllr Tracy Thomas was elected to Vice-Chair and two new councillors, Patricia Pearce and most recently Callum Sloan were co-opted to the Parish Council.

I would like to thank Denise Baxter and her husband, and Brian Bloodworth for all the good work that they do in keeping the field and village tidy, and the volunteers who look after the planters on the entrances to the village.

Activity during the past 12 months:

The annual Christmas Light Switch On took place. We had the problem of the road closure, but we had a record turnout for the event.

Cllr Thomas was largely responsible for the Village Festival which went well despite the torrential downpours.

A new bench and a new commemorative bench were installed outside the Cemetery. Other bench (on Lincoln Road) has been refurbished by Councillors, with particular thanks to Cllr Graham Fowkes.

We have built on the success of the wildflower areas with two additional seeded areas on the edge of the playing field and bulb plating under the trees near the Village Hall.

I would like to thank PECT (Peterborough Environment City Trust) and the Langdyke Countryside Trust and in particular Tony Cooke and Mike Horne for their help and

support on this.

We also appointed a new landscape contractor, who after a few teething problems is now doing a good job.

In response to requests. We have installed a new basket swing for younger children on the field which is proving incredibly popular. We have continued to support St Andrews Church in their fundraising efforts and the start of the renovations of the church roof. We have secured grant funding for solar panels on the Village Hall roof and solar lighting columns in the car parks. And I would like to say a big thank you to the Northborough community Association for looking after the Village Hall so well and for the community-based events they organise on a regular basis at the Village Hall. And Speedwatch continues. With Parish Councillors and village volunteers. The coming year More of the same with plans for replacement benches and benches in new locations on the Green Space (on Granville Avenue) And an additional speed sign on Church Street. We will start the maintenance and upgrading of the overflow car park in particular to alleviate the flooding at the entrance in the winter months. We will be reviewing the play equipment on the field repairing and replacing where necessary. It would be great to put on another Village festival. This will be under review, but it will depend on the local community getting involved to help organise Run and manage the event.

4. Reports by local organisations and groups on their activities and forthcoming plans

The following speakers provided a report on behalf of their organisation:

Mike Horne and his colleague Simon - Langdyke Trust.

Jane Knott - St Andrews Church.

David Lonsdale - Northborough Community Association. information was provided on volunteering and those interested were asked to contact the Village Hall.

These representatives spoke about volunteering for their organisation and invited those interested to contact the organisation for more information.

Sharon Lonsdale - Northborough Indoor Carpet Bowls. In addition to delivering the report, information was provided on how to become a member and those interested were asked to contact the Village Hall.

Tracy Thomas – the Northborough WI.

These representatives provided information on becoming a member and invited those interested to contact their organisation.

5. Open forum:

The Chair invited residents to ask questions and make comments. The majority of the public wished to ask questions and make comments on the Peterborough Local Plan and were asked to stay for the following meeting where the Local Plan would be discussed.

6. Summing Up by the Chair

The Chair thanked all those involved in contributing to village. He reported that, at the last Annual meeting, he had reported the start of the local plan process with the call for sites, and subsequently a site for a proposed 1000 house development to the north of the village in Deeping Gate Parish has been put forward. The Chair invited residents to stay for a public meeting on the Local Plan and a discussion on the proposed site and advice on how residents can make their views known on the proposal to the city council.

Signed Chair of the meeting, 13th May 2026

Councillor Tracy Thomas
Chair to Northborough Parish Council

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