

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 12 January 2012
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Present: Councillors J. Beaumont, J. Davidson, M. Lutterloch, N. Jefferson, A. Linegar, C. Shellard (Chairman)

In attendance: County and District Councillor M. Ellis, R. Campbell (Clerk), two members of the public

6861. **Apologies**

None

6862. **Declarations**

None

Public Forum

The chairman adjourned the meeting and declared a public forum.

Linda Oliver thanked the Parish Council (PC) for its support for the Churchmead Committee (CMC)'s application to Mendip District Council (MDC) for the Section 106 play money due to be paid by the developers at Longmead Close and Fortescue Fields. The money was to develop facilities at the Mead, not to maintain it. The next stage was village consultation on the proposals. New subscribers were needed for the 100 Club, to raise funds. She noted that CMC had not historically been responsible for external gates to the Mead.

The chairman reconvened the PC meeting.

6863. **Minutes**

The minutes of the PC meeting held on 8 December 2011 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the chairman

The minutes of the PC meeting held on 5 January 2012 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the chairman

6864. **County and District Councillor's report**

For Somerset County Council (SCC), Cllr Ellis said that some grants were likely to be available for road safety schemes in financial year 2012/13. He encouraged the PC to submit appropriate requests. Up to two schemes per parish would be priced by county officials for consideration.

SCC had reversed its policy and would now allow speed indicator devices on Highways land. They might also pay for some indicators.

He had nothing to report for MDC.

He was thanked and left the meeting.

6865. **Land off Vicarage Lane**

Nothing to report.

6866. **Church Mead**

(i) Cllr Linegar reported on CMC's plans for the future of Church Mead. He referred to the grant application of £4785 for 2012/13 and said CMC was looking hard at how to be effective in securing the best facilities, following due process which would stand up to scrutiny. The cost of the 2011 fireworks had been covered by gifts from the Fortescue Fields developers. He detailed steps being taken to find effective and economical contractors to cut the grass, which was the largest item of maintenance

expenditure. There was reduced appetite these days for work to be done by volunteers. A one-off strim right to the edges of the Mead would shortly be carried out professionally. Monthly risk assessments would be undertaken. He expected improvements in the Mead and its facilities to become evident.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Shellard, 2nd Cllr Jefferson) to approve the plans and maintenance funding for them.

(ii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Shellard, 2nd Cllr Jefferson) that the PC shall be responsible for the maintenance of the two pairs of top gates into the Mead, the gate from the Mead to the churchyard and the vehicle gate to the Mead, as well as for the safe-route-to-school path.

6867. **Highways and rights of way**

(i) B3110 traffic calming scheme. Somerset Highways (SH) had advised that details of the replacement scheme for the High Street, Bath Road and Frome Road, to be built by Bloor Homes, were being finalised. It was likely that the raised cushion at Chapel Row would be excluded. The latest date Bloor can build the scheme will be on occupation of the 25th Fortescue Field house, though they had previously indicated that they hoped to build it sooner. SH were considering allowing Bloor to build the raised table at the site entrance in tarmac during construction, with a latest date for its replacement by the specified paved version to be included in the agreement. SH did not anticipate the scheme being subject to any further planning consideration, so would not send final plans to the PC. SH to be asked for these nonetheless.

6868. **Planning and housing**

(i) Applications.

2011/3138 (Full Planning Permission) & 3139 (Listed Building Consent) Church Farm Church Farm Lane Farleigh Hungerford Frome Somerset BA2 7RW. Demolition of modern agricultural barn, demolition of lean-to structures to south elevation, carry out alterations and conversion of barn to live/work unit and change of use of land to form garden area. Application type: full planning permission.

PC recommendation: leave decision to the planning officer

(ii) Update

2011/2882 Garden belonging to Vanity Park Cottage, North Street, Norton St Philip, BA2 7LE. Proposed works to tree(s) in a Conservation Area. MDC decision: No objection

6869. **Finance**

(i) & (ii) Councillors received a copy of the budget agreed on 5 January (minute 6857- i), including an up-to-date financial statement.

(iii) Grant applications from Mendip Community Transport and Mendip CAB were held over.

(iv) **RESOLVED** (Proposed Cllr Jefferson, 2nd Cllr Lutterloch) to add statutory holiday pay to the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2011.

(v) **RESOLVED** to pay the following items (proposed Cllr Lutterloch, 2nd Cllr Beaumont):

MDC – cost of uncontested election 5 May 2011 £123.05

Dorian Poole – village cleaning labour since December PC meeting £190.00

Clerk's salary for January 2012.

Cheques were signed at the end of the meeting by Cllrs Lutterloch and Jefferson.

6870. Farleigh Hungerford

A quotation to complete the repair of cracked stone and mortar will be provided by Mr J. Leber, who most recently worked on the water tower. A professional opinion will then be sought as to whether completion of this work will leave the tower in a safe and satisfactory state.

6871. Correspondence and reports

(i) Correspondence.

Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last parish council meeting.

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin January 2012 – available online only at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id= SX9452-A7805520&cat=94>

Avon and Somerset Police – budget survey 2012/12. Clerk to complete

NHS Somerset – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment summary

CPRE – booklet ‘Planning Explained’

‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ January 2012

(ii) There were no reports from local organisations.

(iii) Cllr Lutterloch urged the PC to ‘get its act together’ regarding the safety projects mentioned by County Cllr Ellis (minute 6864 above). To be an agenda item in February.

(iv) The Chairman asked councillors, where possible, to submit papers on agenda items they were speaking to, in advance.

6872. Future meetings

Parish Council meetings were confirmed as follows:

Thursday 9 February 2012, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Thursday 8 March 2012, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip (budget

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.