

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 6.30 p.m. on Friday 20 September 2002 at Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Present: Councillors M. Davis, P. Rich (Chair), D. Satchell, V. Solanki

In attendance: Sally Vince (clerk); 0 parishioners

Apologies for absence: Councillors C. Gill, T. Hanney, I. Hasell

Public forum

There was no public forum.

5285 Declaration of interests

None.

5286 Urgent items

(i) A parishioner has expressed concern that BT representatives have been on site visits to the village with a view to erecting poles for telephone cable, which at present share poles with electricity. New regulations state that poles may no longer be shared. It may, apparently, be possible for MDC* to intervene, because of the village's conservation status. It was agreed that the clerk should write to BT, the electricity board and MDC expressing the Parish Council's concern.

(ii) A parishioner's child has fallen and hurt his ankle in one of the holes left by a missing post on the green between the church and the school. Cllr Rich will contact the Parochial Church Council about filling in the holes and talk to the parishioner concerned.

PR

5287 Minutes of the previous meeting (20 August 2002)

These were signed with no amendments.

5288 Matters arising

(i) *Welcome pack for new arrivals* [5273(i)]. Cllr Solanki distributed a draft of the document. After a few minor amendments it will be passed to the church representatives for printing and distribution.

VS

(ii) *Water tower at Farleigh Hungerford* [5273(ii)]. Mr Applegate has provided a quote for the repairs work. This is higher than expected because the works will be more extensive than anticipated. Cllr Solanki will get two further quotes.

VS

(iii) *Village signs for Norton St Philip* [5273(iii)]. There is no further news on this. The issue of the costs have now been passed to Jeff Bunting's manager at WS Atkins.

* MDC = Mendip District Council

(iv) *Millennium tree* [5273(iv)]. The contractor that was going to do this work is now not able to. Young Johnston in Westbury has provided a verbal quote for the work. Cllrs Rich and Solanki will visit the site to confirm the quote and pick the rock.

PR /
VS

(v) *Somerset Draft Corporate Plan* [5273(vi)]. Cllr Solanki will look at this and pass to Cllr Rich.

PR /
VS

5289 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated with the agenda.

(i) Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Publication schemes. All Parish Councils must adopt a publication scheme by 31 December 2002. Cllr Rich will look at the paperwork for discussion at the next meeting.

PR

(ii) Local Transport Plan 2nd Annual Progress Report. This will be passed to the Traffic Action Group.

Clerk /
TAG

(iii) Consultation on the Somerset Waste Local Plan, First Deposit Draft. Cllr Rich will look at this.

PR

5290 **Malt House / Bend Cottage**

(i) There have been four fires at these premises.

(ii) After the third fire Cllr Rich requested MDC to bring forward the process of compulsory purchase, the first step of which is to issue a Full Repair Notice. MDC is issuing the Notice.

(iii) A padlock has been put on the Mead gate so that vehicles can no longer drive to the back of the premises. To enable people with pushchairs to access the Mead, the kissing gate has been removed temporarily. All councillors were in agreement with this action.

(iv) The electricity to the premises has been disconnected.

(v) Villagers have installed security lights at their own expense. It is suggested that the invoices be sent to MDC to pass on to the owner of the premises.

5291 **Faccenda site**

(i) Alice Ordidge from Savills will be submitting two planning applications in the next couple of weeks on behalf of the owners. One is for outline permission for six dwellings and the other is to renew the permission for light industrial use on the footprint of the original factory. These are likely to be discussed at the Frome Area Board in November or December.

(ii) Cllr Hasell and Cate Mack met with Mr Jeffs at MDC to investigate the possibility of the site being purchased for the village with the help of the Wessex Reinvestment Trust. This is being looked at.

5292 **Traffic Action Group**

(i) Cllr Gill copied all councillors with the Traffic Action Group's quarterly review.

(ii) Cllr Davis reminded the meeting of the need for speed limits through Farleigh Hungerford.

5293 **Highways**

(i) It was decided that there was no need to carry out the traffic survey in September. This may be done later, if it appears that traffic is getting heavier.

(ii) It was reported that large trucks are travelling through the village at night.

(iii) It was reported that National Express coaches are coming through the village. Cllr Solanki will phone National Express to remind them that they should not do this.

VS

5294 **Joint meeting of Norton St Philip and Hinton Charterhouse parish councils**

This will go ahead on Wednesday, 6 November. Details of time and place will follow.

5295 **Finance**

The following cheques were agreed and signed:

£220.08 (£187.30 +32.78 VAT) to Somerset Landscapes for grass cutting on Church Mead

£30.00 to the Palairt Hall Management Committee for hall rental for meetings

5296 **Planning**

(i) Townsend Cottage, Townsend, Norton St Philip – erection of conservatory to rear. Cllr Hasell circulated his report prior to the meeting. It was agreed that there would be 'No objection' to this proposal, with the following comment:

Clerk

'The materials used must match those of the rest of the building. The Parish Council would like clarification on the construction of the veranda, which it feels should be open wood to be sympathetic to the style of the house.'

(ii) Rowan House, 1 Longmead Close. Permission has been granted.

5297 **Countryside Agency – invitation to comment on a draft map of registered common land and open country**

Cllr Solanki will pass this to Cllr Hanney.

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5298 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

Cllr Davis reported that the oak tree on the triangle in Farleigh Hungerford needs surgery. Cllr Davis will contact MDC about this.

MD

5299 **Dates of next meetings**

Tuesday 22 October in Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall.
Friday 22 November in Norton St Philip Village School.

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.