

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 12 February 2004 at Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Present: Councillors C. Gill, T. Hanney, I. Hasell, C. Mack, A. Pursford, P. Rich (Chair)

In attendance: Sally Vince (clerk); 9 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillor D. Archer,

Public forum

There is concern about the tall post that has appeared at the top of Bell Hill.
The clerk will contact the Planning Department to enquire about this.

Clerk

5526 **Declaration of interests**

None.

5527 **Urgent items**

None.

5528 **Minutes of the previous meeting (8 January 2004)**

These were signed with no amendments.

5529 **Matters arising**

None.

5530 **Parish Plan**

(i) Nineteen people attended the January meeting and took on various roles. The next meeting is on 18 February. Progress is mixed, but the new people are a huge help. Progress of the various groups is as follows:

- ▶ The housing issue needs more discussion.
- ▶ The design group is going well.
- ▶ The traffic action group is making good progress.
- ▶ A group is looking at what current facilities and what are really needed.
- ▶ A group needs to get input from the youth, since this is an area that was criticised by the Countryside Agency. Cllr Mack is concerned that if this is rushed, it will compromise quality.
- ▶ There is only one person looking at business needs at the moment.

(ii) Some councillors expressed concern that there was no written progress report for this meeting and that progress is still slow, especially since the two month appeal deferment expires on 15 February leaving a window thereafter of only six weeks before the Appeal Inspector appointed visits the site.

Concern was also voiced that there has been no update to the plan since August 2002, although it was acknowledged that this was in some measure because there have been few people willing to work on the plan.

It was agreed that:

- ▶ The clerk should copy the letter to Richard Rees (see last minutes) to Peter Stacey (who has taken over from Alice Ordidge). Clerk
- ▶ Cllr Rich will contact Ian Faccenda to update him on progress and promise him a 'penultimate' village plan after the parish plan steering group meeting on 17 March. PR
- ▶ The parish plan steering group will produce a draft village plan as a result of their meeting on 17 March. CM
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5531 **Planning**

(i) Manor Farm House, The Barton, Norton St Philip – works to tree within conservation area. Councillors have no objection. Clerk

(ii) Malthouse and Bend Cottage, Bell Hill, Norton St Philip [minute 5512(v)]. Listed building consent has been granted. The architects are keen to see pavements outside the cottages so that they are protected from vehicles.

(iii) Ranmore Cottage, Norton St Philip – works to trees in conservation area. This is being dealt with by MDC Planning Department.

(iv) Manor Farm House, The Barton, Norton St Philip – works to and felling of trees covered by TPO. This is being dealt with by MDC Planning Department.

(v) The Orchard, Norton St Philip – erection of stable [minute 5512(iii)]. Permission has been granted.

(vi) Springleaze Farm. It is understood that enforcement proceedings are being taken against the farm shop and that the owners have submitted another application for B1 and B8 industrial use.

The lights are still a problem, and Cllr Hasell will write to request that they are made less bright. IH

5532 **Correspondence**

There is no correspondence that is not being dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

5533 **Finance**

(i) Water tower at Farleigh Hungerford. A specialist from English Heritage needs to be asked to look at the tower to discuss its repair.

(ii) The following cheque was agreed and signed:
▶ Sally Vince – clerk's salary and expenses (salary £124.00 + expenses £2.50) £126.50

5534 **Highways**

(i) Gillian Beer, chair of the traffic action group (TAG) gave the following report:

The paper *Reclaiming the Streets* highlighted the impact of lorries and other traffic in Norton St Philip. At the time the paper was written the parish council proposed that HGVs should be removed from the A366. This would involve changes to the signage, which at present do not reflect Somerset County Council's (SCC) freight routes.

TAG reviewed SCC's own transport plans to identify where their aspirations could be achieved by meeting the village's own requirements. TAG identified six key areas appropriate to the village, and gathered photographic evidence to illustrate how the current access for lorries on the A366 through Norton St Philip placed SCC in the position of failing to meet its own aims. From the research, TAG believes that compliance with the SCC policy in Norton St Philip could be achieved by removal of lorries. This work is now complete and TAG has drafted a paper for the parish council to send to SCC.

Councillors congratulated TAG on the production of the report and agreed that Cllr Hasell should present it to a workshop on 10 March that is being run for Mendip district councillors to contribute to SCC's strategic planning relating to local transport.

The clerk will send this report to SCC, once councillors have had time to read it and make comment to Cllrs Rich, Gill or Hasell.

(ii) The hand-held speed monitor has been used on five occasions. There are ten people trained, and more people are needed. Registrations of vehicles being driven over the speed limit have been passed to the police.

(iii) Bristol/Bath to South Coast route. TAG has maintained a watching brief on this, and are of the view that if the A350 is the preferred route the impact would be nil. The official report is due out in a few days' time.

(iv) TAG's next actions are:

(a) Progress the provision of pavements in Norton St Philip in accordance with discussions with SCC last year, and to ensure that SCC provides start dates etc. so that the parish council is aware of the whole programme.

(b) Develop proposals to refurbish the traffic calming structures.

(c) Ensure that traffic signing at Farleigh Hungerford is consistent with the road restrictions at Norton St Philip.

(d) Provide input into the village plan.

(v) It was agreed that TAG's draft letter regarding the A366 should be sent to SCC.

Clerk

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Footpaths

(i) Cllrs Purssord and Hanney have produced a draft footpath plan. Councillors were very pleased with this and Cllr Purssord will progress the plan for mounting on the wall of the George.

(ii) Cllr Hanney will contact Sheila Petherbridge at MDC regarding problems with the footpath at Town Barton, and to ask for new stiles for the footpaths over Norwood Farm. TH

5536 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

None.

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5537 **Meetings**

11 March 2004, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

8 April 2004, Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall

6 May 2004, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip – Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting ended at 10.55 p.m.