

# NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 11 November 2004

at Norton St Philip School

**Present:** Councillors D. Archer, C. Gill (Chair), T. Hanney, I. Hasell, A. Hodgson

**In attendance:** Sally Vince (clerk); 4 members of the public

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors A. Purssord, P. Rich

#### Public forum

No member of the public wished to speak.

#### 5637 Declaration of interests

None.

#### 5638 Urgent items

(i) The door of the Tellisford Lane noticeboard has apparently been vandalised and ripped off its hinges. A parishioner has it for safekeeping. It was agreed to ascertain what would be involved to fix the noticeboard before deciding how to proceed.

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#### 5639 Minutes of the previous meeting (10 October 2004)

These were signed with the following amendment:

Minute 5627(iii), delete the first bullet point ('the draft layout ... November meeting').

#### 5640 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5627(i), water tower at Farleigh Hungerford. After discussion on the viability of getting a grant for repairs, or asking another organisation to take over responsibility for this listed building, it was decided:

(a) Cllr Hanney will talk to the Industrial Archaeology Society to see if they would be interested in taking over responsibility for the water tower.

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(b) Cllr Hanney will seek two more quotes for surveying the water tower in order to ascertain the extent of the problem.

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(ii) Minute 5627(ii), Malt House/ Bend Cottage. It is understood that Mendip District Council is in the process of sending a draft report to English Heritage, which justifies the need for a compulsory purchase order.

(iii) Minute 5627(iv), Post Office. There is no further news on this (but see minute 5642(iii) below).

(iv) Minute 5633(ii), stone at Town Barton/Upper Farm Close. Councillors have looked at this and are of the opinion that the stone is not on a public footpath. Cllr Hanney will double-check with Jeff Bunting that this land does not belong to the district or county councils. Cllr Hasell will speak to the parishioner who is concerned about the stone.

TH, IH

(v) Minute 5635(i), dog bin on Church Mead. This has not yet been repaired. Cllr Hanney will be speaking to Chris Pearce about various jobs to be done on Church Mead, and this will be one of them. TH

5641 **Parish Plan**

(i) An open meeting was held on 31 October to discuss amendments to the plan. It was agreed this evening for councillors to look at the amendments in principle, and then for a small group to look at fine-tuning the wording. Cllrs Gill, Hasell and Archer agreed to meet for this purpose in the week following the council meeting. CG / IH / DA

(ii) Cllr Hasell will speak to Simon Eames (who has responsibility for developing local plans) and Dennis Buffrey (the cabinet member with responsibility for rural regeneration) as a first step to re-opening dialogue with Mendip District Council. It was agreed to try to get the revised plan to these people early next week, with a view to meeting with them the week after.

(iii) It was agreed that the bullet points should be turned into concrete action points rather than vague aspirations. Each should be given a timescale and the name of the person/body that would be responsible for that action.

(iv) The following decisions were made regarding the proposed amendments, as written on the sheet copied to every household in Norton St Philip:

(a) Environment, bullet points:

1, regarding recycling – there is concern in the village about a recycling point too near the centre of the village. It was agreed to consult with Mendip District Council about their plans for further recycling facilities, and to change the wording of this bullet point so that the village will not be obliged to provide recycling facilities.

2 and 3, agreed.

4 Remove the word ‘new’ from the beginning of the point and change ‘avoiding’ to ‘minimising’.

(b) Traffic and transport, bullet points:

1 and 2, agreed

3 Change the wording to reflect the priorities for pavement improvements; use the word ‘notably’ to introduce the examples

4 and 5, agreed

6 Remove ‘(e.g. cushions)’.

(c) The character of new building design and energy efficiency and conservation

These need to be more specific as to their meaning, because there is concern that this will be an invitation for people to install windmills, solar panels and similar in what could currently be considered inappropriate situations. Discussion with Mendip DC is needed to reach an appropriate form of words.

(d) The young  
Agreed.

(e) The old

Review this bullet point: emphasise the need to keep and develop the current service, and outline the longer-term aspirations.

(f) Housing

All bullet points agreed, but they should be preceded by an explanation as to how the figures were arrived at, and how the new priorities are to be applied to different types of site, e.g. green field sites, infills. Consultation with Mendip District Council may be appropriate before writing this.

(g) Facilities, bullet points:

1 and 2, agreed

3 should say: discussion to take place with the owners of Bell Hill Garage about expansion, support to be offered for a move of elements of the operation to a suitable site within the village

4 and 5, agreed

(h) Business needs

All bullet points agreed.

(i) Faccenda site

All bullet points agreed.

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**Planning**

(i) Appeal re Springleaze Farm shop, Farleigh Road, Norton St Philip – invitation from the appeal inspector for the parish council to comment on this appeal. Councillors agreed there was nothing further to say other than their comments on the planning application, which they objected to.

(ii) Bell Cottage, Ringwell Lane, Norton St Philip – insertion of 3 dormer windows and erection of sunroom and pergola (planning application) *and*

Clerk

(iii) Bell Cottage, Ringwell Lane, Norton St Philip – insertion of 3 dormer windows, 1 rooflight, new and replacement fenestration, conversion of loft and outbuilding to additional accommodation, erection of sunroom and pergola and general internal and external alterations and works (DEL) (listed building consent). No objection to either of these applications.

(iii) Norton St Philip Post Office, Bell Hill, Norton St Philip – change of use from Post Office to residential. Objection, with the comment “This is the sole post office and shop in the village and we cannot afford to lose this facility.”

Clerk

(iv) Norton House, Bath Road, Norton St Philip – installation of satellite mini dish. No objection.

Clerk

(v) Permission has been granted for the following applications:

(a) Barnfield, Chatley Furlong, Norton St Philip – erection of two-storey and single storey extension and conservatory.

(b) Hart’s Forge, Town Barton, Norton St Philip – works to trees.

- 5643 **Farleigh Hungerford**  
Potential designation as a conservation area. Cllr Hasell has spoken to a  
some residents in Farleigh Hungerford and has invited Ian Gething from  
Mendip District Council to the December meeting to talk about this. Cllr  
Hasell will mail drop every household in Farleigh Hungerford inviting them  
to attend the meeting. IH
- 5644 **Correspondence**  
(i) Somerset Waste Local Plan – schedule of proposed modifications. For  
information: the plan has been placed on deposit until 3 December for  
consultation.  
  
(ii) Somerset Fire & Rescue Service integrated risk management plan. CG  
Passed to Cllr Gill.
- 5645 **Finance**  
(i) The following cheques were agreed and signed:  
▶ Sally Vince – clerk’s salary £124.00 and expenses £6.00 =  
£130.00  
▶ Top Line Contract Furniture Ltd – chairs for Palairret Hall –  
£270.57 + £47.35 VAT = £317.92  
▶ Somerset Landscapes – grasscutting on Church Mead – £203.70 +  
£35.65 VAT = £239.35  
  
(ii) Internal auditor. Councillors appointed Nick Brown as internal auditor.  
  
(iii) Village cleaner. There has been no response to an advertisement for a  
cleaner that was placed in the *Parish News*.
- 5646 **Rebellion 2005**  
It was reported that an outline for the event has tentatively been agreed by  
the Rebellion 2005 steering committee.
- 5647 **Footpaths**  
(i) Rights of Way Improvement Plans. An article on this will appear in the  
next *Parish News* and notices have been put on the noticeboards. TH
- 5648 **Highways and traffic**  
(i) Councillors were each given copies of notices to place under on the  
windcreens of cars parked on pavements.  
  
(ii) Bollards outside the Plain. The central bollard has been moved  
substantially in from the road. Councillors believe this to be extremely  
dangerous. Moreover, it places it just inside the man-hole covers, which could  
be damaged by vehicles driving over them. It was agreed that the clerk should  
write to Somerset County Council expressing the parish council’s extreme  
displeasure about this, and to copy the letter to relevant bodies in Somerset. Clerk  
  
(iii) A366, mirrors. A mirror has been placed on one of the traffic signs.

(iv) Traffic Action Group. There has been no response to an appeal for new members, and so this group will go into recess for a few months.

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**Meetings**

Thursday 9 December 2004, Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall

Thursday 13 January 2005, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Meeting ended 10.15.