

# NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 13 January 2005

at Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

**Present:** Councillors D. Archer, C. Gill, I. Hasell, A. Hodgson, A. Purssord, P. Rich (Chair)

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor T. Hanney

#### Public forum

Plastic windows have been put into Bell Hill House. Is this allowed in a conservation area without planning permission?

#### 5662 Declaration of interests

None.

#### 5663 Urgent items

None.

#### 5664 Minutes of the previous meeting (16 December 2004)

These were signed with the following amendments:

Minute 5655 (ii) should read:

The group will ensure that consideration of Bell Hill Garage is properly included in the plan.

Minute 5659(i) should read:

It was drawn to the council's attention that weight limit signage on the A36 for Farleigh Hungerford is inconsistent. The clerk will contact Somerset County Council about this.

#### 5665 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5653(i), water tower at Farleigh Hungerford. This is ongoing. TH

(ii) Minute 5653(ii), Malt House/ Bend Cottage. There is no further information on this.

(iii) Minute 5653(iii), Post Office. (a) A representative from the Post Office will be meeting with representatives from the Village Hall Committee on 25 January to discuss the possibility of holding a temporary, part-time post office service at the village hall when the local post office closes. PR

(b) The question was raised whether the post box will remain on the post office wall. Cllr Rich will contact Jane Eldon to request a larger-mouthed post box for the village. PR

(c) Planning permission has been granted for change of use to domestic dwelling of the current Post Office

- (iv) Minute 5653(iv), Tellisford Lane noticeboard. This is ongoing. AH
- (v) Minute 5654, Farleigh Hungerford – potential designation as a conservation area. There is no further news on this.
- (vi) Minute 5658(iii), village cleaner. (a) Cllr Hasell will contact Cleanaway to ask if they can provide a weekly contract to clean the village. IH
- (b) Cllr Hasell will contact Alistair Glanville at Mendip District Council to ask about regular cleaning in the village. IH
- 5666 **Parish Plan**
- (i) Little progress has been made in the last two months. The next version of the plan will be completed by the end of next week, with a view to speaking with Mendip District Council officers by the week beginning 24 January; Cllr Hasell will set up this meeting. IH
- (ii) It was agreed that the garage proprietor should be consulted on the garage business's inclusion in the plan, but that this should not hold up speaking with Mendip District Council.
- (iii) The parish council will aim to adopt the plan at the March meeting and for it to be produced and published by the end of April.
- 5667 **Planning**
- (i) Farleigh Hungerford Castle – re-grading of steep slope and installation of culvert. No objection. Clerk
- 5668 **Correspondence**
- None for discussion other than that itemised elsewhere on the agenda.
- 5669 **Works to trees at Farleigh Hungerford**
- Two quotes have been obtained for works to these trees. The parish council will accept the one from F A Bartlett for £640.
- 5670 **Finance**
- (i) Audit. Councillors accepted the annual figures for year ending 31 March 2004 and the chairman and clerk signed part 1 of the annual return.
- (ii) After discussion the precept was set for £14,500.
- (iii) It was suggested that the Church Mead Committee should ask for financial support from the Rebellion Committee.
- (iv) It was agreed that if Somerset County Council will pay for the bollards outside the Plaine to be moved back to their original position, the parish council should purchase, subject to price, six replacement bollards.
- (v) The following cheques were agreed and signed:
- ▶ Somerset Playing Fields Association subscription – £10
  - ▶ Sally Vince – clerk's salary £124.00 and expenses £5.00 = £135.00

- ▶ Somerset Landscapes – grasscutting on Church Mead – £126.00 +  
£22.06 VAT = £148.06
- ▶ Palairet Hall – rent of hall for meetings £20

5671 **Highways and traffic**

(i) It was agreed to invite County Councillor Michael St John and District Councillor Tim Carroll to the next meeting to discuss highways matters.

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(ii) The signs on the A366 coming into the village from Faulkland are very faded so that they can hardly be read and are not visible in certain lights. The clerk will speak to Highways.

Clerk

5672 **Footpaths**

(i) The footpaths map will be hung on the George wall by the end of this month.

5673 **Meetings**

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