

# NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 10 March 2005

at Palairt Hall, Norton St Philip

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

**In attendance:** Sally Vince (clerk); 3 members of the public

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor C. Gill

#### Public forum

None.

#### 5686 Declaration of interests

None.

#### 5687 Urgent items

None.

#### 5688 Minutes of the previous meeting (10 February 2005)

These were signed with the following amendment:

5678(ii) Delete the words "as the final plan".

#### 5689 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5677(i), water tower at Farleigh Hungerford. Cllr Hanney will arrange for quotes for a survey to be carried out. TH

(ii) Minute 5677(ii), Malt House/ Bend Cottage and Rundell's Barn. Details of the Compulsory Purchase Order are available to the public at Mendip District Council offices and Frome Library, and notices have been posted. Objections may be made up to 5 April. Cllr Hanney will find out the time scale of events from now. TH

(iii) Minute 5677(iii), Post Office. The electrical installation has been carried out. The work by BT is still to be done; this may hold up the opening of the temporary Post Office on 15 March.

(iv) Minute 5677(iv), Tellisford Lane noticeboard. The carpenter has the noticeboard, and it should be in place within the next ten days. AH

#### 5690 Parish Plan

(i) A limited number of parish plans have been produced in full colour to send to the Countryside Agency. Councillors agreed to pay the cost of printing, which was £135.00 + VAT (=£158.63).

(ii) It was agreed that Val Fox and Robin Campbell should each be paid an honorarium of £100 for the work they have done on the plan.

(iii) It is understood that the Faccenda site is now up for sale in three lots.

5691 **Village cleaning**

(i) The roads have been cleaned recently, but some areas were not done because the sweeper had to go round parked cars. A representative from Mendip District Council has been to inspect the work and has promised that someone will come to the village to tidy up the areas not cleaned. Cllr Archer will contact the Glastonbury office to complain about the work. He will arrange that cleaners will clean the village before the Rebellion weekend and ask car owners to move their cars so that it can be done properly.

DA

(ii) Soil and growth is collecting at the back of pavements. It was agreed that there should be a letter drop asking residents to be responsible for cleaning around where they park their cars, the footways outside their houses and for cutting back overhanging hedges. Anyone who is not able to do this can phone Cllr Archer, who will organise someone else to do the work.

DA

(iii) It was agreed that there should be a village cleaning day on 23 April.

DA

(iv) It was agreed that Cllrs Archer and Rich should speak to the owners of the old shop next to the Fleur de Lys to ask them to tidy the area around it.

5692 **Planning**

(i) Charm Cottage, 1 High Street, Norton St Philip – first floor extension over existing flat roof extension to rear (planning permission and listed building consent). No objection; comment: Ideally, the new roof to be of natural stone, in line with where the main roof abuts.

Clerk

(ii) Barnfield, Chatley Furlong – extend existing conservatory. Objection (five agreed, one abstention). Comment: As with the extension previously agreed by Mendip officers, councillors think this is overdevelopment in the countryside and it is outside the village development limits.

Clerk

(iii) Article 4 Direction. Cllr Purssord explained what the Article 4 Directions are for and the procedure for implementing them. The implications of this were discussed. It was agreed to think about this again when the parish plan has been adopted.

(iv) Rowley Grange – erection of triple garage with store. Permission has been refused.

5693 **Correspondence**

(i) A schedule of correspondence was handed to each councillor.

(ii) Councillors are urged to attend a roaming parish forum meeting at the Palaiet Hall on Thursday, 19 May.

5694 **Finance**

(i) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

- ▶ Trustees of the Palaiet Hall –£10.00
- ▶ Sally Vince – clerk's salary £125.00 and expenses £5.00 = £130.00

- ▶ Robin Campbell – work on parish plan, £100 + £17.50 VAT = £117.50
- ▶ Andy Haines – footpaths map frame and fixing, £250.00 + £43.75 VAT = £293.75
- ▶ Robin Campbell – honorarium for work on parish plan, £100.00

5695 **Clerking arrangements**

- (i) There has been one application for the post of clerk.
- (ii) Councillors appointed Robin Campbell as clerk, as from 1 April 2005.

5696 **Highways and traffic**

(i) Bollards outside the Plaine. Frank Lake has promised that work will be completed and temporary bollards sited outside the Plaine.

(ii) The clerk has written to Somerset County Council requesting ramps at each end of the village. Frank Lake is reported as being unhappy with this idea, and wants cushions instead of ramps. Cllr Archer has asked Highways to suggest a scheme for councillors to consider.

(iii) Somerset has been asked to provide a flashing variable speed sign. No reply has been received.

(iv) It is hoped that the Speedwatch will get going again in April. The area around the school will be the main concern.

(v) It is understood that the village signs have been constructed and are awaiting erection.

(vi) The campaign for the A366 weight restriction needs to be moved forward. The Traffic Action Group needs to be re-formed, to include new members. Cllr Archer will ask for volunteers through the parish magazine. DA

(vii) There was an accident in the village yesterday, involving a lorry pushing a small car as the lorry travelled towards Radstock. This was not reported to the police. It is emphasised that *all* incidents should be reported to Cllr Archer and to the police so that they can be recorded. Cllr Archer will include an article on this in the parish magazine. DA

5697 **Miscellaneous reports**

None.

5698 **Meetings**

Thursday 14 April 2005, Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall

Thursday 12 May 2005, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 26 May, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.