

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 14 April 2005

at the Village Hall, Farleigh Hungerford

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

In attendance: Robin Campbell (clerk); one member of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillor C. Gill

Public forum

- (i) The lack of a notice board for residents' advertisement of sales and services following the closure of the post office, first mentioned in February, was again raised. Various sites were suggested. Agreed that charging would be hard to enforce and noted that planning permission was not needed for a council-sponsored board.
- (ii) Concern was expressed that the Norton rat population appeared to be increasing.

5699 Declaration of interests

None.

5700 Urgent items

None.

5701 Minutes of the previous meeting (10 March 2005)

These were signed with the following amendments:

5689 (i) The last sentence to read "Cllr Hanney will arrange for quotes for a survey to be carried out."

5692 (i) The last sentence to read "Ideally, the new roof to be of natural stone, in line with where the main roof abuts."

5702 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5689 (i), water tower at Farleigh Hungerford. Agreed to accept Hartley Conservation's price of £200 + VAT for survey, subject to receipt of written quotation, including additional cost of not more than £100 + VAT to check condition of iron tank.

TH

(ii) Minute 5689(ii), Malt House/ Bend Cottage and Rundell's Barn. The compulsory purchase order is now in its consultation period with the Secretary of State. It is believed that the current owner can appeal during this time. The bowing of the wall on the George side is to be inspected by Mendip District Council.

5703 Footpaths

Councillor Hanney will visit Anthea Pratt to discuss the placing of a fingerpost on the path next to her property. He will compile a list of all

footpath signposting maintenance work required. Sheila Petherbridge of Mendip District Council can arrange for this work to be carried out in one session.

TH

Councillor Hanney left the meeting at 8.05pm

Further Matters Arising

5704 (iii) Minute 5689(iii), Post Office. This is to open in the Palaiet Hall from 2.00pm to 3.30pm every Tuesday from 19 April, run by Roger Jacobs of Hinton post office. He is not available on Thursdays. The arrangement will not operate on 3rd or 31st May. Councillor Hasell will produce 10 posters advertising the service, for display in the village.

IH

(iv) Minute 5689(iv), Tellisford Lane noticeboard. Councillor Hodgson reported that the board is ready for hanging.

AH

5705 Parish Plan

(i) Six copies have been produced digitally and sent to the Countryside Agency in order to secure the second tranche of funding. There will be a short delay before this is received.

(ii) Councillor Rich has visited Philip Rose to discuss the latter's feeling that he had not been consulted during the production of the plan. Two amendments have been made to the wording of the Garage section.

(iii) Cllrs Rich and Hasell have fine-tuned the wording in a few places and the plan has been sent to the printer. 600 copies will be available by the next meeting, when the previously agreed bill will be presented for payment.

5706 Rebellion

(i) Agreed to convey to the Steering Committee the Council's view that more help for the event would be forthcoming if it were made clear to villagers that a good share of the proceeds would be distributed widely among village organisations, and to suggest 50% as an appropriate figure.

Clerk

(ii) Agreed to submit a written application to the Steering Committee for a share of the proceeds, to be used for the future benefit of the village.

Clerk

5707 Village cleaning

(i) 12 volunteers have responded to a letter about village cleaning day on 23rd April, sent by Councillor Archer to all villagers. He will ask Mendip to supply plastic sacks for the rubbish and to remove them afterwards.

DA

(ii) A list of blocked drains in the village will be supplied to Mendip and a date agreed with them on which cars will be moved from the High Street so that drains can be cleared.

(iii) The village signs had still not been delivered. Cllrs Rich and Archer had been unable to discuss this or the state of the chicanes with Geoff

Bunting as Mr Bunting had cancelled their meeting. Cllr Rich will contact Somerset County Council. PR

(iv) Councillor Hodgson had spoken to John Curtain about improving the appearance of his old shop premises but Mr Curtain is unable to proceed at present. Cllr Hodgson will suggest to Mr Curtain that volunteers tidy up the frontage as part of village cleaning day. AH

5708 **Planning**

(i) Eastleigh, North Street - work to and felling of trees. No objection Clerk

(ii) Gable Cottage, Church Street – refurbishment of attic room and insertion of rooflight. No objection Clerk

(iii) 18 Springfield – erection of conservatory. No objection Clerk

5709 **Correspondence**

(i) Each councillor had been provided with a schedule of correspondence received.

(ii) A letter had been received from Somerset County Council advising that ahead of impending legislation to designate Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPs) as Restricted Byways, it had received so many requests for RUPPs to be shown on maps as Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs), that it will process no more applications until the changes in legislation are clear. A letter had also been received from the Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) enquiring about ownership of land adjoining the byway to Hassage, as part of TRF's application to have this designated a BOAT. Agreed that the Council will oppose all BOAT applications in the parish. Clerk to advise Somerset County Council of this and send a copy of the letter to the TRF. Clerk

(ii) Councillor Archer requested that a schedule of correspondence sent be given to councillors in future Clerk

5710 **Finance**

(i) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

- ▶ Palairet Hall Management Committee – rent £20.00
- ▶ Sally Vince – Clerk's salary £125.00 and expenses £10.00 = £135.00
- ▶ Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall – grant 2004 £200.00 + grant 2005 £200.00 = £400.00
- ▶ The F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co Ltd – tree work at Farleigh Hungerford water tower green – £540.00 + VAT = £634.50
- ▶ The Ridings Car Link Scheme – grant £100.00

5711 **Highways and traffic**

(i) Bollards outside the Plaine. Bollards of the previous style, rather than the promised bell-shaped ones, have been installed, fitted with luminous collars. It was agreed to leave the bollards for the time being.

(ii) Traffic Consultant. Councillor Archer had met Ian Ayres, who could undertake a design study on the central area around the Plaine for £250. Noted. Councillor Archer will ask Mr Ayres for an estimate for a similar study on the High Street, to include pavement widening, making it clear that funds are not available at present.

DA

(iii) Condition of High Street road surface. Bad patches have been spray-marked for attention.

(iv) Village signs. The new village signs will have integral 30mph signs to replace the current faded ones

5712 **Miscellaneous reports**
None

5713 **Meetings**
Thursday 12 May 2005, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip
Thursday 26 May 2005, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip – Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.