

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 9 June 2005

at the Palairet Hall Norton St Philip

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

In attendance: Robin Campbell (clerk); five members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillors D. Archer, C. Gill, A. Hodgson

Public forum

(i) There was a complaint that the agenda for this meeting had not been displayed on the Bell Hill notice board. The clerk advised that he had posted the agenda on 3 June and was notified on 9 June that it had been removed. He then posted another copy. Agendas had remained posted on the other two notice boards in the parish, ensuring the legality of the meeting.

Clerk

(ii) A question was asked about progress on the provision of a board to display village for sale and wanted notices. This to be a July agenda item.

(iii) Reported that in the absence of Colin Francis on sick leave the bins in the High Street had excess litter and dog mess. Mendip to be asked if they will provide black sacks.

Clerk

(iv) A cheque from the trustees of the Palairet Hall had not been banked by the council. Clerk to enquire of his predecessor.

Clerk

5728 Declaration of interests

None.

5729 Minutes of the previous meeting (12 May 2005)

These were signed without amendment:

5730 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5717 (i), water tower at Farleigh Hungerford. Minerva's quote for stone work was now likely to be £200 inclusive of VAT. To Hartley Conservation's quote of £200 + VAT, £10 costs have now to be added. Agreed to proceed as soon as possible on this basis.

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5731 Rebellion

(i) Malt House garden wall adjoining George footpath. See also email appended to these minutes. Mendip DC are awaiting a second quote. The first was for £2K to demolish the wall and £6K to rebuild it. Signage for the weekend was being prepared on the basis that the wall would not be reinstated in time to open the path for the weekend.

(ii) Post-rebellion clean up would use skips (£100 to £180 each) and black sacks. Cllr Hasell recommended that the village be cleaned on the Saturday evening.

- (iii) Cllr Rich had received no application for a share of the Rebellion proceeds since the council took over responsibility for distribution. He will ask Tony Wardle for a list of applications received by the steering committee prior to that time. He reiterated the principle that potential benefit to an organisation should be in proportion to the effort put into the event by it. Agreed to post a notice reminding organisations that they must apply in writing. PR
Clerk
- (iv) Cllrs Archer, Hasell, Pursord and Rich would meet on a date to be agreed between 27 June and 4 July to formulate the procedure to evaluate applications for Rebellion funds, for presentation to the full council on 14 July PR
- 5732 **Parish Plan**
- (i) Four offers of help in implementing the plan had been received. Clerk to thank those concerned and invite them to attend the July council meeting. Clerk to produce a matrix showing tasks and offers of help. Clerk
- (ii) A cheque for £1575 had been received from the South West Network of Rural Community Councils and the project was now fully funded. Clerk to write to the Countryside Agency, thanking them for their support and help. Clerk
- (iii) Copies of the plan to be sent to Jonathan Layzell (rural housing enabler) and to Envolve Clerk
- (iv) The action plan has timings. Agreed that these will start after the Rebellion weekend.
- 5733 **Village cleaning**
A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs J. Middleton-Stewart asking that rubbish be removed from under the seat outside Bell Hill Cottage and enquiring whether it would be possible to move the seat now the property was no longer a shop. Agenda item for July. Noted that the Middleton-Stewarts are no longer resident.
- 5734 **Planning**
Southfields Farm, Laverton Lane – erection of holiday cottage (outline permission). No objection. The council wished to record that any building should conform to the recommendations in the parish plan for new building. Clerk
- 5735 **Correspondence**
Each councillor had been provided with a schedule of correspondence received.
- (i) Letter from Somerset County Council advising application to upgrade Hassage Green Lane from RUPP to BOAT – clerk to reply, repeating previous opposition Clerk
- (ii) Letter from Mr Gerard Leighton re Hassage Green Lane – clerk to reply advising that council was opposed Clerk
- (iii) Draft Housing Strategy for Mendip 2005 – 2008/9. Cllr Pursord to read the report and comment directly to MDC AP

(iv) Shaws' Parish Councillor's Guide. Clerk to order one copy

5736 **Footpaths**

(i) Footpath between the George and Malt House – dealt with under item 5731 (i)

(ii) Waymarkers have been erected on the footpath which adjoins Pool Cottage.

(iii) Rebellion. There will be camping and car parking on 10 acres of Norwood Farm but the landowner, Cate Mack, does not want pedestrians using the junction of Norwood Farm lane and the B3110. Agreed pedestrians will be routed onto footpath starting above the new house on Norwood Farm lane and traversing the field diagonally to reach B3110 near Sands Farm. Clerk to write to Mr Ralph Applegate, owner of this field, asking him to ensure that the line of the footpath is cut to allow free passage.

5737 **Finance**

(i) Clerk to obtain leaflet on deposit account offered by Barclays Bank. Clerk

(ii) Clerk to obtain further information on accounts offered by CCLA (Charities, Clubs and Local Authorities). Clerk

(iii) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

- ▶ Palairet Hall Management Committee (PHMC) – Rent £40
- ▶ PHMC – contribution towards rubbish removal £440. Agreed to ask PHMC to review charges, which were felt to be high, for next year.
- ▶ Clerk's salary and expenses 240.34 + expenses £7.50 = £247.84
- ▶ The F A Bartlett Tree Expert Co Ltd – root feed tree at Farleigh Hungerford green £117.50

Somerset Association of Local Councils Affiliation Fee 2005 /06 £155.46

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Highways and traffic

(i) Somerset Highways advise that the wrongly-sited village signs will be moved within two weeks.

5739 **Miscellaneous reports**

(i) Reported that only two people used the post office in the Palairet Hall on 7 June. Clerk to place notice in Parish News advising 'Use it or lose it.' Clerk

(ii) Reported by attending councillors that the Parish Forum on 19 May had been useful, though monopolised by a councillor from another parish, with a grievance.

5740 **Meetings**

Thursday 14 July 2005, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm

IF REQUIRED, Thursday 11 August, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.