

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 July 2005

at the Palairet Hall Norton St Philip

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

In attendance: R. Campbell (clerk); six members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillor C. Gill

Public forum

(i) Enquiry was made as to where hard copies of the minutes of council meetings could be made available. The new notice board was suggested, when in place.

(ii) It was reported that cars are being parked dangerously in the village. One had been noted sticking out of the old village pound in Church Street and another at the entrance to Ringwell Lane. A notice to be put in the Parish News

Clerk

5740 Urgent items

None

5741 Declaration of interests

Councillor Rich signalled a possible conflict of interest in relation to Item 5749 (ii).

5742 Minutes of the previous meeting (9 June 2005)

These were signed with the following amendment:

Item 5730, Matters Arising, second line to read

‘stone work was now likely to be £200 inclusive of VAT ...’

5743 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5730 (i) Water Tower at Farleigh Hungerford to be inspected by Hartley the following week.

(ii) Minute 5739 (i) The Tuesday afternoon post office in the Palairet Hall continues to be poorly supported and has closed early on occasion for lack of custom. Roger Jacobs of Hinton Post Office will be unable run the session for three weeks in August, due to holidays. Cllr Rich will speak to Mr Jacobs about combining the session with some other activity, such as the sale of vegetables, to make it more viable.

PR

5744 Notice Board

Agreed the best location was next to the existing board, in a matching size. Rosemary Yarker’s offer to run it was accepted with thanks. Size of notices to be controlled. Cllr Rich will approach the landowner of Vanity Park Cottage informally about fixing the board to her wall on Bell Hill. Planning permission will not be required. Clerk to bring literature on notice boards to next meeting

PR

Clerk

5745 **Parish Plan**

(i) Implementation: Agreed that implementation of the various sections would be led as follows:

Cllr Hodgson – Youth (with help from Jennifer Bowskill and Sharon AH

Cllr Hanney – Environment (with help from Sir Jeremy Moore) TH

Cllr Archer – Traffic (with help from Graham Jenkinson; Cllr Pursord would also assist if required) DA

Cllr Pursord – Facilities AP

Cllr Hasell – the Elderley (with help from Margaret Hasell)

Graham Jenkinson and Sir Jeremy Moore were thanked for attending. IH

(ii) Cllr Hasell had presented the plan to the Frome Area Board who wish to support it. They will consider it fully at their meeting on 26 July, which councillors are invited to attend.

(iii) Acceptance as supplementary planning guidance: A new directive from the office of the deputy prime minister means that there is now no mechanism to accept the plan as supplementary planning guidance within the Local Development Framework. The Mendip District policy officer recommends that the plan be presented to the Mendip Strategic Partnership for acceptance by them. Agreed that at the Frome Area board meeting Cllr Hasell would express the Parish Council's disappointment that the Plan's status was now more in question. IH

5746 **Rebellion**

Agreed, with opposition from Cllr Hodgson, that the split of the profit from the weekend, to be administered by the council, be as follows:

Parochial Church Council	50%
Church Mead	20%
Cricket Club	10%
Pre-School	10%
Football Club	10%

On the reported profit figure of £6,000 this will give respectively £3,000, £1,200, £600, £600 and £600. The Council will buy goal posts for the football club, as they do not have a bank account.

In addition it was agreed to pay from reserves £100 each to the W.I. and the Fellowship Club.

Cllr Rich advised that future calls on reserves might include provision of electricity to the cricket pavilion. To be discussed at subsequent meeting.

5747 **Village cleaning**

(i) Seat at Bell Hill Cottage: Agreed there was no compelling reason to move it. Clerk to enquire of owners of the property if they wished to identify an alternative site. Clerk

(ii) Church Mead rough grass: Noted that following cutting back of one side by the Church Mead Committee complaints had been received by councillors about closeness of cut to boundary. Volunteers Gerald Maine and Graham Binns are cutting back the other side.

(iii) Leaking pipe on back wall of children's play area: Clerk to arrange

- urgent visit by a Mendip environmental health officer to determine whether it is a health hazard. Clerk
- 5748 **Faccenda Site**
The site is believed to be back on the market after offers made for it were turned down by the owner. The opportunity to renew dialogue with the owner to be kept under review.
- 5749 **Planning**
(i) Old Orchard – Councillors agreed, with the abstention of Cllr Hasell, that they had no objection to the proposed acoustic fence, in spite of the materials apparently not being of high acoustic efficiency.
(ii) Land next to The Willows – Councillors were mystified as to why a full planning application was being submitted when they had already raised no objection (5616, 9/9/04). Clerk to seek clarification. Subject to the materials being sympathetic to local construction and no part of the building going outside the development limit, councillors had no objection, though they wished to point out that the house was half built. Cllr Rich abstained. Clerk
- 5750 **Correspondence**
Each councillor had been provided with a schedule of correspondence received.
Mendip District Corporate Plan 2005/06. Cllr Pursord will study this and report AP
- 5751 **Finance**
(i) HSBC interest rates to be investigated Clerk
(ii) The following cheques were agreed and signed:
▶ Somerset Landscapes Ltd £621.58
▶ Shaw and Sons – book £13.50
▶ Clerk's salary and expenses 201.64 + expenses £10.92 = £212.56
- 5752 **Highways and traffic**
20 plastic traffic cones are missing, following the rebellion weekend. They will be charged at £7.50 each. Advertisement for their return to be placed in Parish News. Clerk
- 5753 **Miscellaneous reports**
None
- 5754 **Meetings**
IF REQUIRED, Thursday 11 August, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm
Thursday 8 September, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm
The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.