

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 8 December 2005

at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Present: Councillors D.Archer, C.Gill, I Hasell, T. Hodgson, A. Purssord, P.Rich

In attendance: R. Campbell (clerk), 6 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillor A. McMillan. Cllr Hasell had advised of late arrival

Public forum

Villagers were receiving unnecessary rubbish leaflets from B & NES. Clerk to contact B & NES.

Clerk

5809 Declaration of interests

Cllr Purssord declared an interest in relation to agenda item 13 (iv) Hart's Forge

5810 Urgent items

Southfield Farm, Norton St Philip, erection of holiday cottage. Cllrs Rich and Purssord had visited the site following Mendip's refusal to grant full planning permission.

Agreed the only ground on which the parish council now objected to the original proposal was the use of concrete roof tiles. Cllr Purssord to contact MDC to discover if they had, as reported, specifically cited the parish council's objections in relation to their refusal of planning permission.

AP

5811 Minutes of the meeting of 10 November 2005

These were signed as a true record with the following amendment:
5799 line 5 to read 'Cllr Hasell enquired as to his credibility with Somerset. Mr Hamilton-Baillie's fee would be ...'

5812 Matters arising

(i) Minute 5743 (i) Water Tower at Farleigh Hungerford. Tim Hanney reported on the assessment received from the Hartley Conservation Partnership [*copy attached*]. Mendip advised that part of the cost of repairs might be met from the historic building grant. Mr Hanney offered to paint the ironwork for the cost of materials. He was thanked and asked if he would contact Arthur King in Farleigh Hungerford to see if the latter had any ideas as to who might take over the tower. Noted that the council had an obligation to carry out repairs and that the roof repair was urgent. Cllr Gill objected to Norton spending money on repairs and thought that another way to finance them should be found.

(ii) Malt House and Bend Cottage: Due to a technical error the compulsory purchase notice had had to be re-posted by Mendip and the clock restarted on the period for appeal.

(iii) Leaking pipe at children's playground, Church Mead: the householder has lined the pipe as a temporary measure. His insurer will pay for its replacement. If leakage persists, MDC will re-dye-test.

5813 **Parish Plan**

(i) Traffic

Cllr Archer reported on the meeting with David Heath, MP and officers from Somerset County Council on 2 December [*copy of report attached*]. Mr Heath had demanded that Somerset come up with a proposal for parking arrangements for the High Street, for the parish council to consider. A speed visor sign would be installed by Somerset on the Farleigh Road for a week, beginning 12 December. The 3 new bollards at the Plaine were due shortly. A painted footway was to be put in place along the Farleigh Road from the end of the Fleur car park to Upper Farm Close. The Bath end traffic chicane will be removed by Somerset if the parish council wishes, but there is no money for a replacement

(ii) Youth

An appeal for volunteers had not been put in the Parish News, but would be included in the next issue. Cllr Hodgson will knock on doors to find volunteers. Suggested that Dominique Done might be interested. .

Clerk

(iii) The Elderly

Cllr Hasell was not yet present

(iv) Facilities

Cllr Purssord presented his report (*attached, with a note of a meeting with Royal Mail*). Royal Mail will not install an additional box at the bottom of the village, but are prepared to replace the wall box at Bell Hill Cottage with a pillar box with a mouth 250 x 40mm, if the parish council will meet the cost (£1,800). They suggest siting it by the public telephone box. Discussion about the best location then took place.

AP

Agreed Cllr Purssord will notify Royal Mail that a new box is wanted, take soundings as to the best position and report to the next full council meeting.

Kerbside collections of new categories of waste had been confirmed by Mendip. The cost of sacks was to be £10. Cllr Gill objected to the lack of a plastics collection.

Agreed Cllr Purssord will contact Mendip to discuss the collection of plastics.

AP

(v) Environment

No report

(vi) Mendip Strategic Partnership

Cllr Hasell, newly arrived, said that he and Cllr Rich had presented the Parish Plan to Mendip Strategic Partnership and that it had been unanimously endorsed. When the Mendip Development Framework is constructed, the plan will become part of it.

5814 **Village Notice Board**

Costings will be presented to councillors in time to consider at the next meeting.

Clerk

5815 **Highways**

(i) The owner of Massey Wilcox Transport had invited Cllr Archer to a Road Haulage Association meeting at which a weight limit for Norton St Philip was to be discussed. Mr Wilcox advised that he routed his lorries,

reluctantly, down the village because of the one-way 17.5 tonne weight limit imposed by Wiltshire County Council at Corsley. Noted that the road there is wider than the A366. Cllr Gill advocated the need for a cross-border policy. There is to be a weight limit meeting in Trowbridge on 6 January.

Agreed Clerk to write to WCC asking why the Corsley decision had been taken and drawing attention to the repercussions.

Clerk

(ii) Cllr Gill will send a day's sample of the pictures captured by the traffic survey camera to Somerset, to see if they are usable.

CG

5816 **Village cleaning**

Hinton PC had asked to place a notice on Norton's board for a cleaner for one day a week.

Agreed Clerk to find out the pay rate offered by Hinton and whether they have cleaning equipment and to suggest a joint advertisement on both boards for a cleaner for both villages. Clerk to place a notice in the Parish News as previously agreed.

Clerk

5817 **Faccenda Site**

The chairman distributed copies of plans for possible development of the Faccenda site and the site of Philip Rose's garage on Bell Hill, both supplied by Mr Rose, who has asked if he has the support in principle of the parish council for them. Cllr Rich suggested that this item be considered at a meeting of the council to be called in January, when the budget would also be discussed.

Agreed to call an additional meeting on 5 January 2006 to discuss the budget and precept for 2006/07 and the Faccenda site.

Clerk

5818 **Church Mead**

This item to be taken at the precept meeting noted in 5817 above.

5819 **Planning**

(i) 3 Norton Grange, provision of additional door in garage – recommend approval.

(ii) 4 Norton Grange, conversion of loft with 2 pitched dormers – recommend approval.

(iii) The Beeches, Fairclose, single storey rear extension – recommend approval.

(iv) Hanbury Cottage, North Street, installation of flue in listed building – recommend approval.

Cllr Purssord moved to the body of the hall.

(v) Harts Forge, reinstatement of doorway in boundary wall – recommend approval.

Cllr Purssord resumed his seat. The chairman left the meeting. Cllr Gill took the chair.

5821 **Correspondence**

The chairman reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

Clerk to ask the PCC if the newly received list of electors can be displayed in the Church porch.

Clerk

5822 **Finance**

Agreed The Statement of Assurance relating to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005 was agreed and signed.

Clerk to circulate copy of the Statement of Assurance to all councillors for the precept meeting, to aid in consideration of budgetary controls for the coming year.

Clerk

Agreed to pay the following bills – Cllr Archer abstained on item (iv):

- (i) Somerset Landscapes – Church Mead grass cutting £310.79
- (ii) Clerk – November salary and expenses £220.82
- (iii) G. Jenkinson – expenses re traffic survey camera £21.87
- (iv) D. Archer – photocopying expenses re highways £13.10

The following previously agreed items were paid:

- (i) Palairet Hall Management Committee – hire of hall £30.00
- (ii) The Hartley Conservation Partnership – survey of water tower £252.16

5823 **Footpaths**

Noted that the sign warning of pedestrians in the Farleigh Road is missing. It is being replaced.

5824 **Miscellaneous reports**

There were none.

5825 **Meetings**

Thursday January 5, 2006, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm
Thursday January 12, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm
Thursday February 9, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.