

# NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 24 January 2008  
in the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

**Present:** Councillors K. Baker, T. Hodgson, S. Ledbury, M. Lutterloch (Chairman),  
V. Parker, A. Purssord

**Apologies:** Councillor D. Archer

**In attendance:** R. Campbell (clerk)

#### **Public forum**

No member of the public was present

#### 6190 **Declaration of interests**

There were none

#### 6191 **Urgent items**

None

#### 6192 **Budget 2008/09**

(i) Budget. A draft budget and supporting documents from grant applicants were presented to the meeting. The budget was considered line by line and a number of adjustments made. The following actions arose from consideration of the budget.

- The School to be asked to provide information in relation to the road crossing patrol grant. Clerk
- A meeting with the Church Mead Management Committee to be arranged early in the financial year, to discuss the following (2009/10) year's budget. Clerk
- The nature of the covenant in relation to letting of the sports pavilion to be investigated. Clerk
- Nigel Brokenshire to be contacted about a village cleaning schedule for 2008/09 Clerk
- Cllr Purssord said that the parish council had a duty of care for the upkeep of Farleigh Hungerford Water Tower. Mendip's conservation officer to be asked if financial help could be provided for its repair. The possibility of the building being de-listed to be investigated. The details of the council's insurance cover on the tower to be checked. The provision of £1,000 contingency in the budget for upkeep of the tower was agreed (five votes in favour, one abstention). Clerk
- In relation to the cost of a path round Church Mead and provision made by the council for a contribution to it, Cllrs Purssord and Baker had had a site meeting and would prepare an application for a regeneration grant.

(ii) The precept for 2007/08 was **agreed unanimously** at £15,600 (an increase of 4% on the precept for 2007/08). Clerk

#### **Chicken Factory Site**

6193 Councillors had been invited to visit the site on 24 January by Lochailort Investments. The council will invite Lochailort to present to the February PC meeting.

**Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 14 February 2008, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm

Thursday 13 March 2008, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip, 7.45pm

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.