

**NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 13 March 2008**  
**at the Palaiet Hall, Norton St Philip**

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

**In attendance:** District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), four parishioners

**Absent:** Cllr V Parker

**Public forum**

No matter was raised.

6207 **Declaration of Interests**

None.

6208 **Urgent item**

(i) Dog fouling on Church Mead. Cllr Archer said he received monthly complaints about dog fouling on the Mead. It was currently so bad that the chair of the Mead committee had suggested banning dogs. It was pointed out that public footpaths ran across the Mead. Cllr Purssord suggested a sign at each entrance stressing the risk of infection and that it is against the law not to clear up after your dog.

**Agreed** to contact Mendip's dog warden, to put a letter in *Parish News* and notices on the notice boards, and to inspect again in 3 weeks time.

Clerk

6209 **Minutes of the meeting of 21 February 2008**

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record, without amendment

6210 **Matters arising**

(i) **Path round Church Mead.** An application for regeneration funds had been completed, and would be sent with supporting documents

Clerk

(ii) **Churchyard path gates and Mead gates.** The new kissing gate was ready. The parish council had received representations that the gate should be wide enough to accommodate a double buggy or a mobility scooter.

**Agreed** that the maker to be asked if he can modify the gate for under £300. If not, it is to be installed as is.

Clerk

The missing top gate to the Mead will be re-hung when the bottom gate is erected.

(iii) **A Walk Around Norton St Philip** Cllr Baker to investigate updating and reprinting the booklet

KB

(iv) **Consultation on Orders and Regulations** relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England January 2008. Cllr Purssord had emailed a reply saying that the content was in general fair and reasonable, but that in relation to question 11 the council considered that a member of the relevant parish or town council should be present if that council was being discussed.

6211 **Farleigh Hungerford**

Nothing to report. District Councillor Barnes advised that more funds may become available for which an application to repair the water tower could be made.

6212 **Village Cleaning**

Nigel Brokenshire had said that he was interested in further cleaning work. A scheme of work to be drawn up for approval at April's parish council meeting.

Clerk

61213 **Chicken Factory Site**

(i) **Report of traffic working party**

Eight people met on 10 March. Some had been unfamiliar with the Parish Plan and a follow-up meeting would be held the next day. Lochailort Investments' traffic engineer would visit the village the following week to answer questions. There was a discussion about the proposed new B3110 calming scheme. Cllr Archer will ask if there are similar projects to look at and whether changing the junction at Woolverton to persuade more traffic to continue on the A36 can be included in the scheme.

DA

(ii) **Report of housing and other matters working party**

16 villagers had attended a meeting chaired by Cllr Purssord. A report is attached to these minutes. Parking issues will be sent to the traffic working party. Five sub-groups had been formed, details of which would be announced on notice boards and in the *Parish News*, so that villagers could raise points with the relevant people. The main group would meet on 9 April; depending on whether further information needs to be sought from Lochailort Investments, the group may or may not be able to make its final recommendations to the parish council on 10 April.

Two councillors expressed the view that the number of houses proposed for the site was too great.

6214 **Highways**

(i) **Proposal to hire speed visor sign.** No report.

(ii) **A36 Closure.** The road will be closed near the viaduct for approximately 12 weeks. There will be three 'gatehouses': at Bathampton; on the Hinton Charterhouse side of the crossing with the A366; and at Beckington. Through traffic will not be allowed onto the A36 from Bathampton. The crossing with the A366 will provide no problem. Access will be allowed through at Beckington.

(iii) **Bend Cottage pinch point.** Cllr Archer had attended a meeting with SCC, the owner and Mendip's Conservation Officer, which had agreed that the road will be narrowed and the footway widened. It had also been accepted that protection was needed at the Rundell's House side of the road. It was still to be decided who will design the scheme, which is needed now, and how it will be paid for. The owners have said they will pay a proportion.

(iv) Cllr Archer had written to county Councillor Sam Crabb asking for funding for the A36 signage from his Highways budget. Somerset will be asked to remove the road from its input to satellite navigation databases.

DA

6215 **Church Green Lighting**

The parish council will look into the school's request for a light on Church Green, but doesn't generally favour an increase in street lighting in the village.

Clerk

6216 **Planning**

*Application*

**MDC 056065/018** Norwood Farm Bath Road Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7LP. Demolish existing swimming pool and erect single storey extension on western elevation and a two storey and single storey extension on northern elevation

(amendment to consent 056065/0 14) (DEL). Application Type: LBC – alter/extend. **Recommend approval**

**Ringwell Cottage** Revised drawings had been received, for information only.

6217 **Finance**

(i) Bills for payment. The following bills were agreed for payment:  
GLS Supplies (Church Mead Committee) – replacement cheque £998.75  
Clerk's salary and expenses for February 2008 £268.78  
SALC Affiliation fee 2008/09– leave till next month

6218 **Footpaths**

Nothing to report

6219 **Correspondence**

The chairman reviewed the list of correspondence received since the last meeting. Councillors took items of interest.

6220 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

(i) **PCSO report.** The items in Cllr Baker's report on the most recent Rural PCSO meeting all involved neighbouring parishes: satellite navigation directions had resulted in a lorry getting stuck at Lullington; a car had been set on fire in Laverton; two women and a man had carried out a distraction theft at Faulkland. Cllr Pursford will attend a meeting at Mendip District Council at 6.30pm on 19 March on conservation areas.

Mendip to be advised that councillors Hodgson, Ledbury and possibly Archer will attend a meeting at 6pm on 14 April on Section 106 agreements, affordable housing and the waste partnership.

Clerk

6221 **Dates of next meeting**

Thursday 10 April 2008, 7.45pm, Farleigh Hungerford Village Room

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.