

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 May 2008 at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

In attendance: District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 21 parishioners

Public forum

- (i) The council was thanked for installing the new kissing gate at Church Mead and asked to put the commemorative plaque from the old one onto it.
- (ii) A parishioner had walked into an A36 diversion sign placed outside the Fleur de Lys. Its position to be moved.

Clerk

6238 **Declaration of Interests**

None

6239 **Urgent items**

None

6240 **Minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2008**

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

6241 **Minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2008**

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

6242 **Matters arising**

(i) **Path round Church Mead** Cllr Hodgson had been advised that the council should use Romsey gravel and black liner, without boards, for this path. Cllr Purssord will get estimates.

AP

(ii) **A Walk Around Norton St Philip** Nothing to report

(iii) **Standards Board** Cllr Lutterloch reported on recent standards amendments.

(iv) **Light at Norton St Philip School** The council **approved the principle** of installing two lights on the wall by the steps up to the school from Church Street. Cllr Purssord advised that private lights may not illuminate public land..

(v) **Church Mead gates**

As reported above, a new kissing gate had been installed between the Mead and the Churchyard and a gate at the top of the Mead rehung.

6243 **Farleigh Hungerford**

Nothing to report

6244 **Norton St Philip Pre-school**

The chair of governors, Alice Tollworthy, was invited to speak. She said that the financial position of the pre-school had stabilised. Three staff had been made redundant, £850 had been raised by a car boot sale and other funding had been more than expected. Cllr Baker and the treasurer, Alistair Scott, had met. She thought that five of next year's potential new intake would go to the new Hemington pre-school if it opens. She asked that the parish council be prepared to

make a financial contribution if the situation should again deteriorate.

Councillors agreed to consider such a proposal. A request for funds for next financial year must arrive before the end of December, so that it can be considered as part of the budget for 2009/10. Cllr Parker asked that a financial statement be provided with any request.

6245 **Village Cleaning**

Another possible candidate for the work was suggested.

6246 **Heritage Bill.**

Cllr Ledbury agreed to be representative on the steering group to consider unlisted buildings or spaces of architectural or historical merit.

6247 **Chicken Factory Site**

(i) The document, prepared by Cllr Purssord, summarising the conclusions of working groups was read out in full and two amendments were agreed. It is attached to these minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Baker and **agreed unanimously** that this be sent as the parish council' interim response to Lochailort.

(ii) **Shop survey** It had been proposed to hold a professionally organised shop survey in advance of a possible village meeting but after persuasive arguments from parishioners invited to speak it was agreed to hold a village shop discussion first, at the end of the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 June.

6248 **Highways**

Cllr Archer's report is appended to these minutes. He noted that the Head of Somerset Highways, Ioan Rees, was at his 'most positive ever' about the prospects for a weight limit on the A366, but pressure needed to be kept up. New County Councillor Matthew Ellis had undertaken to pursue the matter when he was at County Hall.

Clerk

There would be a meeting with Lochailort's traffic engineers the following Wednesday to look at a revised traffic calming scheme for the B3110.

DA

District Cllr Barnes noted that the new traffic supervisor provides a new link with Highways.

6249 **Planning**

1. Applications

MDC 120405/000PG29 Rose Cottage High Street Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7LH. Proposed works to a Beech tree in a Conservation Area (DEL)

Application Type: CA Tree Works. **Recommended approval.**

MDC025485/009 Bell Hill Garage, Bell Hill, Norton St. Philip. Outline application to demolish garage and workshop buildings and erect 11 dwellings (amended drawings) with access from Bell Hill, layout, parking and landscaping. (DEL). Application Type: Outline. **Held over till next meeting.**

MDC 117224/005 The Garden House, The Malthouse, Bell Hill, Norton St Philip, Bath BA2 7LH. Certificate of Lawfulness relating to the use of 'The Garden Cottage' as a single dwelling [DEL]. Application Type: Lawful Exist Use **CLUOD. Recommended approval**

2. Updates

MDC 100611 Church Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Norton St Philip. Receipt of amended plans for information only.

MDC1012521/010 3 Norton Grange, Norton St. Phillip, Bath, BA2 7NT Install roof light to front roof slope, reposition rear roof light and retain double doors in

rear elevation (part-retrospective). (DEL) Application Type: Full
PC Recommendation: approval 11/4/08

MDC: Planning permission granted 14/04/08

Reason for Approval: The proposed alterations relate satisfactorily to the host property and raise no significant amenity issues. They comply with Saved Policy Q1 (27/9/07) (Design & Amenity) of the Mendip District Local Plan and the principles of good design as advocated within Planning Policy Guidance Statement 1: Delivering Sustainable Development and the Council's adopted supplementary planning guidance 'House Extension Design Guide'.

MDC 056065/016 Norwood Farm Norton St. Philip. Re: Alterations to reconfigure the attic and make minor alterations to the first and ground floors. There is no objection to this amended proposal which reconfigures the attic space and repositions the rooflights, re-arranges the room layouts with a new position for the staircase at first floor, and makes minor changes to the ground floor layout as shown on drawing no. 3358/4B received 3rd March 2008 and stated in letter dated 2nd March 2008.

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

PC Recommendation: Approval

MDC REASON FOR APPROVAL

The proposed internal and external alterations are considered to preserve the character of the Listed

Building and will not harm any of its features of special architectural and historic interest. They comply with Policy EN23 of the Mendip District Local Plan and Planning Policy Guidance Note 15.

6250 **Finance**

(i) **Annual audit** The accounts had been audited by Mr Nick Brown, who was thanked. They were reviewed and signed.

(ii) Bills for payment: the following were **approved for payment**

Allianz Insurance – parish council insurance £410.25

Clerk's salary and expenses for April £278.21 (inc £10 expenses)

Farleigh Hungerford hall – held over until June

(iii) subscription invitation: the following was **approved for payment**

Community Council for Somerset (minimum) subscription £25

(iv) Councillors **approved** an increase in the clerk's hourly rate from £9.242 to £9.579, being one point increase on the SALC recommended scale, for satisfactory service in the preceding year as per clerk's contract.

6251 **Footpaths**

Cllr Lutterloch reported that:

(i) English Heritage will vary the route of the footpath (previously blocked) through the moat at Farleigh Hungerford Castle.

(ii) Mendip had sorted out problems with styles and blocked paths at Norwood Farm and made the path to Springleaze easy to walk.

6252 **Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was reviewed by councillors

6253 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

Work on the A36 was reported to be going well.

County Cllr Matthew Ellis said he had 12 parish councils in his area and would come to as many meetings as possible. His main mission for this parish was to secure a weight limit on the A366 through the village in the 51 weeks before the next election.

6254 **Dates of next meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 15 May, 8.00pm, Palairet Hall,
Norton St Philip.

Parish council meeting: Thursday 12 June, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall,
Norton St Philip.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.