

# NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 12 June 2008  
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

**In attendance:** District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 5 parishioners

**Apology for Absence:** Cllr D. Archer

#### **Public forum**

No matter was raised

#### 6260 **Declaration of Interests**

None

#### 6261 **Urgent items**

None

#### 6262 **Minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2008**

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

#### 6263 **Minutes of the meeting of 15 May 2008**

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

#### 6264 **Matters arising**

(i) **Path round Church Mead** (Minute 6255) The Church Mead Committee had asked that the path go round the perimeter of the Mead. Cllr Purssord said it must swing in a horseshoe shape at the bottom. Councillors agreed to modify the line as far as possible. One estimate was awaited, more were being sought. **Agreed** to expedite the matter enthusiastically.

AP/TH

(ii) **A Walk Around Norton St Philip** Nothing to report on the booklet. Agreed to replace the map on the wall between the George and the Malt House with an enlargement of the definitive footpath map.

ML/Clerk

(iii) **Church Mead Kissing Gate** Cllr Ledbury will attach the commemorative plaque from the previous gate.

SL

(iv) **Light at Norton St Philip School** Somerset Highways Lighting say that the steps are not adopted, that they neither support nor oppose lights and that they would make no financial contribution. The School to be advised

Clerk

#### 6265 **Farleigh Hungerford**

(i) Noted that a resident is keen to promote a speed limit but has not been to the parish council meeting to do so.

(ii) An information pack on the Water Tower to be given to District Cllr Barnes to see if he can identify a source of finance for repair.

Clerk

#### 6266 **Village Cleaning**

Somerset had cut a metre swathe at the verges of various minor roads in the parish. A seasonal programme of cleaning to be carried out, starting with footpaths and excluding hedges until the end of the summer

Clerk

#### 6267 **Chicken Factory Site**

(i) **Shop survey** Cllr Lutterloch reported a conversation with Lochailort. He said

that Lochailort had been told that Budgens could operate a shop of approximately 2,000 sq ft with a population base of 800, without inward traffic. There was discussion about what relation this bore to the number of inward and outward journeys likely to occur. It was understood that Budgens operated a shop in the Poundbury development on a 25 year lease, with flexible rent depending on turnover.

Parishioner Rod Brewis, invited to speak, cast doubt on Budgen's statement as reported, saying that the Rural Shops Alliance had specific information on the traffic generated by different sizes of shop.

It was agreed that the document supplied by Tony Wardle following the village shop meeting be distilled to produce a fact sheet to go with the proposed village survey. Cllr Purssord said the survey must be independently conducted.

ML/KB/DA

Cllrs Lutterloch, Baker and Archer (subject to his agreement) will take the survey forward and report to the July meeting. The clerk to supply them with as much additional relevant information as possible.

Clerk

(ii) **Sustainability** Lochailort were now seeking local opinion on sustainability, following new government guidelines on achieving carbon neutrality, including views on solar panels and alternative forms of power generation such as a wind turbine.

## 6268 **Highways**

(i) A report was received from Cllr Archer. It is attached to these minutes.

(ii) There will be a display of new proposals for traffic calming in the High Street, in the George on 22 June. The wording of a invitation for village-wide distribution was approved.

(iii) Councillors agreed Cllr Archer's questions to be put to the meeting of Somerset officials organised by County Cllr Ellis for 15 July. District Cllr Barnes said there would be questions from throughout NE Mendip.

(iv) A report was awaited from Highways, following a new survey of traffic speeds at Upper Farm close, on whether the parish would have to pay for a speed monitoring sign for three 2-week periods a year.

(v) The A36 at Limpley Stoke would reopen on 21 June

## 6269 **Planning**

### **1. Application**

**MDC 100962/002PG29** Greystones High Street Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7LG. Works to a Beech tree in a Conservation Area (DEL). Application Type: CA Tree Works. **Parish Council recommendation: approval**

### **2. Update**

An application at Rose Cottage, High Street, Norton St Philip has been withdrawn

## 6270 **Finance**

(i) **Bills** and (ii) **grants for payment**: the following were **approved for payment** (proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Hodgson):

**Bills**: Shawn Carr (Church Mead) £99.88; clerk's salary and expenses for April £268.42; Palairt Hall insurance agree, £909.92

**Grants**: Norton St Philip churchyard £700; Farleigh Hungerford churchyard £700; Norton St Philip School (Crossing Patrol) £200

6271 **Footpaths**

(i) **Watery Lane, Norton St Philip** Cllr Lutterloch reported that Watery Lane will be cleared of vegetation once in the year by Somerset County Council.

(ii) **Status of Hassage Lane, Norton St Philip** A High Court decision meant that Somerset would not now consider applications to upgrade this from a Restricted Byway to a Byway Open To All.

6272 **Rural Facilities Survey**

(i) The survey for Norton St Philip was partially completed at the meeting. To be finished.

(ii) Cllr Ledbury to complete the survey for Farleigh Hungerford

Clerk  
SL/Clerk

6273 **Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was reviewed by councillors

6274 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

A parishioner said that the culvert under the A366 near Bridgefoot Cottage was severely restricted by silt and needed clearing to avoid flooding. To be reported to Highways.

Clerk

Response to flooding to be a July agenda item.

Cllr Baker will ask at the next PCSO meeting about Transport Watch

KB

6275 **Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 10 July, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip.

The meeting was closed to the public at 9.32 pm. Councillors discussed a letter that had been received and the clerk was asked to supply factual information to the writer. The meeting ended at 9.45pm