

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 10 July 2008
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

In attendance: County Councillor M. Ellis, District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 12
parishioners

Apology for Absence: Cllrs D. Archer, V Parker

Public forum

No matter was raised

6276 **Declaration of Interests**

None

6277 **Urgent items**

County Councillor Ellis said that anyone was welcome to come to the meeting with senior Somerset officials at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15 July at 6.30pm in Beckington Village (small) Hall. He will be provided with a representative set of 'horror' pictures of traffic in Norton St Philip. He reminded the meeting that representatives of other parishes, with other problems, would also be there. Cllr Ellis said that officers' recommendation that consultation on the closure of Hemington School should begin, had been overturned by Somerset's Executive Board

6278 **Minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2008**

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record, with the following amendment: Minute 6264 – 'Cricket Club' to read 'Church Mead Committee'.

6279 **Matters arising**

(i) **Path round Church Mead** (Minute 6255) Cllr Purssord advised that the parish council needs to apply for planning permission. He provided a detailed drawing of the proposed path, noting that five footpaths across the Mead are believed to exist. He will prepare the planning application, for which a fee of £85 (50% reduction for parish councils) will be payable.

AP

Cllrs Purssord and Hodgson had found four contractors to quote. The quotations all to be opened at the same time.

AP/TH

Councillors agreed to the £85 fee (proposed by Cllr Baker) and accepted with thanks Cllr Purssord's offer to see the path through to completion when he leaves the parish council in the autumn.

(ii) **A Walk Around Norton St Philip** Cllr Baker will work on this when time allows. Cllr Lutterloch will assist.

KB/ML

(iii) **Footpath Map** The map on the side of the Goerge next to the car park entrance had been drawn by Cllr Purssord and was available on disk at Frome Signs. A quotation for amending to include the site of the Monmouth Rebellion battle site and reproducing for the wall between the George and The Malthouse to be obtained

Clerk

6280 **Impending Vacancy for a Councillor**

Councillor Purssord confirmed he is standing down from the parish council. He

will write to the chairman, confirming he is leaving on 25 August. The vacancy and opportunity for at least ten electors to request an election will be announced in consultation with Mendip. If an election is not requested, councillors will be in a position to co-opt at the parish council meeting on 11 September.

Cllr Purssord was warmly thanked for his work on the council to date over a number of years, especially on council's response to Lochailort's proposals.

6281 **Farleigh Hungerford**

District Councillor Barnes will meet Mendip officers who may be able to advise on a funding source for the repair of the water tower.

6282 **Village Cleaning**

Last year's contractor was only interested in continuing at a 50% increase in rate to £15 per hour. The vacancy to be advertised in the *Parish News*.

Clerk

6283 **Chicken Factory Site**

(i) Sustainability issues. Cllr Lutterloch reported that Lochailort were serious about the need to include sources of sustainable power and reduce CO2 emissions in their proposed development. There is no geothermal potential and the topography is unsuited to horizontal pipes. They are considering solar panels and a 20metre wind turbine.

Parishioner Linda Oliver was invited to speak. She had extracted relevant sections from Mendip's planning policies, for which she was thanked. She questioned the benefits of wind turbines and the suitability of the area for them. Cllr Lutterloch asked her to research further. Cllr Purssord referred to the village conservation area report.

Mendip's sustainability policy for future developments to be obtained.

Clerk

(ii) Shop survey Councillors **agreed** that this will be finalised, distributed and the information sent to Lochailort in the next two months.

Councillors **agreed** to hold a parish council meeting in August at which the wording would be approved before distribution

6284 **Highways**

(i) A366 improvements Highways are to improve road marking and signing on the Faulkland side of Norton St Philip by the end of August. The length to be improved stops short of the hill into Norton village which still lacks cats eyes and white lines. Highways have been asked to provide both urgently and to replace the white line at the edge of the A366 between Town Barton and Upper Farm Close.

(ii) TAG member Paul Shepherd presented a full report and slides on parishioners' responses to Lochailort's proposals for alternative priorities for the George crossroads and other measures to improve the B3110. He was thanked for his work (which will be available on the parish council website), as were the landlords of the George Inn for providing a room for the display.

(iii) Speed visor sign Somerset Highways had advised that, due to the speed of vehicles entering the village from the east on the A366, a sign may be supplied free of charge for three 2-week periods per year. Highways to be asked for a timetable

Clerk

(iv) Flooding at Ringwell Lane The clerk had met Frank Lake and Eric Shepherd of Highways on site, who agreed that work needed doing on the culvert under the A366 and the stream bed in Ringwell Lane. They will pass a report and photos to the bridges section. County Councillor Ellis left the meeting at 9.05pm.

6285 **Planning**

1. Application

Roberts Elm Tellisford Lane Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7LL. Single storey side extension and conservatory. (DEL). Application Type: Full. The council **recommended approval.**

2. Updates

The application for outline planning permission at Bell Hill Garage has been withdrawn

A Certificate for Lawful Use or Development at The Garden Cottage refused on grounds that 'The Council is not satisfied on the basis of the evidence which has been submitted that, on the balance of probabilities, the Land has been used as a separate residential unit for a continuous period for the past four years'

6286 **Finance**

(i) Bills and (ii) grants for payment: the following were approved for payment:
Bills: Mervyn Holborn – installation of electricity meter at sports pavilion £150.00 + VAT = £176.25; Clerk's salary and expenses for June £273.21; Geoff Clark £28.18 for woodseal for kissing gate and Bell Hill seat. He was thanked for doing the work; Moore Stephens Audit 2007/08 £285.00 + VAT = £334.88.
(ii) Grants for payment: The Ridings car link £200.00;

6287 **Footpaths**

Nothing to report

6288 **Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest

6289 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

Cllr Baker will write a report on the PCSO meeting for the *Parish News*.

6290 **Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 14 August, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip.

Thursday 11 September, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm