

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 9 October 2008
at the Palaiet Hall, Norton St Philip

Present: Councillors D. Archer, T. Hodgson M. Lutterloch (Chairman), L. Oliver,

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors K. Baker, S. Ledbury, V. Parker,

Public forum

(i) Mr I. Hasell asked to speak to planning item Longmead House. This was agreed.

6330 **Declaration of Interests**

None

6331 **Urgent items**

None

6332 **Minutes of the meeting of 11 September 2008**

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record, with the following amendments.

Public forum: 'junction with the B3110' to read 'junction with the A366'

Minute 6314 (iv): 'Cllr Lutterloch aid' to read 'Cllr Lutterloch said'

6333 **Matters arising**

(i) **Path round Church Mead** Cllr Oliver expressed concern about the variety of materials quoted. She will research suitable gravels. Mendip to be advised of progress on the project.

(ii) **Footpath Map** An electronic copy of the existing map was being sent by the printer. Mr G. Clark to be asked to look at the condition of the board on the wall of The Malthouse.

(iii) **Street Lighting at Church Green** Somerset Highways Lighting, who will now erect the light adjacent to the BT pole on the steps at the side of the school wall, to be asked to expedite the matter due to safety concerns.

6334 **Minutes of the meeting of 23 September 2008**

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

6335 **Councillors' Areas of Responsibility**

Cllr Archer will deal with finance, Cllr Oliver with Parish Plan implementation and Cllr Lutterloch with business,

6336 **Farleigh Hungerford**

Water Tower The area has been fenced off. A grant application has been submitted. Repair of the roof to be considered on its own as an urgent matter.

6337 **Highways and transport**

(i) **Weight limit on A366** Somerset Highways were that week advertising their intention to impose a 7.5 tonne weight limit on the A366 through Norton St Philip. Buckland Dinham parish had said they would object. District Cllr Barnes will make a presentation at Mendip. County Cllr Ellis said that three months would be added to the process if letters of objection from residents meant the application was sent to the scrutiny committee. He will make the case for the limit, to the scrutiny committee, if required.

(ii) **Speed visor sign on A366** Somerset had confirmed that Norton St Philip qualifies for a free flashing speed indicator device for three 2-week periods per year. Progress is slow.

(iii) **B3110** Current works: drop kerbs were being installed at Monmouth Paddock; the Bath-end chicane is to be removed on safety grounds.

(iv) **Traffic Action Group report** After discussion with police, a survey of unauthorised HGVs on the B3110 is proposed once the current roadworks have been completed. A 'champion' is being sought for the 'Use the A36' movement. Somerset Highways are assessing the claim for an engineer to be made available to work on this issue. Trial signs promoting the movement are being made.

6338 **Chicken Factory Site**

No developments since the village meeting on 23 September.

Wind Turbine There was a general discussion on pros, cons and possible alternatives, with contributions from parishioners invited to speak.

Agreed to arrange a village meeting with Lochailort on the wind turbine proposal.

6339 **Planning**

(i) **Applications**

MDC 056065/019 Norwood Farm, Norton St. Philip. Erection of lean-to porch.
Application Type: Full.

Agreed to leave to the planning officer after receipt of consultation responses.

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MDC 105954/009 Longmead House Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7NS. Demolish dwelling, erect 8 two storey houses with detached garages and erect garage for 6 Farleigh Road.
Application Type: Full

Councillors had visited the site. They had concerns about drainage, density in relation to surrounding dwellings, overlooking, and access. Mr I. Hasell presented a paper on the application and a number of other local residents were invited to speak.

Agreed to recommend refusal. A note of the planning grounds for refusal is attached to these minutes.

6340 **Finance**

(i) Bills for payment: the following were approved for payment:

Sally Vince, website maintenance £120; clerk's salary and expenses for September: £268.21

6341 **Footpaths**

Nothing to report

6342 **Correspondence**

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

Devolution of Services questionnaire from South Somerset District Council (Pioneer Somerset): District Cllr Barnes said that guidance notes would be issued.

Agreed to defer completion.

6343 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

None

6344 **Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 13 November, 7.45pm, Farleigh Hungerford Village Room

Thursday 11 December, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 9.29pm