

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 13 November 2008
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Present: Councillors D. Archer, K. Baker, T. Hodgson M. Lutterloch (Chairman), V. Parker

In attendance: District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 7 members of the public

Apologies for Absence: Councillors S. Ledbury (working away), L. Oliver (on holiday),
County Councillor M. Ellis

Public forum

A parishioner expressed serious concern about the continuing lack of street lighting on the high pavement opposite Church Green. Somerset Highways Lighting to be contacted.

6345 **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Baker declared a personal interest in item minuted 6352 (i), MDC 030307/009 The Corn House.

6346 **Minutes of the meeting of 9 October 2008**

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6347 **Matters arising**

(i) **Production of Footpath Map** Mr G. Clark said that the notice board on the wall of The Malt House could probably be renovated. His offer to do this work was accepted with thanks. Corrections to be made to the map, which had been received electronically from the previous printer, were agreed.

6348 **Safe Route to School**

Planning permission had been received.

Mr A. Purssord was invited to speak. The original specification he had produced had sought to produce a hard-wearing, affordable surface suitable for the location. He suggested possible changes to reduce cost. He would now leave the work to others.

Mr G. Binns, Chairman of Church Mead Management Committee, invited to speak, expressed disappointment that information on the project had not been supplied to him in time to discuss it with his full committee. The path would become the boundary of grass cutting; edging which stood proud could cause a mowing problem.

Cllr Archer reported a discussion with Somerset Highways on possible surfaces. Councillors then discussed gravel, width and edging specifications.

Mr Binns and Cllr Archer will peg out the route of the path.

Agreed to obtain revised quotations from those who had responded previously.

6349 **Farleigh Hungerford**

Water Tower Roof District Councillor Barnes recommended obtaining quotes for scaffolding separately from those for re-roofing. This was **agreed**.

6350 **Highways and transport**

(i) **Traffic Action Group Report** A day-long survey of traffic on the B3110 had identified 12 lorries possibly contravening the weight limit. These had been reported to the police who had also conducted a survey.

6351 **Chicken Factory Site**

Wind Turbine Cllr Lutterloch reported on the village meeting with Lochailort, who will draw up a survey form and fact sheet for the parish council to review before it is distributed to all parish

households. Lochangeort had offered to contribute the cost of their proposed turbine to a larger scheme situated off site, if that was preferred. Various viewpoints were expressed by councillors and bymembers of the public invited to contribute. A turbine expert in the parish had offered to address the council if they required further information. District Councillor Barnes recommended a visit to the large turbine on the Mendips at Shooters Bottom.

6352 **Planning**

(i) **Applications**

Planning applications were considered and recommendations made as follows:

MDC 030307/008 The Corn House, Ringwell Lane, Norton St. Philip, Bath BA2 7NZ. Change of use of existing annex to a separate residential dwelling.

Recommended approval.

MDC 030307/009 The Corn House, Ringwell Lane, Norton St. Philip, Bath BA2 7NZ. Change of use of 6 bedrooms to bed and breakfast. **Recommended refusal** on the grounds that the application would produce additional traffic in a narrow lane with no pavement which is used by children going to school, and is hard to negotiate safely.

MDC 104177/005PG29 Dunkerton, Church Street, Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7LU. Works to 2 trees in a Conservation Area (DEL). Application Type: CA Tree Works. **Recommended approval.**

MDC 120634/000PG29 Norton St Phillip Churchyard. Works to 2 Yew trees in a Conservation Area. Application Type: CA Tree Works. **Recommended approval.**

MDC 108164/002PG29 Barley Cottage 6 Chapel Row Norton St. Philip. Proposed felling of 2 oak trees and reduction of a hedge in a conservation area. Application Type: CA Felling Trees. **Recommended approval.**

MDC 106767/011 Lyde Green, The Barton, Norton St. Philip. Erection of conservatory extension and first floor side extension. Application Type: Full. **Recommended approval.**

(ii) The following updates were received.

6353 **Finance**

(i) **Bank mandate** A new mandate was completed.

(ii) **Grant** It was **agreed** to make a grant of £200 to Hardington Vale PCC, towards work on yew trees at Norton St Philip churchyard.

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

Palairret Hall Management Committee – hall hire £52; clerk’s salary and expenses for October £231.57; HMRC £53.63

6354 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors.

A & C Crawford – concerns about speed on B3110; V. Moore – concerns about enforcement of speed limit on B3110; S. Pearce, concern about speed limit on B3110; B& NES Council – adoption of Supplementary Planning Document; Communities and Local Government – Codes of Conduct Consultation; SALC – Codes of Conduct Consultation questions, Clerks’ Salaries and mileage scale; 2008/09; Mendip District Council – precept form 2008/09, Mendip Community Transport – update; MDC – Parishes Information Bulletin, invitation to parishes to get active in the New Year.

6355 **Pioneer Somerset Devolution of Services survey**

Councillors did not identify any services they thought should be devolved to parish level. The clerk will complete and return the form.

6356 **Training**

The clerk reported on his recent training in preparation for producing a portfolio for the Certificate

of Local Council Administration (CiLCA) in about six months. He briefed councillors on minor amendments to the way council business should be announced, conducted and recorded.

6357 **Freedom of Information Act**

The New Model Publications Scheme will be considered at the December meeting.

6358 **Policies**

Handling Complaints The proposed policy, previously supplied to all councillors, was **adopted** (proposed Cllr Parker, seconded Cllr Lutterloch).

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations updates To be considered at December's meeting

6359 **Clerk's contract**

The chairman and vice-chairman will review the proposed contract and report to the December meeting.

6360 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

A wobbly gatepost at the Corn House entrance to Church Mead was reported.

District Councillor Barnes reported that Mendip will extend their energy policies to parish level

6361 **Dates of next meetings**

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

Thursday 14 January 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Thursday 11 February 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 9.50pm