

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.55 p.m. on Thursday 8 January 2009
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

In attendance: County Councillor M. Ellis, District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 3 members of the public

Apologies for Absence: Councillors S. Ledbury (working away), L. Oliver (holiday), D. Archer (holiday)

Public forum

The meeting was preceded at 7.45pm by a public forum. A parishioner enquired about the fencing off of land on the bend of the A366 near Springleaze. The clerk to find out.

6380 **Declaration of interests**

None

6381 **Minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2009**

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6382 **Paths**

Nothing to report.

6383 **Lights at Norton St Philip First School and Church Green**

The school light has not yet been observed in operation, but it was not felt this was a parish council matter. Highway Lighting to be chased about the promised temporary connection of the light at the entrance to Church Green

6384 **Farleigh Hungerford**

Water Tower Roof The County and District Councillors debated the merits of contracting separately for scaffolding. It was **agreed** to approach Somerset about the possibility of a grant towards repair of the tower. There was a discussion on how community benefit (village trail?) could be included in an application to County or to the Lottery Heritage Fund.

6385 **Highways and transport**

SCC Highways matters Flooding at Ringwell Lane: Highways will inspect and clear if the stream is blocked under Church Street or Ringwell Lane, but otherwise consider it the responsibility of residents adjoining the stream to keep the bank and stream clear.

6386 **Chicken Factory Site**

Nothing to report

6387 **Reports from councillor representatives on parish committees**

None.

At this point County Cllr Ellis asked if there were any questions on county matters; there were not. District Cllr Barnes gave the Somerset-wide emergency number. The clerk to establish the procedure in case of emergency (eg from flooding).

Planning

(i) Application

MDC 105954/009 Longmead House Norton St. Philip Bath BS2 7NS. Demolish dwelling, erect 8 two storey houses with detached garages and erect garage for 6 Farleigh Road. Application Type: Full. Changes to the above planning application. Reconsultation. The parish council considered the amendments and confirmed its previous recommendation to refuse permission (*Minute 6339*).

It further noted that the layout of the entrance road was considered dangerous and that a wildlife survey had shown evidence of three species of bat in Longmead House. A councillor will speak at the planning board when the matter is considered by Mendip.

(ii) The following **updates** were received

MDC 104476/005 Underhill, Fair Close, Norton St Philip. Single storey side extension and replacement porch. **MDC approved** 10.12.08

MDC 030307/009 The Corn House, Ringwell Lane, Norton St Philip. Change of use of 6 bedrooms to bed and breakfast.. **MDC decision: approved** 23.12.08.(PC recommendation: refusal) Covering note from planning officer explained the decision

(iii) **Time to Plan:** Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Development Core Strategy consultation paper. Cllr Lutterloch and the clerk will answer the relevant sections in the light of the Parish Plan.

6388 **Finance**

(i) **Bills for payment** The following were **approved** for payment and cheques signed (proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Parker): Church Mead Committee (various grant items) £1422.50; Clerk's salary December, £225.52; Clerk's salary January (cheque dated 21 January); HM Revenue and Customs £112.76

6389 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest: Cotswold Conservation Board agenda; Mendip Housing News December 2008; Somerset NHS Partnership – proposals for development of mental health services in Mendip (taken by Cllr Parker); Somerset Community Safety Newsletter; NatWest – reduction in interest rate; *Thatch Magazine* Winter 2008 (taken by Cllr Baker); Explore Somerset – request for details of walking trails in the parish; Resident of Ringwell Lane – request for action on stream to prevent further flooding; *The Clerk* January 2009; letter enclosing donation towards upkeep of kissing gate; Dr A. Awan – copy of letter to Mendip with concerns about entrance to proposed new road at Longmead Close.

6390 **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** Updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, previously circulated to Members, were **adopted unanimously**.

6391 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

None

6392 **Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 12 February 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Thursday 12 March 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 9.22pm