

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 February 2009
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

In attendance: County Councillor M. Ellis (at Public Forum only), District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 7 members of the public

Public forum

A parishioner asked when the broken pavement in North Street would be repaired. The clerk to chase Somerset Highways.

County Cllr Ellis apologised for having to leave quickly for another meeting. He said that Buckland Dinham parish council and individual parishioners had registered more than 40 objections to the proposed weight limit on the A366 at Norton St Philip and that Hemington Parish Council were objecting in the absence of a clear alternative route. The matter would, he thought, go to a committee at County Hall, at which he would speak in favour of the limit. In reply to Cllr Baker he said that letters in support would be useful. District Cllr Barnes said there had been support for the proposal at a conservation meeting at Mendip. A parishioner said that a viable alternative freight route existed.

6393 **Declaration of interests**

None

6394 **Minutes previous meetings**

The minutes of the meetings of 16 December 2008 (planning) and 8 January 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6395 **Farleigh Hungerford**

Water Tower Roof Nothing to report. District Cllr Barnes can suggest people to ask to quote for the work.

6396 **Highways and transport**

(i) Cllr Archer reported that: the flashing visor sign at Upper Farm Close would be installed the following week for a two week period; resurfacing of the B3110 was due to start on 23 February; Wessex Water were being chased about the manhole/road surface on Bell Hill; Highways were being chased about the storm drain capacity near Lyde Green; the culvert and drainage ditch at the entrance to Ringwell Lane had been observed flowing freely after a recent downpour; the Traffic Regulation Order for the A366 weight limit could be decided by the Highways Portfolio holder but was more likely to go to the Traffic Regulation Order sub-committee (a panel made up of county members).

(ii) A resident said that after the long Traffic Action Group (TAG) campaign, as many letters as possible in support of the weight limit should be sent. District Cllr Barnes noted some members of the sub-committee would be unfamiliar with the location or campaign.

It was **agreed** that the village should be leafleted in the ensuing few days encouraging residents to write to Somerset in support of the A366 weight limit, if they agreed with it.

6397 **Reports from councillor representatives on parish committees**

Cllr Parker reported that the Palairet Hall Committee is in favour of a village 'event' in the summer.

Cllr Baker reported on a recent meeting with the police (PCSO). District Councillor Barnes

mentioned impending revisions in police structure in the area.

6398 **Planning**

(i) **Application**

(i) The council considered proposed changes to the following outline planning application and **confirmed their earlier recommendation to approve:**

MDC 025485/010 Bell Hill Garage Site, Bell Hill, Norton St. Philip. Outline application to demolish part of garage and workshop buildings, retain office space and erect 10 dwellings with access from Bell Hill, layout and parking.

Application **MDC 105954/009** for 8 houses at Longmead House Norton St. Philip Bath BS2 7NS, which the parish council had recommended for refusal, would go to the full Mendip Planning Board on 23 February. **Agreed** that Cllr Oliver will speak against, on behalf of the parish council.

(ii) The following **updates** had been received

New flue at Roadmenders Cottage, Town Barton – **approved by Mendip**
(PC recommendation: approval)

Increased retail space and new café at Sprinleaze – **approved by Mendip**
(PC recommendation: approval)

(iii) A letter had been received from the owner of Roberts Elm, Tellisford Lane, expressing unhappiness that, having recommended approval of a building extension, the parish council had then recommended refusal of an extension to the domestic curtilage outside the development limit. The parish council, thanking him for his letter, noted that the issue of the development limit had been brought to its attention only after the planning application recommendation had been made, and considered it could not have acted otherwise.

6399 **Finance**

(i) A grant for the pre-school, held over from the budget meeting of January 7, was confirmed

Bills for payment The following was **approved** for payment (proposed by Cllr Baker): Clerk's salary February, £281.90 (of which £56.38 to HM Revenue and Customs).

6400 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest: MDC - parishes information bulletin, calendar of public meetings 2009/10, register of electors December 2008; SCC – Safe in Your Community leaflets; Somerset Rail Guide 2008/09; Environment Agency – flood calendar 2009; Rural Services Network – invitation to free membership of Community Group (includes weekly Rural Focus digest); Somerset Highways – notice of closure of B3110 Bath Road on 23 February for 5 days and B3110 from Tellisford Lane to Woolverton on 2 March for 2 weeks, both for resurfacing; SALC – inc. notice of cancellation of March area meetings, notice of information event on Severn Barrage proposals, information on Power of Well-Being for Parishes, notice of CiLCA training module for power of well-being, Minutes of December East Area meeting; Somerset Rural Youth Project newsletter Spring 2009; Cotswold Conservation Board winter update; letter from Beckington resident who had fallen and hurt herself at Chapel Row, tripping over rubbish left out. In relation to the last item councillors expressed their sympathy but, noting that rubbish was normally put out the night before or the morning of collection and was only out for longer on this occasion because collection was delayed by snow, did not feel they could take action.

6401 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

The tree seat on Church Green is broken and should be taped off; estimates for repair are being obtained. It was believed that the parish council had paid to renew the wooden seating but that the frames which now needed renewing had been paid for from leftover money from the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Fund raising might be required. To be an agenda item in March.

District Cllr Barnes said Mendip Planning Department was being reorganised; Mendip's element of Council Tax would rise by 3%. He gave notice of a meeting about Warming Mendip (a lottery-funded scheme of grants for heating and insulation) on 24 February at Beckington.

Cllr Archer reported that the proposed use of Cerney rather than Breedon gravel for the Church Mead path was being assessed by Mendip's Conservation Officer.

Cllr Oliver asked about parking on the A366 at the entrance to Town Barton, which she said was dangerous. It was felt there was nothing to preclude it.

6402 **Dates of next meetings**

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

Thursday 9 April 2009, 7.45pm, Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.12pm