

# NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.50 p.m. on Thursday 12 March 2009  
at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr S. Ledbury (working abroad), County Cllr M. Ellis

**In attendance:** District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 8 members of the public

#### Public forum

The meeting was preceded by a public forum

District Cllr Barnes reminded councillors of 'Warming Mendip', a project running for 18 months which gives grants towards heating and insulation to those qualifying.

6403 **Declaration of interests**

None

6404 **Minutes previous meetings**

The minutes of the meetings of 7 January (budget) and 12 February 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6405 **Repairs and renewals**

(i) **Farleigh Hungerford** Cllr Archer presented a number of options for the repair of the water tower. It was **agreed** that the building should initially be strapped and that funding to match the £2000 which the parish council would have available in April should be sought from Farleigh residents, to allow the roof to be stripped, lined and replaced.

(ii) **Repair of seat at Church Green, Norton St Philip** A quotation had been received from IronArt of Bath. Further quotations were being sought. Some funding may be available from the PTFA. The Friends of Norton St Philip church to be asked if they will contribute.

6406 **Safe route to school**

Cerney gravel had now been approved by Mendip Planning as the surface material for the path. It was anticipated work would start before the end of the month.

6407 **Village cleaning**

Mr Paddy Rich had carried out preliminary work, for which he was thanked. It was **agreed** (proposed Cllr Hodgson) that he should work a maximum of six hours a week until further notice, at the same rate as had been paid to Mr Brokenshire.

6408 **Highways and transport**

It was **agreed** that a note be submitted to the *Parish News* thanking those who had written to Somerset Highways in support of the A366 weight limit. Well over a hundred letters of support had been received by Highways. Some 70 letter opposing it, mostly from other parishes, were also understood to have been sent. It was anticipated the matter would be decided at a meeting of the Traffic Regulation Order sub-committee at County Hall in the late spring or summer, at which the parish council can speak.

6409 **Planning**

(i) **Applications**

The council considered planning applications and made recommendations as follows:

**MDC 120736/000** 1 Townend, Norton St Philip. Creation of vehicular access and parking area. Application type: full. **Agreed to recommend approval.**

**MDC T2619(INC)** Longmead House, Norton St Philip, Bath BA2 7NF. Erect stable block and

manège and form new access to Longmead Close and associated landscaping. **Agreed to recommend refusal** on the grounds that the proposal is of a scale and nature not in keeping with the character and appearance of the area, that there will be an adverse effect on the amenity of neighbouring properties (contrary to Policies SN15 & STR5); that there will be a loss of open space (contrary to Policy Q2); that priority is not given to the continued use of previously developed land and buildings (contrary to Policy STR1)

(ii) **Planning Board** Cllr Oliver reported on Mendip District Council Planning Board's decision-making process on 23 February in relation to the application for 8 houses at Longmead House, expressing a number of serious concerns. After discussion it was **agreed** to write to Mendip's Chief Executive, detailing these concerns.

6410 **Finance**

Bills for payment The following were **approved for payment** (proposed by Cllr Baker): Trustees of the Palairet Hall – annual rent £10; Palairet Hall Management Committee – hall hire £39.00; R. Campbell – reimbursement of invoice for new digital piano for the Palairet Hall £1285.63 inc VAT; clerk's salary for March £227.55, holiday pay £209.95, annual allowance for use of home as office £177.00, annual computer depreciation £66; HM Revenue £109.37; Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall Society – hall hire 2007/08 £36

6411 **Risk assessment**

Councillors reviewed a list of risk assessment measures and the frequency with which they are to be implemented. This was **agreed** and signed by the chairman.

6412 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest: MDC – parishes information bulletin; Standards Board for England – bulletin February 2009; CPRE – Spring 2009 newsletter; *Clerks and Councils Direct* March 2009; HMRC – Employers Annual Return; Mendip Community Support – invitation to Forum 13 March; Somerset Highways Area Traffic Engineer – acknowledgement of parish council's support for weight limit on A366; *Transporting Somerset* February 2009; *The Playing Field* Winter 2008/9; copies of letters to Somerset Highways in support of 7.5 tonne weight limit on A366 from Mr and Mrs G. Roe, Mr and Mrs Carter, Mr Solanki and Mrs Young; letter from Olivia Harden about traffic on A366

6413 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

Cllr Lutterloch reported that Lochailort Developments now hoped to submit a detailed planning application for the chicken factory site at the end of March, Mr Haig of that company had asked if there were interest in allotments. The status of allotment land in planning terms to be established.

6414 **Dates of future meetings**

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 9 April 2009, 7.45pm, Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall  
(Annual) Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 14 May 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet H all, Norton St Philip  
Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 21 May, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 9.52pm