

# **NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**held at 7.50 p.m. on Thursday 9 April 2009**  
**at Farleigh Hungerford Village Hall**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs K. Baker (unwell), T. Hodgson (working), S. Ledbury (working abroad), County Cllr M. Ellis

**In attendance:** District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 5 members of the public

#### **Public forum**

The meeting was preceded by a public forum. No matter was raised

6415 **Declaration of interests**

None

6416 **Minutes previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true record, with the following amendment: Cllr Parker had been absent.

6417 **Farleigh Hungerford**

**Water Tower** District Cllr Barnes had painted external ironwork and put up wooden rails preparatory to strapping.

Cllr Archer outlined stages in which the work required to the tower could be carried out. He asked whether the village could raise £2000 to match the funding for which the council had budgeted in the current year.

In response to leafleting, Farleigh House had offered to host a summer fete and provide a number of pairs of sunglasses to be sold to raise money for the tower.

It was thought useful to villagers for the council to detail the funding applications which had so far been made without success. Cllr Oliver suggested trying again and meeting with Mendip's conservation officer and with local residents who might be in a position to help.

Villagers were invited to speak. Among points made were

- could the water tower be taken down and rebuilt in the grounds of Farleigh Castle?
- the parish council has a duty of care
- the village hall society to be asked if it could raise funds
- Wessex water could be asked if they would contribute to the repairs

Cllr Archer suggested reviewing quotes for and putting up scaffolding, taking the roof off with private labour and seeing what the position is. A tarpaulin could be used as a temporary cover if there were insufficient funds to replace the roof at once.

6418 **District Councillor's report**

District Cllr Barnes gave the parish clerk a file about Homefinder Somerset (social housing applications) and mentioned what he saw as the downside of the new system. He will ask for a review at Mendip Parish Forum.

6419 **Repairs and renewals**

Nothing to report.

6420 **Safe route to school**

Cllr Archer reported positively on the newly completed path. He will take some photographs for Mendip and possible publicity.

6421 **Village cleaning**

Paddy Rich has cleared the pavement at Longmead Close and has cleaned all village signposts. He has also started clearing footpath entrances and will continue work after Easter, to include the stream at Ringwell Lane.

6422 **Highways and transport**

County Cllr Ellis had advised that the Traffic Regulation Order sub-committee at County Hall will not meet until after the June 4 County Council elections.

Readings from the temporary speed sign at Upper Farm Close showed useful speed reductions. The clerk to circulate these to councillors.

6423 **Planning**

(i) **Applications**

The council considered planning applications and made recommendations as follows:

**MDC 2009/0211** Broadway, Tellisford Lane, Norton St Philip, Frome, Somerset, BA2 7LL.

First floor extension. Application type: Householder Planning Permission. **Recommend approval.**

**MDC 2009/0104** Longmead House Norton St. Philip Bath BA2 7NF. Erect stable block and manège and form new access to Longmead Close and associated landscaping. (Amended plans received 26/3/09) Parish Application Type: Full. The updated design and access statement had not been received. **Deferred.**

(ii) **Planning Board** Mendip's Chief Executive to be asked if he had discussed the parish council's concerns about the District Council Planning Board with its chairman, and for a meeting with parish councillors.

(iii) The declared status of the greenfield site surrounding Lochialort's proposed development site at the former chicken factory to be investigated.

6424 **Finance**

The following were **approved for payment** (proposed by Cllr Oliver): P. Rich, village cleaning £165.00; P. Rich, footpath maintenance £120.00; clerk's net salary for April £227.54; HM Revenue £56.89; SALC affiliation fee 2009/10 £180.21; Community Council for Somerset subscription 2009/10 £30.00.

Consideration of the bill from Character Landscapes for grass cutting at Farleigh Hungerford was held over.

6425 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest: MDC – parishes information bulletin April 2009; *News from Mendip Housing* Spring 2009; *Mendip Community Newsletter* Spring 2009; Queensbury Shelters information; Moore Stephens – Annual return forms and audit dates; Information Commissioner's Office – DVD on handling Freedom of Information requests; MDC – reply from Chief Executive re Planning Board concerns; Cotswolds conservation Board – agenda for March meeting, minutes of December 2008 meeting; Glasdon – catalogue of products for councils; AON – Palairret Hall insurance renewal; Whitehill Direct – promotion for display cases; SCC – posters promoting June elections.

6426 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

None.

6427 **Dates of future meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 21 May, 7.45pm, Palairret Hall, Norton St Philip

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 11 June 2009, 7.45pm, Palairret Hall, Norton St Philip

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 15 July 2009 (**Note date**), 7.45pm, Palairret Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

