

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.50 p.m. on Thursday 14 May 2009
at The Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

Apology for absence: Cllr K. Baker

In attendance: County Councillor M. Ellis, District Councillor T. Barnes, R. Campbell (clerk), 4 members of the public

Public forum

The existence of a document on the Mendip website indicating the suitability of the chicken factory site for 80 houses was drawn to councillors' attention by a parishioner and confirmed by Cllr Oliver. Concern was expressed about future development.

District Cllr Barnes said that Baker Associates had been employed to identify sites for housing in the south west. The matter had not yet been discussed by Mendip

6428 **Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Lutterloch was proposed by Cllr Hodgson and re-elected unanimously as chairman. He signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

6429 **Declaration of interests**

None

6430 **Election of Vice-chair**

Cllr Baker was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Ledbury and re-elected unanimously as vice-chair.

6431 **Minutes previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 9 April 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6432 **Repairs and renewals**

The quotation by D.A. French Engineering (£592) to dismantle, re-make 10 seat frames and reassemble the tree seat at Church Green, Norton St Philip was **accepted**.

6433 **Safe route to school**

Cllr Archer said that the path had settled down well and the council now had to consider if it wished to build a similar path down the other side of Church Mead. Mendip were again thanked for their grant.

6434 **Farleigh Hungerford**

(i) **Grass cutting** Cllr Ledbury proposed and it was **agreed** that grass cutting at the water tower green be continued at a cost of £216 for 2009.

(ii) **Water Tower – District Councillor's report:** water was getting in where there were slipped tiles, at the site of the indicator device and because re-pointing had been done with hard mortar. A lightning conductor will probably be required. Tree roots could cause problems. A third band is needed. He was thanked for his continuing help.

6435 **Highways and transport**

(i) **A366 weight limit** County Cllr Ellis said that the weight limit report had not yet been written. He confirmed that the Traffic Regulation order sub-committee would not meet to consider the weight limit on the A366 at Norton St Philip until September or October. County Cllr Ellis left the meeting.

(ii) **Wiltshire consultation** It was **agreed** to write to Somerset Highways commending the form of

consultation on weight limits undertaken by Wiltshire Council and asking why Somerset could not have consulted in like manner. Somerset also to be asked if they are concerned about traffic coming further up the A36 as a result of the proposals.

(iii) **Speed gun** 21 of 360 motorists had been found speeding that day at the site of the former Bath-end chicane.

(iv) **SID** Somerset Highways to be asked if they could continue the periodic placing of a speed indicator device at Upper Farm Close, without charge.

6436 **Social Housing**

(i) District Councillor Barnes said that Homefinder Somerset was reported 'to be working well'.

(ii) Another village in the area to be consulted about how they had embedded a preference for local applicants in a Section 106 Agreement relating to the provision of new social housing.

6437 **Planning**

(i) **Applications**

Applications were considered and recommendations made as follows:

MDC 2009/0104 Longmead House, Norton St Philip Erect stable block and manège and form new access to Logmead Close and associated landscaping (Amended plans and information received 22/04/09). Letters from two parishioners were read. **Recommended refusal** on grounds stated in response to submission of an earlier version. In addition, it felt that the re-siting of the stables to meet Environmental Health requirements has exacerbated the issues previously raised. The gravel path now runs the whole length of the manege from gate to stables and there is hardstanding/parking/turning for vehicles at both top and bottom. The proposed siting of the stables is now in a very open aspect of the field.

MDC 2009/0275 Church Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Norton St Philip Conversion of garage to kitchen to include new mullion window and additional and replacement conservation roof lights - amendments to scheme approved under 100611/03. **Recommended that the decision be left to the Planning Officer.**

(ii) **Updates**

The K2 telephone kiosk at Farleigh Hungerford has been declared a Grade 2 listed building.

(iii) **Chicken Factory site** Councillors discussed the planning application for the chicken factory site. Plans had been supplied by the applicant, Lochailort Investments Ltd, though Mendip had not yet registered the application. Councillors noted that Lochailort had not listed several items whose inclusion in a Section 106 Agreement had been discussed with them. **Agreed** to invite a Mendip planning officer to visit the parish council and explain the workings of 106 Agreements and Mendip's stated policy for the site.

6438 **Finance**

(i) The annual accounts to 31.03.09 were **adopted**. The Annual Governance Statement was considered line by line, completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

(ii) **Agreed** to move the parish council's insurance to Came and Company (Norwich Union policy).

(iii) **Approval of grants** This was held over

(iv) The following were **approved for payment** (proposed by Cllr Archer):

Character Landscapes – grass cutting at Farleigh Hungerford £216.00 + VAT = £248.40; clerk's net salary for May £227.54; HM Revenue £56.89; Tipadel – materials to band Farleigh Water Tower £129.46; Hardington Vale PCC – contribution to Bishop of Bath and Wells' visit to meet village organisations £50.00.

6439 **Correspondence**

**indicates an agenda item*

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest:

Life Education Wessex – grant request; Equality and Human Rights commission – public sector duties; MDC – parishes information bulletin May 2009 (*emailed to councillors*); Somerset

Community Safety Newsletter Spring 2009; *Thatch* magazine Spring 2009; *The Playing Field* Spring 2009; *Clerks and Councils Direct* May 2009; SALC – agenda for East Area meeting 15 June 2009; copies of letters to Mendip from *Mrs E. Wicks and Mr and Mrs E. Brooks re manège at Longmead House; CPRE – form to entering Calor Village of the Year

6440 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

District Cllr Barnes reported that Ringwell Lane would be resurfaced in August.

A complaint about flooding at the new entrance to Wick Farm on the A366 Farleigh Road to be referred to Mendip.

6441 **Dates of future meetings**

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 11 June 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet H all, Norton St Philip

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

The meeting ended at 10.00pm