

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 8 October 2009
at The Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

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

Apology for absence: Cllrs S. Ledbury, (attending a meeting at Mendip District Council), Cllr T. Hodgson; County Cllr M.Ellis

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

6492 **Declaration of interests**

None

Public forum

The chairman adjourned the meeting and declared a public forum. Colette Clark congratulated all involved, especially Cllr Archer, on their work in securing a weight restriction on the A366.

The large AA signs for the new farm shop at Springleaze were commented on.

The meeting was reconvened.

6493 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6494 **Repairs and renewals**

(i) Farleigh Hungerford Water Tower – report at next meeting

(ii) Footpath map at the Malthouse. The clerk detailed two Ordnance Survey options. Somerset CC to be asked if they can provide a map.

6495 **Highways and transport**

(i) **Traffic Action Group report** Cllr Archer was impressed by the turnout at the Traffic Regulation Order Sub-Committee meeting which had agreed the weight limit on the A366. The Parish Council recorded their thanks to the Traffic Action Group for their work over 10 years (especially to Derek Archer and to Alistair Scott for making the presentation) and to County Cllr Ellis for his consistency. Cllr Ellis to be asked when the order will be ratified. Cllr expressed the hope that Buckland Dinham would find a way to alleviate their own traffic problems.

A bollard at The Plaine had again been uprooted.

(ii) **Introduction of agreed weight limit on A366** Cllrs discussed how the weight limit could be advertised to those who would be affected. The police to be asked to monitor the limit when introduced. Somerset CC to be asked to change their sat nav database.

6496 **Planning**

(i) Applications

MDC 2009/1 327 Godspiece Leaze, Trowbridge Road, Norton St Phillip, BA3 7NG.
Demolish existing outbuilding and erect 2 holiday lets. Application Type: Full Planning.

Parish Council recommendation: to be left to the planning officer. The council was concerned about the visibility of the roofline from Greenbelt land

MDC 2009/1193 Highbanks, Tellisford Lane, Norton St Philip, Frome, Somerset, BA27LL.

Erection of detached dwelling (amendment to plot 1 on planning approval 117257/002).

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Parish Council recommendation: to be left to the planning officer. The council noted that the planning inspector had said that a single-storey gable end was not dominant, but a two-storey one was now proposed.

MDC 2009/1401 The Old Coach House, Bath Road, Norton St Philip, Frome, Somerset, BA2 7LW. Single storey side and porch extensions, insertion of french doors and replacement bay windows. Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Parish Council recommendation: approval

MDC 2009/1437 Sands Farm, Bath Road, Norton St Philip BA2 7LP. Extension of dwelling to form annex accommodation. Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Parish Council recommendation: approval

MDC 2009/1134 (Full Planning) and **1135** (Listed Building Consent) The Plaine Guest House, Bell Hill, Norton St Philip, Frome, Somerset, BA2 7LT.

Parish Council recommendations: approval. In relation to Listed Building Consent the parish council queried the suitability of wany-edged timber as cladding at the base.

(ii) Updates

District Councillor Barnes reported that the manège at Longmead House had been approved with several conditions. Details awaited.

The application at Charm Cottage had been approved.

Further information to be sought about the apparent proposal for a large housing development at Norwood Farm

(iii) Local Social Housing Needs It was agreed that Cllr Oliver would attend a meeting on social housing at Selwood School. The Homefinder system was strongly felt to be unsuitable for villages.

6497 **Finance**

(i) Bills for payment

The following were **approved for payment** (proposed Cllr Oliver) and cheques signed: Moore Stephens, audit fee 2008/09 £185.00; Crucible Publishers – weight limit flyers £33.12; Clerk's salary for October.

Mendip Community Transport to be asked about financial management before a grant to them is considered.

6498 **Community Facilities**

(i) Palaret Hall: The Management Committee had accepted an estimate to treat the dry rot. The work would start on 26 October. If the rot is found to have extended into the bar area, the cost will be greater than the estimate and the committee will be looking for additional funding beyond the budgeted grant of £1200 from the parish council. Cllr Barnes may assist the committee in locating other grant funding. The possibility of being notified of all available grants to be investigated.

County Councillor Ellis to be asked to allow £500 towards upgrading the hall heating from his available budget.

6499 **Youth Facilities**

There is to be no parish council representative among the group considering youth facilities, so Cllr Parker will not report further. She expressed concern about the ratio of adults to children. It was important to decide what funding was being sought for and well as to find funding.

6500 **Correspondence**

Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last PC meeting: Somerset Rural Life Museum – list of events and exhibitions 2009; Somerset Records office – list of events 2009; Peat Moors Centre – list of events 2009; Mendip Community Transport – request for advertisement in *Parish News* (*passed to editor*); BT – invitation to adopt phone kiosk at Farleigh Hungerford (*already declined by parish council*); Avon and Somerset Police – invitation to make submissions for community policing awards (*agreed to propose PCSO Darren Golay*); Anthea Pratt – congratulations on achieving weight limit; South Somerset District Council – ‘Engagement in Planning Process’ questionnaire; Timberline play equipment catalogue (*passed to Church Mead Committee*).

6501 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

(i) Cllr Baker would like to be replaced as rep at the PCSO-led group. She reported that at the last meeting crime in relation to churches and horses had been highlighted.

(ii) Cllr Oliver said that nettles at the top of the new Church Mead path needed spraying. A meeting to be arranged with the Mead Committee Chairman to agree how the path is to be maintained.

6502 **Dates of future Parish Council meetings**

Thursday 12 November 2009, 7.45pm, Old School Room, Farleigh Hungerford

Thursday 10 December 2009, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 10.23pm