

# **NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 10 December 2009**  
**at the Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip**

**Present:** Councillors D. Archer, S. Ledbury, M. Lutterloch, L. Oliver, V. Parker

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs K. Baker, T. Hodgson; County Cllr M.Ellis

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

6520 **Declaration of interests**

None

**Public forum**

The chairman adjourned the meeting and declared a public forum.

Noted that the light and sign recently installed on a chicane on the B3110 had already been destroyed, indicating the unsuitability of the site.

The chairman reconvened the parish council meeting.

6521 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 November 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true record, with the following amendment: Minute 6508, third paragraph, after '29/09/2009' insert 'only'. Delete 'Application Type: Full Planning Permission'.

6522 **Farleigh Hungerford**

**Water Tower** Cllrs **agreed** the quotation from J.D. Leber of £230.00 for concreting in the base and re-pointing the bottom three courses of the water tower (proposed Cllr Oliver). Mr Leber will also quote for making the roof watertight. Cllr Archer said that long-term plans for maintenance needed to be discussed.

**Trees at Water Tower green** Two quotes had been received for work on the horse chestnuts. **Agreed** to accept the lower quote to reduce the crowns and then to consider the longer-term health of the trees separately.

6523 **Repairs and renewals**

(i) The broken high pavement at Church Street was due to be repaired the following day.

6524 **Village Cleaning**

Councillors **agreed** to purchase a brushcutter to a maximum value of £250 plus safety equipment (proposed Cllr Archer).

They approved the purchase made under Financial Regulation 3.4 of a barrow and tools for the village cleaner. Cllrs accepted with thanks the offer by Mr and Mrs G. Clark to store these items and allow the village cleaner access.

They discussed the provision of a compost heap.

Councillors agreed that the village cleaner should clear the overgrown edges of the Mead Path but not weed it.

6525 **Church Mead**

This item was dealt with under Minute 6524

6526 **Highways and transport**

(i) **Traffic Action Group report** Serious discussions now appeared to be taking place between Lochailort Developments and Somerset Highways about traffic calming and signage

in Norton St Philip as part of the chicken factory site proposals.

(ii) Cllr Oliver and Lutterloch will compile a list of transport firms to be contacted about the impending weight limit on the A366. Contacting sat nav databases to be investigated. The date the weight limit comes into force to be obtained

(ii) **Street Lighting** A quick replacement to be sought from Somerset CC of the demolished chicane light and sign on the B3110 (see also Public Forum above)

#### 6527 **Planning**

(i) Parish Council recommendations for applications received were as follows:

**2009/1648** Albion Cottage, High Street, Norton St Philip, BA2 7LG. Single storey rear extension and replace some windows and their surrounds. (Del.) Application Type: Listed Building Consent. **Parish Council recommendation: to be left to the planning officer.** Councillors noted that the work had started and were concerned about moving an original window to the new extension.

**2009/1702** Church Farm House Church Street Norton St Philip Bath, BA2 7LU. Conversion of barn to accommodation and construction of link to main property plus fulfilment of conditions for previous application Number 19658/000 (DEL). Application Type: Listed Building Consent. **Parish Council recommendation: to be left to the planning officer.**

**2009/1831 & 1832** Wick Farm, Farleigh Hungerford, Bath. Single storey utility extension with minor internal alterations. (Del). Application Types: Householder Planning Permission (1831), Listed Building Consent (1832). **Parish Council recommendations: to be left to the planning officer.** Councillors were concerned about moving an original window to the utility extension.

**2009/0457 & 0458** Wick Farm, Farleigh Hungerford, Bath. Change of use from offices to assembly and leisure for wedding/party hire. Application types: Change of use (0457), Listed Building Consent (0458) **Parish Council recommendations: approval**

**2009/1672 & 1673** The Plaine Guest House, The Plaine, Norton St Philip BA2 7LT. Proposed Conservatory. Application types: Full Planning Permission (1672), Listed Building Consent (1673). **Parish Council recommendations: approval**

#### (ii) **Updates**

The following Mendip DC decisions were reported:

The Rectory, Norton St Philip – felling of silver birch – no objection

The Plaine Guest House – two storey building detached building for additional guest accommodation (arboricultural report received 29/09/09) – refused

(iii) **Model Flying Club** Cllr Archer reported on a visit to a proposed new site for the Frome Model Flying Club. Councillors expressed strong concern about potential noise but could not comment further in the absence of a planning application.

(iv) Cllr Ledbury reported on a useful housing meeting at Shepton Mallet and circulated a handout.

(v) Mendip DC had advised that only new social housing on exception sites (ie outside the development limit) could be designated for local preference in a Section 106 agreement.

#### 6528 **Finance**

(i) **Budget** Councillors made a preliminary assessment of figures provided for the 2010/2011 budget and noted figures provided by the Church Mead Committee.

(ii) **Deed box** It was **agreed** to purchase a deed box at a cost not to exceed £20 (proposed by Cllr Archer).

(iii) **Clerk's salary** The 1% increase in the clerk's salary, backdated to April, recommended by the National Association of Local Councils, was **agreed** (proposed Cllr Ledbury).

(i) **Bills for payment** The following were **approved for payment** (proposed Cllr Parker) and

cheques signed: Church Mead Committee – agreed grant items £1693.66; Character Landscapes – grass cutting at Farleigh Hungerford £215.63; Clerk’s salary for December; R. Campbell – reimbursement of cost of tools for village cleaning (Minute 6524) £114.21.

A cheque was signed for £750.00 in favour of the Palairet Hall Committee, passing on the grant received from Somerset CC (County Cllr Ellis’s budget) for that purpose.

6529 **Local Organisations**

**PCSO meeting** Mrs G. Beer was thanked for agreeing to attend future PCSO meetings and report to the parish council.

6530 **Youth Facilities**

The Youth Group committee had not met.

6531 **Correspondence**

Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last PC meeting: SALC items of interest (includes advice on financial reserves); newsletters from Somerset Rural Youth Project, Community Safety Partnership, Police Authority; note of Mendip Housing change of name (now Flourish Homes); holiday refuse collection dates (posted on notice boards); Glasdon catalogue; letter from SCC leader on budget restraint; list of Neighbourhood Watch contacts

6532 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

- (i) District Councillor Barnes said that input was wanted from parishes on the consultation paper on travellers.
- (ii) District Cllr Barnes encouraged the parish council to find out if any grant money remained in the pot which could be claimed for the Palairet Hall.
- (ii) A report about an uncut hedge near the top post box will be passed to the village cleaner.
- (iii) Reports of dog fouling on Church Mead to be investigated.

6533 **Dates of future Parish Council meetings**

Thursday 7 January 2010, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip – budget/precept setting

Thursday 14 January 2010, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

Thursday 11 February 2010, 7.45pm, Palairet Hall, Norton St Philip

The meeting ended at 10.42pm