

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

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No more artics? Those of you at the meeting organized by County Councillor Matthew Ellis at Beckington recently will have heard Sonia Davidson-Grant, Director of Environmental Services at Somerset, and her Head of Highways, Ioan Rees, say that the case for a 7.5 tonne weight limit on the A366 at Norton St Philip has finally scored highly enough for it to be recommended for action. This means a consultation process (Buckland Dinham Parish said that, with regret, it will oppose the limit), then final consideration by a panel. All being well the weight limit should become reality in the first half of 2009. We'll save till then our congratulations to all those who have worked so hard over the years to achieve it!

Flashing Speed Sign Following new measurement of the speed at which vehicles enter Norton St Philip on the A366, it looks as though a speed visor sign may be installed at Upper Farm Close by the county for perhaps three 2-week periods a year, without charge. The county still opposes permanent signs, even paid for by parishes, on Highways' land except at designated sites, as they feel that proliferation reduces the signs' effectiveness.

Village Cleaning If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in working up to half a day a week (averaged over the year) clearing paths, banks and road edges in the village, please contact the clerk as soon as possible. Reasonable rate of pay, own insurance needed.

Shop Survey The questionnaire will be put to the full parish council for approval on 14 August before being distributed to parishioners.

TAG Survey Paul Shepherd presented the last parish council meeting with a summary of villagers' reactions to Lochailort's proposals for changes to the B3110, particularly at the George crossroads. You can see the details on the parish council website.

Planning At its meeting on 10 July the parish council recommended approval of an application for a single storey side extension and conservatory at Roberts Elm, Tellisford Lane, Norton St Philip.

The application for outline planning permission for 11 houses at Bell Hill Garage, Norton St Philip has been withdrawn.

Mendip have refused a certificate of lawfulness to The Garden House, The Malt House, Bell Hill. It is not satisfied that the land has been used as a separate residential unit for a continuous period for the past 4 years.

Next Meeting. Thursday 14 August (yes, there is an August meeting), 7.45pm, Palaiet Hall. All welcome

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