

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE READING ROOM AT 7.30 P.M.

18/1240 PRESENT:

Mr S. Maunder (Chairman), Mrs S More (Vice-Chairman), Mr C Campbell, Mr B Matraves, Mr R Middleton
Mr J Cole, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), Mrs S. Seal (District Councillor), and 3 members of the public.

18/1241 APOLOGIES:

Mrs P Biddle (Holiday)

Mark Keating (other meeting)

18/1242 PUBLIC TIME

18/1242/a Public Time:

Mrs Maunder informed the Parish Council that the village Pantomime would be taking place on the 8th, 9th and 10th March and all profits would be going to the village hall.

18/1242/b P.C.S.O. Report:

The PCSO was not present and no report had been received. However, the Clerk, Councillor Maunder and Councillor Matraves had all been in touch with PCSO Douch regarding the activities on New Road in the last month for clarification on the safety in the area.

18/1242/c District Councillor:

Councillor Seal reported that SSDC were again hosting a Housing Fair at Westland's Leisure Complex in Yeovil on March 8th between 2-7pm. This is a free public event to highlight housing available in the district. There will be housing developers, Estate Agents, Letting Agents, Housing Association Advisers and Land Agents exhibiting. The event will also be of interest to first-time buyers, people moving up the property ladder, downsizing or wanting to own their own home through a Shared Ownership property.

She also reported that SSDC had written to object to South Western Railway regarding their plans for changing the timetable for London trains and the revised stopping patterns.

Councillor Seal explained that there would be a rise in Council Tax this year as the budget reached its final stage next week.

18/1242/d County Councillor:

County Councillor Mark Keating was not present at the meeting and sent his apologies.. He had emailed a monthly report previous to the meeting to the Clerk who had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors'.

18/1242/e CLT Update:

Mrs Maunder reported that they were still trying to obtain the name of the developer for the New Road development. She also mentioned about the planning permission that had recently been submitted for the solar array behind the houses in Minchington on the small bit of land owned by the CLT. (Clerk's Comment - This does not fall in the Parish of Norton sub Hamdon (It falls in Chiselborough Parish), hence it is not included in Norton's Parish Council meeting.) This was being applied for now as it was being paid for with grant they would receive although they would not be seeing this project through at the moment unless it became more viable to install the solar array. The CLT were still pushing hard with Yarlinton for the street lights that were part of the original agreement at Minchington although they were still waiting for the electric firms to confirm the electric supply which is already there and waiting.

18/1242/g Hamdon Youth Group:

HYG is still continuing and being well supported. They now have an assistant at Stoke sub Hamdon which has helped although this is hitting the funds. Norton Hall is still used as well.

18/1243 MINUTES:

The Minutes from the January meeting have been circulated. They were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Matraves Seconded: Cllr. More Agreed unanimously.

18/1244 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Moving the Parish Council meetings to the Committee Room in the village hall – From April 2018
The Parish Council discussed changing the location of the Parish Council meetings to the village Hall committee rooms from April 2018. This is due to The Reading Room really not being an appropriate venue for the Parish Council meetings anymore. It was also felt that the village hall should be used due to it making financial sense as we already pay towards the hall. The Clerk has confirmed with Simon Harris that the

Committee Room would be available for the second Monday of every month. Clerk to write to The Reading Room Chairman and inform them that the last Parish Council meeting to be held in The Reading Room would be on March 12th 2018

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder Seconded: Cllr. Matraves Agreed unanimously.

Action: Clerk

2. Litter pick- Confirmed date: SATURDAY 17TH MARCH. The Clerk has confirmed with SSDC that the litter pick equipment is available for the village litter pick to be held on Saturday 17th March starting at 9.30pm.

18/1245 PLANNING:

18/1245/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

18/1245/b Decisions Notified:

17/04612/LBC – The Georgian Wing, Great St. Re-instatement of historic glazed belvedere and re-opening former historic opening/window now blocked with modern ventilation tiles. APPROVED

17/04124/FUL Land opposite Tinkabee Cottage, Little Norton. Change of use of land, stationing of a log cabin and two shepherds huts for holiday let. This application was considered by the Council's Area Committee on Wednesday 24th January 2018. This application was refused due to:

The proposal, by reason of its scale, layout and materials, fails to respect the rural character, appearance and general amenity of the area, and is therefore considered to be unacceptable in this location, contrary to the aims and objectives the NPPF and Policy EQ2 of the South Somerset Local Plan.

Applications for consideration.

18/00020/FUL Carbridge, Little Street. Erection of a five bay garage – REVISED PLANS

The Parish Council of Norton sub Hamdon discussed this revised planning application at great length at the February Parish Council meeting.

All the Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to OBJECT against this application due to the points raised below:

- **SIZE.** They all agreed that the size of the proposed garage is still far too big. The depth on the plan allows for vehicles up to 8 metres long whereas even large domestic vehicles are only a little over 5 metres long. Reducing the overall depth to 6 metres would also reduce the overall height. The size is also accentuated even more by the proposed wood store running along two sides of the garage.
- **ROOF:** The roof is still far too high. It was suggested by one of the Councillor's (who is a roofer) that the roof should be mono pitch instead of duo pitch. This would reduce the height considerably. This building is meant to be a single storey garage - so why the need for additional height?
- **ROOF:** It was questioned as to why the applicant wants to use double roman tiles on the roof when they have used slate tiles on both the house and the stables.
- The Parish Councillors were concerned that the proposed garage would be turned into future housing/accommodation (I know that this is not a planning reason, however, The Parish Council would like it made).
- **IMPACT TO NEIGHBOURS:** Due to the size and location of the proposed 5 bay garage, The Councillors felt it would have a large impact on the neighbours light into both their garden and workshop/studio.
- **TOO CLOSE TO FOOTPATH:** The footpath that runs directly alongside the back of the proposed garage is very narrow and the bank is already eroding into the river.
- There seems to be no provision for drainage in the application.

18/1246 FINANCE:

18/1246/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

18/1246/b Matters for resolution

1. S137 Payments : The Clerk had received three requests for donations of the S137 payment: Martock Job Club, St Margaret's Hospice and SSVCA. It was proposed to grant £80 to St Margaret's Hospice and £60 each to both The Martock Job Club and SSVCA.

Proposed: Cllr. Cole

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously

Action: Clerk

2. Somerset Landscapes Limited – quotation for 2018/19 season (£91.75 per occasion - £3.10 increase from 2017/18)

The Parish Council made a resolution to accept this.

Proposed: Cllr. Mauger

Seconded: Cllr. Middleton

Agreed unanimously

Clerk to write to Somerset Landscapes and accept the quote.

Action: Clerk

3. Pot Holes in Norton Car Park: The Clerk had received three quotes for the repair of 4 potholes in the car park at Norton sub Hamdon, ranging from £220 to £470. It was felt that the pot holes were a danger to the public and therefore the Clerk arranged for the potholes to be filled before the February Parish Council meeting and accepted the £220.00 plus VAT quote. The parish Council were happy to accept this and a resolution was made to pay the contractor. Clerk to Action **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr. Mauger

Seconded: Cllr. Cole

Agreed unanimously

18/1246/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – January 2018	£	320.70	chq no:1350
The Reading Room	Rent for hire of room up till & incl. March 2018	£	162.00	chq no:1351
Down2Earth SW Ltd	Cleaning of the carpark (PC owned part)	£	70.00	chq no:1352
St Margaret's Hospice	S137 payment	£	80.00	chq no:1353
SSVCA	S137 payment	£	60.00	chq no:1354
Martock Job Club	S137 payment	£	80.00	chq no:1355

Proposed: Cllr. Cole

Seconded: Cllr. Middleton

Agreed unanimously.

18/1247 VILLAGE HALL:

Nothing to report

18/1248 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

18/1249 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that all correspondence had been emailed to all the Parish Councillors.

18/1250 FOOTPATHS:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurance would cover John Forrest for using a strimmer.

18/1251 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councillor Matraves reported that he had been in touch with PCSO Douch regarding the activities on New Road in the last month for clarification on the safety in the area. They told him they were not looking for anyone in connection with the report.

Councillor Campbell requested that the Rangers on Ham Hill be asked to cut the overgrowth back more at the top of ham hill. It is very dangerous when you try and leave Sandy lane.

Action: Clerk

Councillor More reported the pot holes in Sandy lane were getting worse.

Action: Clerk

Councillor More also reported blocked drain towards the bottom of Sandy Lane and one in Skinners Lane near the entrance to Littlemead.

Action: Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.