

**MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**  
**IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

**18/1359 PRESENT:**

Mr S. Maunder (Chairman), Mr C Campbell, Mr J Cole, Mr R. Middleton, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), Mrs S. Seal (District Councillor), Mrs E Maunder and 6 members of the public.

**18/1360 APOLOGIES:**

Mrs S. More (Vice Chair) (Holiday)

Mrs P. Biddle (Holiday)

Mark Keating (County Councillor) (other Parish Council commitments)

Mr B Matraves (No Show – no apologies were received)

**18/1361 PUBLIC TIME**

**18/1361/a Public Time:**

Nothing to report

**18/1361/b P.C.S.O. Report:**

The PCSO was not present and no report had been received.

**18/1361/c District Councillor:**

Councillor Seal reported that the Yeovil Country Park café is going to be extended. She also explained that a footpath on Ham Hill that is by the quarry is not a designated footpath. It is cleared regularly by the owner. She also reported that the Stanchester 1610 Sports Centre will close. She questioned whether Sport England had ever awarded them a grant, and if this was the case, there was quite often a clause stating it must be maintained for community use. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to the Chair of Governors at Stanchester to voice their disappointment and ask about past grants from Sports England. **Action: Clerk**

**18/1361/d County Councillor:**

County Councillor Mark Keating was not present at the meeting. He had emailed a monthly report previous to the meeting to the Clerk who then reported that there was no significant news to report.

**18/1362/e CLT Update:**

Mrs Maunder reported that the CLT had submitted an application for a renewable energy scheme. They also hoped to persuade the housing association to put solar panels on roofs. They would also plan to install 2 charging points which there would be a charge to use.

**18/1362/g Hamdon Youth Group:**

Mrs Maunder reported that the group had recently received grants from SSDC and Wessex Water. There had also been a donation from the Nortonian magazine.

**18/1363 MINUTES:**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Campbell

Seconded: Cllr. Cole

Agreed unanimously.

**18/1364 MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Elections - May 2019: The Clerk spoke about the terms of office ending in May 2019 for all the Parish Councillors and how re-election must be applied for. Election day will be on 2nd May 2019. The Clerk would be attending an information session held at SSDC on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February as many of the procedures have changed and been updated.
2. Litter Pick 2019 - The Clerk discussed the prospect of holding this year's litter pick. The two dates that were discussed were March 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to find out which date the equipment would be available and book the date with The Reading Room **Action: Clerk**

**18/1365 PLANNING:**

**18/1365/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report.

**18/1365/b Decisions Notified:**

18/03680/HOU Hill Close House, Little Norton – Construction of a single storey link extension.

The Parish Council had no objections to this. APPROVED BY SSDC

18/03144/LBC Merle Cottage, Great Street – Installation of two slim metal reveal covers to wall opening at the gate entrance to the garden too accommodate demountable flood barriers when necessary.

The Parish Council had no objections to this. APPROVED BY SSDC

**18/1365/c Applications for consideration.**

18/04025/FUL – Mr & Mrs Rastall, Land Adj. to No. 7 Little Street. The erection of a dwelling and a garage  
The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

18/03771/FUL – Marshwood Homes Ltd, Land part of former garden centre site, New Road. The erection of 5 dwellings.

The Parish Council discussed this at great length at the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th January.

2 Parish Councillors had no objection to this

5 Parish Councillors OBJECTED to this application

**MAJORITY - OBJECTION**

THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE:

1. This is a 25% increase to the original planning application, and they are very concerned about the increases on the development.
2. There would be a 25% increase in traffic leaving this development on to New Road, which is already busy and congested and close to both the school entrance and village hall.
3. They feel very strongly this should have been applied for in the first application, when there was a public consultation, and not now as a backdoor application.
4. The area where the developer would like to build these 5 houses is on a 'green' area of the development. This should remain a 'green' open space, as originally agreed.
5. The village has suffered with flooding in the last 3 years. They strongly feel that before adding another 5 houses to this development, the new flood prevention measures that have already been installed, need to be put to the test to see if they are adequate first.
6. Also concern as to why there is continuation shown on the road at the end of the proposed 5 houses?

**18/1366 FINANCE:**

**18/1366/a Matters for report:**

1. Payment of loan for village hall has been paid £2,280.81 on 02/01/19.
2. End of third Quarter Balances.
3. VAT Return
4. Precept
5. Wayleaves Payment – Western Power Distribution £45.67 received.

**18/1366/b Matters for resolution**

Nothing to report

**118/1366/c Cheques Payable**

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – December 2018	£	338.80 chq no: 1393
Down2Earth	Grounds Maintenance Oct-Dec 2018	£	256.00 chq no: 1394
Down2Earth	Grit Bins Maintenance	£	30.00 chq no: 1395

Proposed: Cllr. Campbell

Seconded: Cllr. Cole

Agreed unanimously.

**18/1367 VILLAGE HALL:**

Nothing to report

**18/1368 RECREATION GROUND:**

Nothing to report

**18/1369 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Village website: Mike Orchard had written to the Clerk to say that the software is now out of date and no longer supported by the suppliers. The village hall, church, shop and pub have all now got their own websites. It was felt that it was not worth purchasing new software and designing a new site and therefore the village website will cease. After doing studies on Google Analytics, it showed that the Parish Council had very few hits. The Parish Council will need to decide whether to have their own website designed and managed or not to have one at all. Clerk to investigate to see if the Parish Council have to have a website at all.

**Action: Clerk**

2. Letter from Malcolm Read: Mr Reid sent a letter to the Parish Clerk asking for an explanation of the recent problems at the pumping station. Clerk explained that she had been in contact with Wessex Water and an explanation would be sent to all the Parish Councillors as soon as she had received one.

**Action: Clerk**

**18/1370 FOOTPATHS:**

Nothing to report

**18/1371 MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Nothing to report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL**