

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JULY 2018
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

18/1298 PRESENT:

Mr S. Maunder (Chairman), Mrs S. More (Vice Chair), Mrs P Biddle, Mr C Campbell, Mr B Matraves, Mr J Cole, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), Mrs S. Seal (District Councillor), Mark Keating (County Councillor), Mrs E Maunder (CLT & HYG) and 6 members of the public.

18/1299 APOLOGIES:

Mrs R. Middleton (Work commitments)

18/1300 PUBLIC TIME

18/1300/a Public Time:

Montacute Football Club: The Parish Council have been approached by Montacute Under 13s football team to play at the recreation ground. The Parish Council gave them permission to do this as long as they have their own insurance which covers everything (including accidental liability) and are completely responsible for the pitch. They were given permission to install removable goal posts as they need smaller posts for under 13's. They can stay in position during the football season but have to be removed throughout the summer months. (The season being from the beginning of September to the middle of April) The Chairman arranged a meeting with the team on Thursday 12th July to arrange pitch details.

Clerk to write a letter to confirm details.

Action: Clerk

A member of the public questioned the need for chippings on a footpath in Norton. She was informed that the chippings had worked well in the past with making this path accessible all year round to Ham Hill. It was explained that vehicular access was required to get the chippings that are free to the area where a natural spring lies. The County Councillor informed the Parish Council that it was the landowners responsibility to maintain both hedges and ditches to allow access for footpaths. The Clerk also pointed out that the other landowner had made contact and was willing to help as much as he could. John Forrest, Footpaths Liaison Officer and Les Braunton for SCC have both visited the site and will work on clearing it. The Clerk was asked to get Matt Orchard to level the chippings that have been left there.

Action: Clerk

18/1300/b P.C.S.O. Report:

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

18/1300/c District Councillor:

There was very little to report from the District Councillor. She explained that the staff changes had now taken place at SSDC offices and people were getting used to their new roles. She also reported that on Saturday 14th July, the Festival of dressing the wells and springs of Ninesprings with flowers and tea lights was being held, culminating with a lantern walk, fire performers and music in the evening. This is a free event.

18/1300/d County Councillor:

County Councillor Mark Keating was present at the meeting. He had emailed a monthly report previous to the meeting to the Clerk who had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors'. He had nothing further to report.

18/1300/e CLT Update:

There was nothing to report on Minchington Close, The shop, post office or solar scheme. With regards to New Road housing – the provider of the affordable housing would be Liverty Housing Association. They are a new HA born from an amalgamation of Knightstone and Devon Community Housing. The developer, Marshwood, will build the affordable homes and hand over the finished properties to Liverty. There will be local connection criteria under the section 106 agreement – people with a connection to Norton will be considered first, followed by South Somerset District.

18/1300/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Councillor Biddle reported some good news about the Methodist Church in Stoke. Contracts should be exchanged for the purchase by Stoke Parish Council in August and completion should be sometime in September. HYG felt very indebted to all concerned especially Barbara Brooks and Stoke Parish Council.

A Charitable Trust is being set up to manage the centre on behalf of Stoke Parish Council.

18/1301 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle

Seconded: Cllr. More

Agreed unanimously.

18/1302 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Football Team at the Recreation Ground: The Parish Council have been approached from Martock football Club to ask for use of the recreation field for football. See above.
2. Defibrillator Training. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Hamdon First Aid for available dates and costs. She also reported that she had included a piece in both the newsletter and the Parish Magazine to see what interest there was. She also explained that before a date is arranged, she needs to see how many people are interested. From this she can then arrange one or two training sessions as there is a maximum of 15 people per session at dates that suit both the Hamdon First Aid Training and the village hall (availability). The Clerk reported to date that there had been no interest either by telephone or email. Many of the Parish Councillors suggested contacting Hamdon First Aid to see if they would be having a stand at the Flower Show like they did at the Stoke May Fair. This maybe a way of people getting some training if they were interested. Clerk to contact Hamdon First Aid to see if they are at the Norton Flower show and also to re-advertise in the newsletter and Parish Magazine with an Autumn time suggestion. **Action: Clerk**
3. Bonfires: Once again there has been a rise in the number of bonfires that are left to smoulder for hours (sometimes days) in the village. Firstly, there seems to be a lack of respect for neighbours when residents do this. People have their windows' open at night, but can't do this with the amount of smoke in the evenings and at night. Secondly, there is a serious risk to having bonfires at the moment due to the very dry conditions and the chances of the fire spreading and getting out of control. Clerk asked to write something in the newsletter. **Action: Clerk**
4. Sandy Lane: The clerk reported that she had been in touch with Derek Davies from Highways regarding the condition of Sandy Lane. He will assess it on either 9th/10th July and let the Clerk know his thoughts. Councillor Campbell reported that the pot holes in Rectory Lane still needed to be repaired. Clerk to report to Highways **Action: Clerk**

18/1303 PLANNING:

18/1303/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

18/1303/b Decisions Notified:

18/01097/FUL – Bridge House, Little Street. Erection of a wall (part Retrospective) – Approved

18/01353/FUL – Lynfield, New Road - Replacement roof structure to existing flat roof extension. Approved

17/04124/FUL - Land Opposite Tinkabee Cottage, Little Norton, Norton Sub Hamdon, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Somerset,, **NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL**. Still waiting for a date.

18/1303/c Applications for consideration.

18/00726/FUL Rocklands House, Little Street. Conversion, side extension and alteration of existing coach house to form a separate dwelling house. No objections.

18/1304 FINANCE:

18/1304/a Matters for report:

1. End of 1st quarter figures:

Current Account	£ 100.00
Reserve Account	<u>£ 42,689.73</u>
	£ 42,789.73

There was 0 outstanding

cheques: £ 0.00

Total as cash book £ 42,789.73

Books will now be checked by Chairman and examined by internal auditor, Mike Orchard

2. Loan Payment of £2280.81 was debited on 2nd July 2018

18/1304/b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report.

18/1304/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – May 2018	£	338.80 chq no: 1374
Down2Earth	Grounds Maintenance April-June	£	256.00 chq no: 1375
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance April-June	£	1131.12 chq no: 1376
Cumbria Clock Co.	Clock service	£	222.00 chq no: 1377

Proposed: Cllr. Matraves

Seconded: Cllr. Biddle

Agree unanimously.

18/1305 VILLAGE HALL:

Councillor Cole reported that the hedge needed cutting back at the entrance to the village hall from the main carpark. Clerk to ask Matt Orchard to do this. **Action: Clerk**

He also reported that the railings would be installed soon around the new verandah.

18/1306 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

18/1307 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

The Clerk said that she had had a phone call from Western Power regarding access to the recreation ground to install a temporary switch and generators to the post behind the village hall. This is to prevent complete shutdown of the electricity supply for the village when new cables are installed to the new development on New Road via underground. The Parish Council agreed this was a good idea. Clerk to arrange a suitable date with Western Power for access to the rec. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had received a request from the school for permission to use the recreation field as a carpark for the school fair on Friday 13th July. The Clerk reiterated that there were travellers in the area. The Parish Council agreed this could happen as long as the gate is manned at all times and the barrier is not open. Chairman Councillor Maunder to email them.

18/1308 FOOTPATHS:

John Forrest who was present at the meeting, informed the Parish Council that Les Braunton had recently been out and assessed certain footpaths where complaints had been received. The bridge on the footpath going to Chiselborough would be repaired. And others had been cut back. The Parish Council thanked John for all his hard work recently.

18/1309 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Noting to report

Councillor Campbell reported pot holes in Rectory Lane.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL