

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2019
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

19/1379 PRESENT:

Mr S. Maunder (Chairman), Mrs S. More (Vice Chair), Mr C Campbell, Mrs P. Biddle, Mr B Matraves, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), Mrs S. Seal (District Councillor), Mrs E Maunder and 2 members of the public.

19/1380 APOLOGIES:

Mr R. Middleton (Work Commitments)

Mr J Cole (Illness)

Mark Keating (County Councillor)

19/1381 PUBLIC TIME

19/1381/a Public Time:

Nothing to report

19/1381/b P.C.S.O. Report:

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

19/1381/c District Councillor:

This was the last meeting for District Councillor Sylvia Seal as she is now retiring. The Parish Councillors presented her with gifts donated by them personally and thanked her for all her support and help. She has played a massive part in shaping Norton into the village it is today. The District Council enter Purdah on the 18th March due to the forth coming elections. Councillor Seal reported that the Ham Hill Woodland Adventure was now open and had been well received by the local children.

19/1381/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 had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors'.

19/1381/e CLT Update:

Mrs Maunder reported that the shop has shown a profit from last year.

19/1381/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Mrs Maunder reported that they will be moving into their new premises on the 1st April.

19/1382 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr.Campbell

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

19/1383 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Litter Pick 2019 - The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the annual village litter pick would take place this coming Saturday 16th March. **Action: Clerk**
2. Elections: The Clerk reported that she had recently attended a training seminar at SSDC regarding the forth coming Parish Council elections which take place on 2nd May. She gave nomination papers out to all Parish Councillors present.
3. Pumping Station Update: The Clerk reported that she had received at update from Wessex Water on their plans to mitigate the issues at Norton-Sub-Hamdon Sewage Pumping Station and its rising main. They've installed a variable speed drive on one of the existing pumps to improve the flow and pressure in the rising main. They've also installed an additional air valve on the main at the pumping station, to reduce the risk of air build-up. This also improves its resistance to further bursts. Their plan to replace the section of rising main where the bursts are occurring is currently in early design phase. This is planned to start in May 2019 and will continue for 20 weeks over the summer period. She also reported that Wessex Water will be sending letters to residents of Higher Street to let them know.

19/1384 PLANNING:

19/1384/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report.

19/1384/b Decisions Notified:

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

19/00023/HOU Homestead, Higher St. - Alterations and construction of new apex roof over existing two storey side extension, rebuild and enlarge existing single storey utility boot room. Remove existing detached garage building and construct replacement workshop/garage building. Approved

19/1384/c Applications for consideration.

19/00428/HOU 7, Little St. The erection of garden building for garden gym, games/store/office.

The Parish Council discussed this at great length at the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March.

The Parish Council of Norton sub Hamdon objected to this planning application.

The reasons were:

1. SIZE – The size of this garden building is far too big in proportion with the size of house. It appears to be a dwelling oversized for requirements.
2. DESIGN/APPEARANCE/MATERIALS – The design and materials are not in keeping with the area. It does not fit the village architecture at all.
3. HEIGHT – The height is detrimental to the nearby footpath and local landscape. It will be clearly visible from the footpath. There is not enough screening from trees.

19/1385 FINANCE:

19/1385/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

19/1385/b Matters for resolution

1. Somerset Landscapes Limited – quotation for 2019/20 season (£94.95 per occasion - £3.20 increase from 2018/19 per session)

The Parish Council made a resolution to accept this.

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. Campbell

Agreed unanimously

Clerk to write to Somerset Landscapes and accept the quote.

Action: Clerk

2. New Parish Council Notice Board – quotes

The Clerk provided the Parish Council with 3 quotes for a new notice board. They decided to accept

The Parish Notice Board Company. The price was £505.00 plus VAT and delivery £50.00 plus VAT. The

Clerk will approach Keith Dare for a quote to install the board.

Action: Clerk

The Parish Council made a resolution to accept this.

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. More

Agreed unanimously

3. New Parish Council Website – quotes

The Clerk provided the Parish Council with 3 different quotes for the design of a website for the Parish Council.

The Parish Council made a resolution to accept the quote from Town and Parish Websites. Clerk to organise.

Action: Clerk

The Parish Council made a resolution to accept this.

Proposed: Cllr. More

Seconded: Cllr. Campbell

Agreed unanimously

19/1385/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks Salary & Allowances – February 2019

£ 338.80 chq no: 1399

Cheshire Notice Boards 50% deposit for new notice board

£ 333.00 chq no: 1400

Proposed: Cllr. Matraves

Seconded: Cllr. Campbell

Agreed unanimously.

19/1386 VILLAGE HALL:

Nothing to report

19/1387 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

19/1388 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that all correspondence had been forwarded.

19/1388 FOOTPATHS:

The clerk reported that the bridge going towards Chiselborough is getting worse. She has emailed John Forrest to chase with County.

19/1389 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th APRIL 2019 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL