

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

18/1334 PRESENT:

Mr S. Maunder (Chairman), Mrs S. More (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle, Mr C Campbell, Mr B Matraves, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), Mrs S. Seal (District Councillor), Mark Keating (County Councillor) and 3 members of the public.

18/1335 APOLOGIES:

Mr R. Middleton (work commitments)

Mr J Cole (work commitments)

18/1336 PUBLIC TIME

18/1336/a Public Time:

A member of the public reported that she had seen a plan that is being included in the Agent's brochure selling the houses at the new development and it looked like the map showed 5 extra homes. Clerk to report this to the planning office. The Chairman confirmed that to date there has been no planning application received for any more houses on this site and the developer would have to go through the correct procedures with another planning application to build any further houses on this site.

18/1336/b P.C.S.O. Report:

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

18/1336/c District Councillor:

Councillor Seal informed the Parish Council that Ham Hill had won a conservation award for their work regarding the plight of bees and their work in helping to establish a colony on Ham Hill. They have also recruited new volunteers. She also reported that the enforcement officer will be visiting at certain times as dog fouling has become a big problem. With regards to SSDC offices, she reported that the transformation was still on going with people now doing jobs that are completely new to them. From now on much of the communication will be via email which will be able to be tracked to see progress of the query. Also, more commissioned research is taking place regarding forming a Unity with the six Councils in Somerset.

18/1336/d County Councillor:

Councillor Mark Keating reported that extra grant had been given for adult social care – of which a certain amount was to be used for children's Learning Disabilities (SCC's share will be circa £6.5m). Further funding had also been granted to Highways and potholes (SCC's share will be circa £4m). Also, In Somerset it has been agreed overnight with the Section 151 Officer that, given this additional Capital funding from the Department of Transport, the filling of grit bins can be reinstated for this winter season. Clerk to update the Parish Council when she has received confirmation of this.

Action: Clerk

18/1336/e CLT Update:

Mrs Maunder reported that they have now filled the vacancy for assistant manager. The position has gone to a Mrs Middleditch who has worked as a volunteer right from the beginning. She also reported that this year's Christmas order forms were now ready and available.

18/1336/g Hamdon Youth Group:

HYG gave their annual report – see below.

18/1337 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle

Seconded: Cllr. More

Agreed unanimously.

18/1338 MATTERS ARISING:

1. HYG Presentation: John Bailey and Mrs Liz Maunder attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the Parish Council on another successful year. They thanked the Parish Council for their continued support. Mr. Bailey explained there was now 60 members on the role with 40 regular attendees most weeks. Mrs. Maunder said there were 7 members from Norton sub Hamdon. He outlined the funding that was being cut from many different sources, including the loss of approximately 40% of their budget from SCC (amounted to £6,635 in 2018/19) after they have withdrawn all support for youth provision. He also reported on the problem with finding volunteers. Councillor Maunder informed them that they will have the agreed 10% increase in grant (agreed in 2017), which would bring the annual grant to £1650.00 for 2019/20.

Mr Bailey and Mrs Maunder explained that they have applied for extra funding from a number of different organisations including Awards for All, Sherborne Fayre and the Big Lottery. They will not know the outcome to these applications until the Spring of 2019. They have requested that they update the Parish Council on the results in Spring 2019 and if required, ask the Parish Council to consider a further grant or loan. The Parish Council made a resolution to support HYG with the sum of £1,650.00 with a 10% increase to be proposed every year (as long as there is sufficient Parish Council funds to do this). The Parish Council also agreed to see if the applications for grants were successful in the spring of 2019 and discuss this further then. Clerk to write and confirm this. **Action: Clerk**

2. Guidance for new Rural Services Signage: Councillor Maunder had received new guidelines for rural local facilities signs from main roads. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Mark Keating to proceed with the application to get a sign at Turnpike to promote the shop, post office and pub. **Action: Clerk**

18/1339 PLANNING:

18/1340/a Matters for report:

18/03330/DPO - Development in New Rd, Norton sub Hamdon. Application to discharge a condition of the S106 agreement dated 26th July 2016 regarding the shared ownership properties.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the planning officer in charge and informed the Parish Council that after talks between the Housing Provider and SSDC Housing Department all seven affordable homes will be for rent. This change will allow the Housing Provider to own 100% of all the affordable homes.

The Parish Council had no objection to this.

18/1340/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

18/1340/c Applications for consideration.

Nothing to report

18/1341 FINANCE:

18/1341/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

18/1341/b Matters for resolution

1. Grit for Norton sub Hamdon – Winter 2018/19

The Clerk had worked out the costs for grit for this winter for the 5 grit bins, after the County Councillor informed the Parish Council that grit would no longer be provided for the village. The cost for 2 fills of the 5 bins would be £676.08. The Clerk also suggested that it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to supply the following public areas with 4 bags each – the shop, church and the pub.

A resolution was made to accept the cost for this and grant the extra bags for public places.

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

****NOTE:** The Clerk has since received notification that SCC have now agreed to provide the villages with grit for this year. This amount will still need to be included on the budget for next year as the Parish Council will be responsible for grit for 2019/20. The grit for public areas will still be bought by the Parish Council for this winter.

2. Budget - The budget for 2019/20 has now been emailed to every Parish Councillor.

The Clerk explained that she has added the costs of winter grit to the budget. Also, due to SCC reducing services, it would be likely that the Parish Council will have to be responsible for more general maintenance including footpaths and verge cutting. However, she recommended that it was important to keep the precept at the same figure of £19,200.00.

A resolution was made to accept the budget for 2019/20

Proposed: Cllr Biddle Seconded: Cllr Maunder Agreed unanimously.

118/1341/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – October 2018	£	338.80	chq no: 1386
SSDC	Playground inspection & Risk assessment	£	94.20	chq no: 1387
Jon Brown Arborist	Carving of tree seat	£	240.00	chq no: 1388
Proposed: Cllr. Campbell Seconded: Cllr. More		Agreed unanimously.		

18/1342 VILLAGE HALL:

Nothing to report

18/1343 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

18/1344 CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

18/1345 FOOTPATHS:

The Clerk reported that the bridge at the bottom of the first field going towards Chiselborough had another broken rung plus a couple of others that are rotted. It was also reported that the area where there is a slab of concrete laid at the start of the footpath off Little Street was now at a dangerous angle. This needs to be removed. The Clerk was asked to report this to John Forrest.

Action: Clerk

18/1346 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councillor More had a report of dog fouling being a problem in Rectory Lane. The Clerk was asked to include this in the newsletter article again.

Action: Clerk

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

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