

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.

19/1390 PRESENT:

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

19/1391 APOLOGIES:

No apologies received

19/1392 PUBLIC TIME

19/1392/a Public Time:

Nothing to report

19/1392/b P.C.S.O. Report:

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

19/1392/c District Councillor:

It was District Councillor Seal's last meeting before she retires. There was little to report on from SSDC as they are now in Purdah. The new play facilities at Ham Hill are proving a real success. Scrubland and trees that have failed a safety check are still being cleared. She also reminded the Parish Council that all litter bins had now been removed from Ham Hill.

19/1392/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'.

19/1392/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

19/1392/g Hamdon Youth Group:

It was reported that HYG have now successfully moved into their new building. The Chairman also reported that 6 HYG members recently volunteered to collect for the Lord's Larder at the Co-op at Stoke.

19/1393 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Campbell

Seconded: Cllr. Matraves

Agreed unanimously.

19/1393 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Elections: The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the seven current Parish Councillors were all standing again. As there had been no other nominations received, the Parish Council would remain the same for the next four years. Forms would be signed at the May meeting.

2. Friends of Ham Hill: request for donation towards pop up museum and activity centre -£250.00

The Clerk had received and circulated to all the Parish Councillors a request from the Friends of Ham Hill, to consider a donation of £250.00 towards the pop-up museum and activity centre that will be installed for 6 weeks of the summer holidays. Visitors will be able to see exhibits of archaeological findings from Ham Hill and discover local history.

The Parish Council made a resolution to grant £250.00 towards the costs.

Proposed: Cllr. More

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

19/1394 PLANNING:

19/1394/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report.

19/1394/b Decisions Notified:

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

Approved.

19/1394/c Applications for consideration.

19/00567/HOU - 5 Little St. The insertion of a new dormer window with Juliet balcony to existing extension and replacement windows to first and second floor rear elevation.

The Parish Council was very split with their opinions on this planning application with 4 with no objections and 3 with objections.

However, the majority considered that the installation of double glazed doors and a Juliet balcony is completely out of character within this terrace of 3 character cottages. They also reported that the roof on this part of the house is lower than the main house and it was felt that it looked out of place by placing glass doors and a Juliet balcony here. However, the Parish Council would not object to the installation of a dormer window here instead of the large double doors and balcony.

19/00738/LBC Merle Cottage, Great St. Installation of Accoya wood slim reveals to replace the existing timber stops and threshold timber to the front garden gate entrance, to accommodate demountable flood barriers when necessary.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

19/1395 FINANCE:

19/1395/a Matters for report:

1. Following receipt of final bank statement - end of 4th and final quarter for 2018/19 financial year

Current account £ 100.00

Reserve Account £ 30,715.08

Total £ 30,815.08

There were no cheques outstanding: £ 0.00

Total as cash book £ 30,815.08

The books will now be given to the Internal Auditor for examination, followed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Clerk also reported that it is now end of year external audit, which she is currently working on.

19/1395/b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report

19/1395/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – March 2019	£ 338.80	chq no: 1401
Down2Earth	Grounds Maintenance Jan-March 2019	£ 256.00	chq no: 1402
SSDC	Playground inspections	£ 127.20	chq no: 1403
Hamdon Youth Group	Grant for HYG	£ 1,650.00	chq no: 1404
CPRE	Annual Membership	£ 36.00	chq no: 1405
Friends of Ham Hill	Grant towards pop-up museum & activity centre	£ 250.00	chq no: 1406

Proposed: Cllr. More

Seconded: Cllr. Biddle

Agreed unanimously.

19/1396 VILLAGE HALL:

Councillor Cole reported that he is now Chairman of the village hall committee after Trevor Harris retired from the role.

19/1397 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

19/1398 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from SSDC informing the Parish Council that they will no longer be carrying out the risk assessments for play areas, although they will be carrying on with the playground inspections. The Clerk will get some quotes from other companies. **Action: Clerk**

19/1399 FOOTPATHS:

The clerk reported that the bridge going towards Chiselborough has now been closed.

19/1400 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councillor More reported that the dog bin was broken at the bottom of the recreation ground. Clerk asked to buy a replacement. Also there was reports of dog fouling in Rectory Lane. The dog's owner has been identified and reported to SSDC. **Action: Clerk**

Councillor Cole reported an abandoned car in Broadmead Lane. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th MAY 2019 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7.00PM - BEFORE THE MONTHLY MEETING