

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2019
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

19/1401 PRESENT:

Mrs S. More (Chair), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle, Mr J Cole, Mr R. Middleton, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mark Keating (County Councillor) (attended at the end of the meeting) and no members of the public.

19/1402 APOLOGIES:

Mr B. Matraives (Work Commitments)

Mr C. Campbell (Illness)

19/1403 PUBLIC TIME

19/1303/a Public Time:

Nothing to report

19/1403/b P.C.S.O. Report:

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

19/1403/c District Councillor:

Our new District Councillor Mike Hewitson introduced himself at the meeting and assured us he looked forward to representing our community. He will have more to report next month. The Clerk and Cllr. Maunder both reported to Councillor Hewitson that the new SSDC website is really not user friendly and needs to be improved ASAP. In particular, the planning page just doesn't work. Councillor Hewitson said he would report this back. Councillor Hewitson is also going to look into what grants area available regarding new play equipment.

19/1403/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'.

19/1403/e CLT Update:

Mrs Maunder reported that this year's shop figures were very similar to last years. Lisa Kelly from SSDC has suggested that they apply for a small kick start grant to raise funds for the solar scheme.

19/1403/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Mrs Maunder reported that HYG have now successfully moved into their new building, and numbers are slowly creeping up. HYG are currently investing in some stop/start animation equipment for films.

19/1404 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. Middleton

Agreed unanimously.

19/1405 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Road Closure – Great St -New Drain. The Chairman and Clerk reported that they had a meeting with Highways Manager Derek Davies on the 1st May, where they discussed the new drain that is going to be installed at the beginning of June. The road will be shut for a maximum of 19 days (although the work should be completed quicker than this). Mr Davies also explained that much of the drainage systems in Norton (Great St, Litte St, and Rectory Lane) have never been adopted by either SCC or Wessex Water, and therefore neither are responsible for repairs or replacement. However, SCC have agreed to carry out the work for Great St and will adopt this new drain afterwards.

2. Website – The Clerk reported that the new website is progressing well and should go live by the end of May/beginning of June.

Action: Clerk

19/1406 PLANNING:

19/1406/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report.

19/1406/b Decisions Notified:

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. Approved

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. Approved

19/1406/c Applications for consideration.

19/00994/COL – Netherhayes House, Higher St. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing residential dwelling.
No Objections

19/1407 FINANCE:

19/1407/a Matters for report:

Audit: The end of year audit has now been checked and verified by our internal auditor and sign off by the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting. It would now be sent to the external auditors.

19/1407/b Matters for resolution

1. Letter from FONS (Friends of Norton School) requesting a donation towards a polytunnel
The Clerk had emailed a letter from FONS requesting a donation for a new polytunnel for the school children.
The Parish Council thought this was a very good idea and a resolution was made to donate £200 towards this.

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

Action: Clerk

2. Clock service

The Clerk has received an email from Malcom Reid regarding the service of the church clock which is due. The cost is £185.00 plus VAT.

The Parish Council made a resolution to accept this.

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

Action: Clerk

19/1407/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – April 2019	£	338.80 chq no: 1407
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Jan-March '19	£	188.52 chq no: 1408
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance policy	£	577.65 chq no: 1409
Glasdon UK	Dog Bin	£	126.79 chq no: 1410
Down2Earth SW Ltd	Installation of new bin	£	40.00 chq no: 1411
Signs of Cheshire	Outstanding amount for new notice board	£	333.00 chq no: 1412
Keith Dare	Installation of new notice board	£	85.00 chq no: 1413
Fons	Donation towards new polytunnel	£	200.00 chq no; 1414

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

19/1408 VILLAGE HALL:

Councillor Cole reported that they are now fully booked for the next two years regarding weddings, which is very good news.

19/1409 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

19/1410 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that all correspondence received had been circulated

19/1411 FOOTPATHS:

Nothing to report

19/1412 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councillor Cole reported that the gate to the play area is not shutting. Clerk to find out what shutting mechanism is on the gate that SSDC installed at Minchington Rec and get a price for the same.

Action: Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th JUNE 2019 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL