

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2019
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

19/1471 PRESENT:

Mrs S. More (Chair), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle, Mr B. Matraves, Mr J Cole, Mr R.Middleton, Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), Mrs E Maunder (CLT & HYG) and 12 members of the public.

19/1472 APOLOGIES:

Mike Hewitson (District Councillor) – Family commitments

Mark Keating (County Councillor) – SCC duties

Mr C. Campbell (Family commitments)

19/1473 PUBLIC TIME

19/1473/a Public Time

Nothing to report

19/1473/b P.C.S.O. Report:

The PCSO was not present and no report had been received. The Clerk had been in contact with our PCSO to report suspected drug related products being found at the bottom of the rec/Rectory Lane area by a member of the public. PCSO Mal Thompson reported that they would go and have a look and patrol this area. She also reported that she would be leaving on the 20th December to become a police officer. Our new PCSO would be Mike Bell.

19/1473/c District Councillor:

District Councillor Mike Hewitson was not present at the meeting. He had emailed a monthly report before to the meeting to the Clerk, who had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors.

19/1473/d County Councillor:

County Councillor Mark Keating was not present at the meeting. He had emailed a monthly report before to the meeting to the Clerk, who had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors.

19/1473/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

19/1473/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Nothing to report

19/1474 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Matraves

Seconded: Cllr. Middleton

Agreed unanimously.

19/1475 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Allotments – Liz Maunder attended the meeting with the following idea for the allotments:
 - That the current rules (stating that no trees can be planted) are changed to allow trees of a food-production nature (i.e. fruit or nuts) may be planted. They would need to be on dwarf root stock and no more than 3 metres high when fully grown. A maximum number per plot would be allowed.
 - That the block of 4 plots 32-36, traditionally let to the house, Hill View, adjoining the allotments, be, instead, let to a tree nursery to grow baby trees (which would not get big enough to cast shade). This would be dependent on the reaction of the present owner of Hill View.

The Parish Council were in favour of this proposal, as long as the people living in Hill House had no objections.

2. Boules Court: The Chairman outlined further concerns that the Parish Council had, especially after being in touch with the SSDC. The main concern is regarding health and safety. SSDC have informed the Parish Council in an email that they will only allow the boules court to be constructed on their land at the Minchington Rec with a condition in the agreement that no alcohol or glasses would be taken onto the recreation ground. The Parish Council informed the boules group that they felt there was no way this could be policed and therefore unless things could be proven differently, the Parish Council would not be in support of this proposal and this application for funding.

The Chairman also discussed the form that was delivered around the village recently. She pointed out that this form was not delivered to every household. Several houses seemed to have been omitted. The form only gave people the option to support the boules court, not object to it. The Chairman informed the group that this was not a proper public consultation, and everyone should have received a form where they could either show objection or support for the project. The Chairman requested that the Clerk create a form for this purpose, for people to fill in and return to either the Post Office or through the Clerks letterbox. This form could either be downloaded from the Parish Council website or be picked up from the Post Office. The form would have a place for people to show either support or object, giving reasons plus include whether they would be happy for public funds to be spent on this. The Clerk would put a piece in the village newsletter and Parish Magazine, plus include something for the Parish Council notice board and the notice board in the shop informing the residents about this form. The form would be available for the month of January 2020 only. The Parish Council have already received letters of objection from people, who have asked for complete confidentiality.

Action: Clerk

Another concern the Parish Council have is maintenance of the area. The Chairman pointed out to the group that neither SSDC or the Parish Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the boules court. They informed us they would maintain the area.

3. CCTV requirement at recreation field/carpark/village hall. The Clerk reported that she had met another company on site for a further quote. The quote was a lot more expensive. Councillor Cole reported that the village hall committee had met and decided they would like to go ahead with the project and felt it necessary to have CCTV installed. In view of the recent drug related products found at the bottom of the recreation field, it was agreed to arrange a second meeting with the first CCTV company who viewed the site. A meeting would be arranged with the village hall committee members and the Clerk of the Parish Council present, for a further site meeting and a thorough explanation of where the equipment will go. Clerk to also speak to Mike Hewitson regarding a grant towards this project.
Action: Clerk/ Cllr. Cole
4. Play Area repairs: The Clerk has been in touch with another playground repairs company and was in the process of arranging a site visit with them.
Action: Clerk

19/1475 PLANNING:

19/1475/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

19/1475/b Decisions Notified:

The Clerk reported that she had been informed via email that the following had both been approved:-

19/02438/LBC Rose Cottage Higher Street - The carrying out of alterations to rear internal door/window and the removal of a ground floor partition wall.

19/02868/HOU Masons, Little St. Erection of 1st floor extension with 2 dormer windows and alterations to the driveway.

19/1475/c Applications for consideration.

Nothing to report

19/1476 FINANCE:

19/1476/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

19/1476/b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report

19/1476/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – November 2019	£	352.12	chq no:1434
SLCC	Annual Membership renewal	£	92.00	chq no: 1435
ALCC	Annual Membership renewal	£	40.00	chq no: 1436
SPFA	Annual Membership renewal	£	15.00	chq no: 1437

Proposed: Cllr. Matraves

Seconded: Cllr. Middleton

Agreed unanimously.

19/1477 VILLAGE HALL:

See above ref CCTV

19/1478 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

19/1479 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that all correspondence received had been circulated.

19/1480 FOOTPATHS:

Nothing to report

19/1481 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Tree planting – The Clerk was asked for this to be included on the next Agenda

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL