

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2020
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

19/1494 PRESENT:

Mrs S. More (Chair), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mr C. Campbell, Mr J Cole, Mr R.Middleton, Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mrs E Maunder (CLT & HYG) and 9 members of the public.

19/1495 APOLOGIES:

Mrs P. Biddle (holiday)

Mr B. Matraives (work commitments)

Mark Keating (County Councillor) (Family Commitments)

19/1496 PUBLIC TIME

19/1496/a Public Time

Dog Bin Complaint: A resident complained about the location of the dog bin. This is the only complaint the Parish Council have received in the 5 months since the bin has been installed. All other feedback the Parish Council has received has been positive and supportive, including from other residents who were present at the Parish Council meeting.

The Chair once again reiterated all the reasons why the dog bin had been located in that position.

The dog bin was installed back in September 2019 after many complaints of dog mess being left on the pavement on New Road (between the school and the junction and also on the footpath that runs down to the church). There were complaints that children who were walking to school were treading in dog mess which was then being walked onto the school grounds and into classrooms. SSDC held many site meetings in New Road, the recreation field and Rectory Lane. They identified areas where new bins had to be located to try to stop this problem and encourage residents to bag and bin it. This location was a specified point. The Chair reported that when deciding where to position the bins, several factors were considered by both the SSDC and Parish Council and correct procedures have been carried out throughout. These include identifying problem areas, safety of the operatives emptying the bins and positioning the bins such that they are visible and easy to use. The other major factor is access to land. We cannot put a dog bin on private land therefore they can only be placed on land we have permission to use or is owned by the parish. To move the bin to behind the hedge would not fulfil the above criteria.

The issue regarding noise of the bin lid has been addressed. SSDC will be installing rubber buffers which will stop the noise. The bin is now on the rota for emptying and is emptied weekly. It is a new bin which is green in colour so therefore does not stand out. The resident complained it was too close to the school. It was pointed out that there is a dog bin that is closer to the school than this one. It was also reported out that the bin is full every week, indicating that the bin is in the correct location. All the feedback the Parish Council has received has been positive and supportive.

The Parish Council and SSDC have agreed that they will review the location of the bin in September, after the bin has been installed for a year.

Parking on New Road. Residents of New Road attended the meeting to highlight the parking problem on New Road with people parking outside the new development, opposite the entrance to the school. The Parish Council highlighted this problem when the development was first approved and had a meeting with highways at the time. They agreed to extend the zigzag marking outside the school. However, when the Parish Council requested double yellow lines for the road opposite the school, Highways informed the Parish Council that this was not viable until after the development was finished and we proved there was a problem. On the 3rd February both Councillor More and Councillor Maunder had a further site meeting with Rebecca Vaughan for Highways. Councillor More reported that although she had many photos of dangerous parking opposite the school entrance, there was not one car parked on the road at the time of the meeting. Highways have agreed to come out again once the development has been finished. The Chair also reported that Rebecca Vaughan had also investigated the entrance to Hamdon View and reported that the access lane/driveway is a private road that has not been adopted by Highways. This issue will be monitored as the Parish Council are concerned this is a dangerous situation opposite a school.

CCTV – A resident raised their concern about the CCTV that was being installed at the village hall. They were concerned that they had to contend with many problems with cars late at night in the car park and other youth related issues and installing CCTV around the village hall will just drive them further into the school carpark. The Parish Council felt that this would hopefully move them on altogether rather than worsen the problem. They asked about having CCTV at the school. They were informed that the school is County owned and they would need to contact their County Councillor. They were given his details.

19/1496/b P.C.S.O. Report:

Nothing to report

19/1496/c District Councillor:

District Councillor Mike Hewitson was present at the meeting. He reported that all Parish Councils have been asked to nominate an Environment Champion from their communities to engage with the community and the Council. Mrs Maunder suggested a couple of people who would be good for the role. She would speak to them and let the Clerk know if they were interested.

19/1496/d County Councillor:

Councillor Keating had forwarded a report that was circulated. He had sent his apologies for not being present at the meeting.

19/1496/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

19/1496g Hamdon Youth Group:

Nothing to report

19/1497 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Campbell

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

19/1498 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Trees for Norton: Councillor Middleton offered to collect the trees from SSDC on Wednesday 12th February. The Clerk felt it was necessary to pay Matt Orchard for 2 hours work for advice on planting in the recreation field.

A resolution was made to pay Matt Orchard for his expertise and knowledge regarding a planting plan.

Proposed: Cllr. Campbell

Seconded: Cllr. More

Agreed unanimously.

Action: Clerk

2. Grant application update for CCTV at village hall: The Clerk reported that a grant application had now been submitted to SSDC. SSDC have informed the Clerk that they will pay 50% grant of the final net cost. As soon as we have had confirmation of the grant, SES will be informed to arrange an installation date with the village hall committee.

3. Parking on New Road – see above in Public Time

4. Litter Pick 2020 – The litter pick will now have to be held from the committee room rather than the Reading Room due to the café running on a Saturday. The date suggested was 21st March. This date was agreed. Clerk to go ahead and organize the event and hire the equipment.

Action: Clerk

19/1499 PLANNING:

19/1499/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

19/1499/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

19/1499/c Applications for consideration.

20/00270/HOU - Hopes Little Street Norton Sub Hamdon Stoke Sub Hamdon Stoke-Sub-Hamdon Somerset TA14 6SR.

Removal of existing 2 rooflights and installation of 2 dormer windows.

The Parish Council had no objections

20/00253/S73A - Land Adjacent To Quinta Ham Hill Road Norton Sub Hamdon Stoke Sub Hamdon TA14 6TE. Application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) and 4 (finished floor levels and ridge heights) of planning approval 16/00976/FUL to allow changes to design, floor levels and fenestration of the dwelling and the repositioning of the garage.

The Parish Council had no objections. There was a request for the hedging on the west side of the site to be kept, to screen the cottages.

19/1500 FINANCE:

19/1500/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

19/1500/b Matters for resolution

S137 Payments – 2 requests – CAB & Hamdon Youth Group

The Clerk had received two requests for donations of the S137 payment: CAB & Hamdon Youth Group. It was proposed to grant £100 to each.

Proposed: Cllr. More

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously

19/1500/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – January 2020	£ 352.12 chq no:1440
SSDC	Operational Playground Inspections 19/20	£ 127.20 chq no: 1441
C.A.B.	S137 Payment	£ 100.00 chq no: 1442
HYG	S137 Payment	£ 100.00 chq no: 1443

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. Middleton

Agreed unanimously.

19/1501 VILLAGE HALL:

See above ref CCTV

19/1502 RECREATION GROUND:

See above reference tree planting

19/1503 CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report

19/1504 FOOTPATHS:

Nothing to report

19/1505 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councillor Cole reported pot holes in the village car park. Clerk to investigate and get a quote. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was also requested to get in contact with The Woodland Trust regarding trees in Glebe Woods that need attention. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45
.pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL