

**MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**  
**IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

**19/1506 PRESENT:**

Mrs S. More (Chair), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle , Mr C. Campbell, Mr B. Matraves, Mr J Cole, Mr R.Middleton, Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mark Keating (County Councillor), Mrs E Maunder (CLT & HYG) and 12 members of the public.

**19/1507 APOLOGIES:**

Nothing to report

**19/1508 PUBLIC TIME**

**19/1508/a Public Time**

The dog bin on New Road was discussed once again. The Parish Council agreed to the bin staying in the same location but being rotated by 90<sup>0</sup>. District Councillor Hewitson will get this altered. The complainant agreed this would now be the end of the matter.

A resident discussed with the County Councillor Keating, a letter she had written to Highways regarding the parking on New Road and the effects it is having on entering and leaving Hamdon View. She was unhappy with the reply she had received from Highways and The Parish Council agreed. Councillor Keating said he had spoken to Highways about their response. The Chairman informed the Parish Council that parking on New Road will be monitored.

The Parish Council have now appointed 2 Environmental Champions. More to follow on this when we are notified by SSDC.

The Landlord of the Lord Nelson enquired whether there was any V.E. celebrations planned for the village as the Lord Nelson was planning some events.

The agent for Netherhays House gave a detailed explanation of the proposed planning application.

A resident raised his concerns about how easy it would be for access to Minchington Rec for vehicles including caravans and asked if it was possible to have some sort of border stones to prevent this from happening. Clerk will get in touch with SSDC (as this is SSDC owned land) and arrange a meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**19/1508/b P.C.S.O. Report:**

Nothing to report

**19/1508/c District Councillor:**

District Councillor Mike Hewitson was present at the meeting. He is going to arrange for the head of SSDC to visit a Parish Council meeting to discuss concerns regarding a unitary government. He informed us that the budget had now been set. He also informed us that the planning application for outline planning in Little Norton would be forwarded to Area North for a decision to be made.

**19/1508/d County Councillor:**

Councillor Keating had forwarded a report that was circulated. He discussed the setting of the budget.

**19/1508/e CLT Update:**

Nothing to report

**19/1508/g Hamdon Youth Group:**

Nothing to report

**19/1509 MINUTES:**

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

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

**19/1510 MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Confirm Date for April Parish Council Meeting (currently falls on Easter Monday): It was agreed that the date for the April Parish Council meeting would be brought forward by 1 week. It will now take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
2. Trees for Norton – The date for the tree planting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, starting at 10am
3. Litter Pick 2020 – reminder 21<sup>st</sup> March - starting at 9.30am from the new location of the village hall.
4. Update from meetings with Andy Lambart, Flooding Management Officer SCC. The Clerk had forwarded a report from Andy Lambart regarding a flood meeting affecting the old fruit farm field. Mr Lambart has now got FWAG in contact with the land tenant and have held a meeting already with a

further meeting planned for next week. Councillor More also reported on another meeting with Mr Lambart regarding the recreation ground and the footpath on Broadmead Lane.

5. Gross' Wood update: The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the Woodland Trust regarding the fallen tree and the requirement for some of the trees to be thinned. A woodland management team had viewed the woods and were preparing a quote for the Woodland Trust.
6. Environmental Champions: The Parish Council have now appointed two Environmental Champions. The couple were at the meeting to introduce themselves. Further information on this will follow.

**19/1511 PLANNING:**

**19/1511/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**19/1511/b Decisions Notified:**

Nothing to report

**19/1511/c Applications for consideration.**

Planning application no: 20/00393/FUL

Location: Netherhays House and Netherhays Cottage, Higher Street, Norton sub Hamdon

Proposal: Various alterations to include demolition of Netherhays Cottage, erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension to Netherhays house, erection of a detached garage and carport and alterations to existing access and boundary treatment.

The final verdict was a 4-3 majority - in favour.

However, the following points were raised.

There is a lot of concern in the village to the demolition of a ham stone cottage. Norton sub Hamdon is predominantly a ham stone village. In an era where there is a lack of housing in this country and the government guidance is directing us to build more houses, it was questioned by some as to why a cottage would be allowed to be demolished and replaced with a large garage. 3 Parish Councillor's felt it was part of Norton's history and heritage and should be kept and renovated.

There were no objections to the proposed extension to Netherhays House itself.

**19/1512 FINANCE:**

**19/1512/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**19/1512/b Matters for resolution**

Nothing to report

**19/1512/c Cheques Payable**

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – February 2020	£	352.12	chq no: 1445
SES Alarms	Installation of CCTV at village hall - £1,485.00 plus VAT (grant from SSDC for £742.50, village hall £371.25)	£	1,782.00	chq no: 1446
SES Alarms	Annual Maintenance charge for 28/02/2020 to 27/02/2021 (£80.00 plus VAT) - £40.00 from the village hall)	£	96.00	chq no: 1447

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

**19/1513 VILLAGE HALL:**

See above ref CCTV

**19/1514 RECREATION GROUND:**

See above reference tree planting

**19/1515 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nothing to report

**19/1516 FOOTPATHS:**

Nothing to report

**19/1517 MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Councillor Middleton discussed the footpath from Broadmead Lane up to Sandy Lane, Ham Hill and the improvements to help the drainage.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL**