

**MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M.**

**20/1518 PRESENT:**

Mrs S. More (Chair), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle ,Mr B. Matraives, Mr R.Middleton, Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), and no members of the public.

**20/1519 APOLOGIES:**

Julian Coles (Work commitments)  
Mark Keating (County Councillor)

**20/1520 PUBLIC TIME**

**20/1520/a Public Time**

Nothing to report

**20/1520/b P.C.S.O. Report:**

Nothing to report

**20/1520/c District Councillor:**

Councillor Hewitson had forwarded a report that was circulated. He briefly joined us via Zoom to answer any queries. He also informed us about the Business Support Grant available through SSDC. The village Hall have managed to secure a £10,000 grant from this to ease the situation with no income for the foreseeable.

**20/1520/d County Councillor:**

Councillor Keating had forwarded a report that was circulated.

**20/1520/e CLT Update:**

Nothing to report

**20/1520/g Hamdon Youth Group:**

Councillor Biddle reported that the youth worker is currently furloughed.

**20/1521 MINUTES:**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle

Seconded: Cllr.Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

**20/1522 MATTERS ARISING:**

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** The Clerk reported that the vacancy has been publicly displayed which is a legal requirement. This will be displayed until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020. She explained that unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of South Somerset District Council, by ten electors for the Parish of Norton sub Hamdon, the Parish Council will proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option. The Chairman discussed the possibility of co-option.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE HALL:**

1. Resignation of Charles Campbell
2. Boules Court
3. Footpath gate - the gate on the permissive path next to Strawberry Fields that runs to the recreation field
4. Email from resident concerned over the recent rainfall that caused silty water running down New Road and water breaking out of the road at the junction with Great St. The resident understood that the new drainage works based around the new housing would have dealt with this. However, he feels this does not seem to be the case. He would like to ask through the PC as to whether they are proving fit for purpose.

**20/1523 PLANNING:**

**20/1523/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**20/1523/b Decisions Notified:**

Ref. No: 20/00393/FUL - Netherhays House & Netherhays Cottage Higher Street Norton Sub Hamdon  
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. **APPROVED**

Ref. No: 19/03241/OUT Land East of Keepers Lodge, Little Norton. Outline application for the erection of no.1 dwelling with all matters reserved except access- **DISCUSSED AT AREA NORTH MEETING – APPLICATION REFUSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

1. The proposal would provide a new dwelling in an unsustainable location, isolated from key services, which has not been appropriately justified. By reason of the lack of a safe means of access, by foot or cycle, the application site is poorly related to local services and as such will increase the need for journeys to be made by private vehicles. The proposed development therefore constitutes unsustainable development that is contrary to policies SD1, SS1, SS2 and TA5 of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006-2028) and to the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. It has not been demonstrated that the proposal will not result in the loss or harm of trees, resulting from the access off the highway into the site thereby adversely affecting local distinctiveness, contrary to policies EQ2 and EQ5 of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006-2028) and to the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**20/1523/c Applications for consideration.**

Nothing to report

**20/1524 FINANCE:**

**20/1524/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**20/1524/b Matters for resolution**

Nothing to report

**20/1524/c Cheques Payable**

Louise Brooks	Salary April 2020	£ 345.40 chq no: 1457
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – April 2020	£ 70.00 chq no: 1458
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance policy	£ 587.33 chq no: 1459

Proposed: Cllr. More

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

**20/1525 VILLAGE HALL:**

The Clerk reported that a date for training still had to be arranged, but due to the current situation with Covid-19 it was not currently possible to arrange a date.

**20/1526 RECREATION GROUND:**

The Clerk reported that Elite Playgrounds have been in touch regarding the repairs. She informed the Councillors that he hopes to start with the parts he has received within the next 10 days, whilst waiting for the other parts to arrive from Hags, Sweden. Once they have arrived, he will then complete the work required.

**20/1527 CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence received has been forwarded to all Parish Councillors

**20/1528 FOOTPATHS:**

The footpaths are looking relatively clear. Councillor Middleton will check Highwoods in the next few days. He also commented on all the clearing work that John Forrest carries out himself.

**20/1530 MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

- Councillor Biddle reported on the wonderful teamwork that has been undertaken in the past few weeks regarding helping people gain prescriptions and food orders. Councillor More spoke about how well the community had come together and the organization of the support group was superb.
- Councillor More requested that a letter be written to the shop to thank them for their amazing work throughout Covid-19. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm**