

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 2020
VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M.

20/1531 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), and no members of the public.

20/1532 APOLOGIES:

Mark Keating (County Councillor) – Council redeployed commitments

Mike Hewitson (District Councillor) – work commitments

20/1533 PUBLIC TIME

20/1533/a Public Time

Nothing to report

20/1533/b P.C.S.O. Report:

Nothing to report

20/1533/c District Councillor:

Nothing to report

20/1533/d County Councillor:

Councillor Keating had forwarded a report that was circulated.

20/1533/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

20/1533/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Nothing to report

20/1534 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr.Biddle

Seconded: Cllr. Matraves

Agreed unanimously.

20/1535 MATTERS ARISING:

Parish Council Vacancy: Co-Option procedure (delay due to Covid-19)

The Clerk confirmed with the Parish Council that the Co-Option vacancy advert had now been displayed for the specified time by SSDC. Councillor More has spoken to Rachel Cumberbach regarding her interest in the role. She would very much like to become a Parish Councillor. The Chair asked if everyone was in favour of this.

All members were in favour.

A resolution was made to Co-Opt Rachel Cumberbach onto the Parish Council as soon as possible. (Due to Covid-19, SSDC have suggested we wait until we can hold the next public meeting. However, if this situation continues, then Co-Option will take place via September's Zoom meeting.

Clerk to set up paperwork and banking

Action: Clerk

Proposed: Cllr. Cole

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed Unanimously

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. ****Footnote**** - this has been forwarded to Mark Keating and Andy Lambart who have replied directly to the resident. A site meeting will be held once restrictions on meetings are lifted.

20/1536 PLANNING:

20/1536/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

20/1536/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

20/1536/c Applications for consideration.

Ref No: 20/01326/HOU - Peacehaven Great Street.

Demolition of existing annexe, erection of a two storey and a single storey extension to side & rear of dwelling, together with external alterations

The Parish Council had no objections to the actual planning application. However, they have stipulated that they would like to see a condition added that states screening has to be included. This planning application would make the house immense. It sits in a very open location within the centre of the village. It is viewed by the road, recreation ground and field. The Parish Council would like to see landscaping and natural screening added to the conditions.

20/1537 FINANCE:

20/1537/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

20/1537/b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report

20/1537/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary May 2020	£	345.20 chq no 1460
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – May 2020	£	70.00 chq no 1461
HMRC	PAYE payment for April 2020 (payment delayed due to Covid-19)	£	86.20 chq no 1462
HMRC	PAYE payment for May 2020	£	86.20 chq no 1463
Town & Parish Council Website	Annual website hosting and maintenance 01.02.20-01.07.21	£	140.00 chq no 1464

Proposed: Cllr. More

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

20/1538 VILLAGE HALL:

Councillor Cole reported that the primary school have now take over the use of the hall as temporary classrooms until July 17th 2020 due to the requirements set out by The Government for social distancing. No one other than school members is allowed access. If a public Parish Council meeting can be held in July it will not be able to be held in the village hall.

20/1539 RECREATION GROUND:

The Clerk reported that although both the MUGA and play area are still closed, teenagers have broken the tape and removed the signs. Both tape and signs have been replaced – twice.

20/1540 CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received has been forwarded to all Parish Councillors:

1. **John Forrest Resignation:** A letter of resignation has been received from our footpaths liaison officer. The Clerk asked Mr Forrest if he would consider doing just the communication work with SCC and the manual footpath clearing would be either contracted out or Cllr. Middleton will do it. Councillor Middleton as also expressed an interest to become the Footpaths Liaison Office for Norton. He will speak to Mr Forrest. **Action: Cllr. Middleton**
2. **Developing A One Council Email** – The Clerk received an email from Cognisant Research regarding the proposal from SCC for Somerset to become a Unitary Council. The Parish Council is completely against this happening. This would result in the loss of District Councillors who are essentially a vital link with Parish Councils and Local Communities. It would also mean a loss in elected representatives which would lead to a Democratic Deficit. The Parish Council feel this would be a big and very costly mistake if this were to happen. They will be writing to object both as individuals and as a Parish Council. **Action: Clerk and ALL Parish Councillors**
3. **Footpath bridges to Chiselborough** – The Clerk reported that she had received an update from the bridge repair team at SCC. The bridges will be repaired this summer. The footpath will be closed off to the public whilst this is taking place. The other footpath to Chiselborough is open. This is the one that starts off Little Street. The Norton bridge will be completely replaced due to ground subsidence as well as a rotted structure. The Chiselborough bridge will be refurbished. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to update the landowner. **Action: Clerk**

20/1541 FOOTPATHS:

See above under correspondence

20/1542 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Nothing to report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30pm