

**MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M.**

**20/1579 PRESENT:**

Mrs S. More (Chairman), Mrs P. Biddle, Mr B. Matraves, Mr J Cole, Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

**20/1580 APOLOGIES:**

Mr R. Middleton (Personal – agreed with Chairman)

Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair) (technical issue with joining Zoom)

Ms R. Cumberbatch (Family/personal reasons)

Mark Keating (County Councillor) – Council redeployed commitments

**20/1581 PUBLIC TIME**

**20/1581/a Public Time**

Nothing to report

**20/1581/b P.C.S.O. Report:**

The Clerk reported that Minchington Close had now been added to the nightly patrol as well as the recreation ground.

**20/1581/c District Councillor:** District Councillor Mike Hewitson was present at the meeting. He updated the Parish Council on the following:

**SSDC can now demonstrate a 6 year Housing Land Supply** which means that the presumption in favour of sustainable development is no longer in force.

You can see the full report and schedule at <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/planning-policy/local-plan-review-2016-2036/>

please scroll down the page and click on the tab which states: Housing (including Five-Year Housing Land Supply).

This is fantastic news for the Council and means that the tilted balance towards the presumption in favour of sustainable development will no longer apply in respect of the lack of a five year land supply. However, going forward the Council must continue to try and maintain this positive position. Over the coming year officers involved in the Accelerating Housing Delivery Programme will be working with developers and agents operating locally to help facilitate the delivery of new homes in Yeovil and our Market Towns, this will be a positive step towards helping to ensure that we continue to meet the government's Housing Delivery Test going forward.

**Unitary Authority progress**

SSDC's submission, with the three other Somerset district councils, will go to the Secretary of State by 9<sup>th</sup> November; he is expected to decide early in 2021 whether to create one or two unitary authorities.

It is unclear whether B&NES and North Somerset (already unitary authorities since 1995) will be included. It is also uncertain whether the County Council elections due in May 2021 will go ahead.

**20/1581/d County Councillor:**

A report from Councillor Keating was received. The Clerk forwarded it to all Parish Councillors. Councillor Keating was not present at the meeting.

**20/1581/e CLT Update:**

Nothing to report

**20/1581/g Hamdon Youth Group:**

Councillor Biddle reported that the Youth Worker had been furloughed again due to the second lockdown.

**20/1582 MINUTES:**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle

Seconded: Cllr. Matraves

Agreed unanimously.

**20/1579 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Presentation by Hamdon Youth Group – Mrs E Maunder: The Parish Council had received the presentation prior to the meeting. They were pleased to see that they had had another successful year in 2019-2020. Financially it has been one of their more stable years, with success in attracting additional



**20/1580 PLANNING:**

**20/1580/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**20/1580/b Decisions Notified:**

20/02549/LBC Nundle, Higher Street. Alterations and repairs to a rear lean-to, removal of a first floor partition. The Parish Council had no objection to this. APPROVED

**20/1580/c Applications for consideration.**

Nothing to report

**20/1581 FINANCE:**

**20/1581/a Matters for report:**

1. Budget 21-22. The Clerk reported that due to a rise in costs in admin, Clerk's hours increasing, website, plus expensive repairs that were required to the play area, and the relining and cleaning for the MUGA it would be required to raise the precept for 21/22. This is the first time the precept has been raised since 2013. The precept would need to be raised by £2,500.00

A resolution was made to raise the precept to £21,700.00. The budget for 21/22 was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr More                      Seconded: Cllr Biddle                      Agreed unanimously.

2. MUGA – Quotes for moss killing and intensive clean: The Parish Council discussed the quotes and decided to go with Down2Earth. **Action: Clerk**

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

**20/1581/b Matters for resolution**

Nothing to report

**20/1581/c Cheques Payable**

Louise Brooks                      Salary – October 2020                      £     431.53 chq no: 1485

Louise Brooks                      Expenses & home office Allowance – Oct '20                      £     70.00 chq no: 1486

Louise Brooks                      Zoom Account for Parish Council Meetings                      £     14.39 chq no: 1487

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

**20/1582 VILLAGE HALL:**

Councillor Cole reported that following the 2nd lockdown the village hall was now completely shut again.

**20/1583 RECREATION GROUND:**

MUGA: The Clerk reported that she has informed Yeomarks Lining Ltd that they had been successful with their quote for the job of relining the MUGA. Before it can be re-lined it requires de-mossing and intensive cleaning. See quotes above under Finance.

Play Area: It has been announced that the play area and MUGA can remain open during the second lockdown.

**20/1584 CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence that the Clerk has received had been emailed to all Parish Councillors.

1. Drones at Little Norton: A report of a drone that has been flying over private property on many occasions was received. Clerk to once again write a piece in the newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

2. Christmas Tree Recycling: Unfortunately SSDC will be unable to offer this service this year as their workload won't allow for the loss of the staff or wood chippers following the loss of production during the Covid-19 lockdown period.

**20/1585 FOOTPATHS:**

Nothing to report

**20/1586 MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Nothing to report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**The next VIRTUAL meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm**