

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020
VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M.

20/1587 PRESENT:

Mrs S. More (Chairman), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle, Mr B.Mataves, Mr J Cole, Ms R.Cumberbatch , Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), and no members of the public.

20/1588 APOLOGIES:

Mr R.Middleton (Personal – agreed with Chairman)
Mark Keating (County Councillor) – Council redeployed commitments

20/1589 PUBLIC TIME

20/1589/a Public Time

Nothing to report

20/1589/b P.C.S.O. Report:

Nothing to report

20/1589/c District Councillor: District Councillor Mike Hewitson was present at the meeting. He updated the Parish Council on the following:

Unitary Authority progress: The proposal for a Stronger Somerset by the four Somerset district councils, for two Unitary Authorities, was overwhelmingly approved by SSDC’s full Council and by each of the three other district councils on 3rd December for submission to the Secretary of State by 9th December. He is expected to run a consultative process early in 2021 whether to create one or two unitary authorities, followed by a decision in the summer. It seems unlikely that B&NES and North Somerset will be included. The County Council elections due in May 2021 will almost certainly be delayed, as SCC have formally requested this of the government.

Cllr Hewitson also reported that we now have a 6 year housing land supply – up from 4½ based on new methodology. This means that developers now have to demonstrate a need particularly in rural areas.

20/1589/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.

20/1589/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

20/1589/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Cllr. Biddle reported that the Youth Worker is back off furlough and is doing some meetings.

20/1590 MINUTES:

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

Proposed: Cllr.Maunder

Seconded: Cllr.Biddle

Agreed unanimously.

20/1591 MATTERS ARISING

1. Allotments - changes to the Trust Agreement – update
Cllr Maunder and Cllr. Mataves who are both Trustees for the allotments reported that they had written a letter to the charities commission to see if the wording of the agreement could be changed with regard to any profit going to the poor widow of the village, and instead letting it go to a food bank. However, due to the charity dating back to 1707 this is not possible.
2. Heart defibrillator for the hall: The Clerk had received an email from a heart defibrillator company in London with a special offer for a defibrillator which was forwarded to all Parish Councillors. The thinking was whether a second defibrillator was required for outside the hall. The Parish Council thought this was expensive. Clerk to find out what the cost of a defibrillator would be from the local company that supplied the other one outside the shop Cllr Cole would bring it up at the village hall committee meeting tomorrow night, whether they felt there was a need.

Action: Cllr. Cole/ Clerk

20/1596 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

20/1597 FOOTPATHS:

Councillor More reported that the sheep were now back on the headland between Chiselborough and Norton and requested a piece to be included in the newsletter to remind people that this was not a footpath and to keep out.

Councillor More and the Clerk reported that there were some unruly dogs in the village. Clerk to also include a piece in the newsletter asking people to keep their dogs on leads if they do not have control of them.

20/1598 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Cllr Maunder reported a portable toilet that has been left up at the church following building works to a property in Great St. Cllr Cole suggested that if he contacted the rental company written on the side they would come out and remove it. **Action: Cllr Maunder**

Cllr More reported that the Reading Room would be shut for approximately 5-6 weeks starting from just after Christmas for renovations.

Cllr More reported that the hand rail has completely collapsed on the footpath that starts just past the entrance to the white bungalow in Sandy Lane, Little Norton that goes up to Ham Hill. Clerk to report to Ham Hill Rangers and Cllr. Mike Hewitson. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Cole reported that one of the main supports on the little platform on the footpath from the allotments heading towards Bagnell has collapsed and that one of the sleepers had become loose on the footpath from The Mill at Little Norton. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next VIRTUAL meeting will be held on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm