

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2021
VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M.

21/1672 PRESENT:

Mrs S. More (Chairman), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), P. Biddle, Mr J Cole, Ms R.Cumberbatch, Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mark Keating (County Councillor), Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

21/1673 APOLOGIES:

Mr R.Middleton (Personal – agreed with Chairman)

Mr B.Matraves (Family Commitments)

21/1674 PUBLIC TIME

21/1674/a Public Time

Two members of the public requested to speak – both regarding items under ‘Matters Arising’. Please see below for comments under relevant items.

21/1674/b P.C.S.O. Report:

Nothing to report

21/1674/c District Councillor:

District Councillor Mike Hewitson commented on the recent site meeting for the attenuation pond – see comments under matters arising.

DC Hewitson also commented on the Waste collection situation, and explained that this was caused due to a lack of HGV drivers in the UK following Brexit. He will send the editor of the newsletter a piece to go in the next issue regarding the problem and also where to call if you are still missing a blue bag.

A new CEO for SSDC has now been chosen. Jane Portman will join SSDC from August 16th. Jane became Managing Director of Bournemouth Council in April 2017, after 10 years as an Executive Director at the Council, and following four years working at Borough of Poole Council.

During her time at Bournemouth, Jane was instrumental in creating the county-wide Aspire Adoption Agency and adult social care provider Tricuro, as well as turning around the Bournemouth education system. She also played a leading role in the local government reorganisation programme across Dorset which led to the recent creation of two new unitary councils.

21/1674/d County Councillor:

A report from Councillor Keating was received.

He discussed the recent site meeting held outside the school. See matters arising below.

21/1674/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

21/1674/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Cllr Biddle forwarded the youth workers report to all the Parish Councillors.

21/1675 MINUTES


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

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

21/1676 MATTERS ARISING

1. Attenuation Pond – A site meeting was held on the 29th June with District Councillor Mike Hewitson, The Clerk – Louise Brooks, Parish Councillor - Stuart Maunder, Robert Trott the developer of Bramley Fields and Colin Dare (a representative of the Bramley Fields residents) all present.

The situation was discussed, including the Parish Council's desire to see the pond fenced for safety reasons. The residents of Bramley Fields do not want to see it fenced as they do not see it as being a risk to the public when there is water in the pond. They felt their children were the only ones who lived in the vicinity of the pond who would be affected when the pond has water in it, but they had

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been informed of the dangers and did not go near it. The Clerk pointed out that although the Parish Council were happy the attenuation pond was working by holding water at times of intense rainfall, the reason they were concerned was because the water had reached high levels on a few occasions now and photo evidence had been given to the Parish Council showing on one occasion, two young children waist deep in the water and on a separate occasion, two young children were seen on their bikes in the water. The attenuation pond is opposite a primary school and is viewable from New Road. There are also young children living in New Road, who the Parish Council felt were also affected by the attenuation pond when water is contained, as they will be intrigued by it and drawn towards it. The Parish Council reiterated that it only takes a small amount of water for a child to drown. However, the residents in attendance and the developer did not feel it was dangerous to leave it unfenced; in fact they felt it was safer to leave it unfenced, so if a child did fall in they would be visible. They also felt it would be more difficult to maintain with a fence in situ.

It was eventually agreed to an initial package of measures:

- 2 x flotation devices
- Signage, stating DANGER
- Depth marker.

If this approach has been demonstrated not to have worked then the fence approach will be revisited. Robert Trott has agreed to fund the measures that will be put in place. District Councillor Mike Hewitson will get advice on the wording and type of signage which should be installed.

2. Speed issues outside the school – A site meeting was held on the 1st July outside the entrance to the school at 8.15am, during drop off time. County Councillor Mark Keating, Highways Manager - Rebecca Vaughn, Chairman – Sue More, Parish Councillor - Barry Matraves, Headteacher Jamie Caswell and local resident Mrs Harris were present.

Mark Keating felt it was a very useful meeting. An assessment will take place for a 20mph speed limit to be installed – date for this will be announced as soon as we are told. Pyramid Flashing Light signage will be installed and the school keep cleared signs will be extended along the front of the school gates. Mrs Harris will also arrange for parents to be wearing fluorescent jackets every now and again, as this made a huge difference during the site meeting. This will take place both at drop off and pick up times. There was also discussions regarding a speed bump just inside the school carpark. The head, Jamie Caswell was considering this with SCC.

Mrs Harris thanked the Parish Council and County Councillor, Mark Keating for organising the site meeting and moving this issue forward.

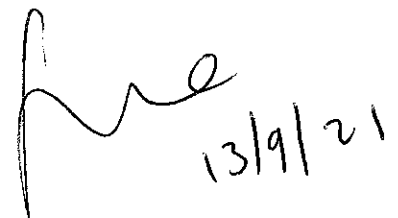
3. BT Telephone Box – A member of the public was present at the meeting to discuss her thoughts on the matter of adopting the old telephone box. The K6 telephone box is available for the Parish Council to adopt for £1. It was felt this was a good idea to preserve the iconic box in the village and it would become a community asset. There have been a few suggestions for its use, including a children's book exchange and also to use it for seasonal produce/seed exchange/giveaway. There would need to be a dedicated team to keep it up together and maintain it and to make sure it did not become a dumping ground for unwanted items.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to start the process to adopt the old box.

Action: Clerk

4. Speed sensor: Following a response from The Clerk of a local Parish Council, the opportunity to 'borrow' a speed sensor from them is not available. The Parish Council felt that as it would cost of £3,500 - £4,000 to purchase one, this was a waste of money to purchase something that people paid very little respect to as they were now seen everywhere and therefore have very little impact on slowing people down. It was felt it would be better to spend the Parish Councils time sorting out the speeding and driving issues outside the school to make it a safer area.

5. Hedge maintenance between village hall and school. The village hall committee have requested that the hedge between the hall and the school (towards the carpark) needs cutting back in height and width. The Clerk has received a quote from Down2EarthSW Ltd to carry out the initial



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work. The quote is for £600.00. All the Parish Councillors were in favour of this and agreed unanimously that it would tidy this area up and also make it a safer place with letting light in. Cllr Cole would bring the issue up at the next village hall meeting as they would also like to donate towards this as they would benefit from this area being tidied up as well. Clerk to accept the quote from Down2Earth SW Ltd and inform Matt to carry out the work. Cllr Cole will inform the Clerk on the outcome of the village hall meeting.

Action: Cllr. Cole/ Clerk

6. Internal Auditor: The Parish Council requires a new internal auditor. A couple of suggestions were discussed. Cllr Cole will speak to someone to see if they would be keen to take on this role.

Action: Cllr. Cole/ Clerk

7. Dog Fouling update: SSDC have now been out and erected signs informing people where the dog bins are. The issue of dog fouling in Rectory Lane has improved so hopefully people are getting the message.

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

1. Boules Court

21/1677 PLANNING:

21/1677/a Matters for report:

The Chairman informed everyone that the Parish Council had reported a suspected breach in a planning approval to the SSDC planning department.

21/1677/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

21/1677/c Applications for consideration.

Nothing to report

21/1678 FINANCE:

21/1678/a Matters for report:

1. End of 1st quarter figures

Current account	£	100.00
Reserve Account	£	46,296.58
Total	£	46,396.58
There were 3 cheques outstanding/unbanked:	£	115.00
Total as cash book	£	46,281.58

The books will now be given to the Internal Auditor for examination

2. Loan Payment of £2280.81 debited on 1st July 2021

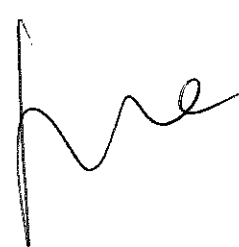
3. End Zoom account: The Clerk will end the Zoom account the Parish Council have in preparation for going back to face to face meetings in September. There maybe a 30 day notice period to cancel the account..

21/1678b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report

21/1678/c Cheques Payable

Louise Brooks	Salary –June 2021	£	445.73	chq no:1530
HMRC	PAYE & NIC - June 2021	£	34.40	chq no:1531
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – June	£	70.00	chq no:1532
Louise Brooks	Zoom Account for PC Meetings-June	£	14.39	chq no:1533
Cox and Co Payroll Solutions	Payroll services July/Aug/Sept 2021	£	90.00	chq no:1534
DOWN2EARTH	Grounds Maintenance April-June 2021	£	263.75	chq no:1535
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance April-June 2021	£	841.68	chq no:1536
Proposed: Cllr. More	Seconded: Cllr. Maunders			Agreed unanimously.


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21/1679 VILLAGE HALL:

SES training 21st June: The Chairman, Cllr More, Parish Councillor and Chair of the village hall, Cllr Cole, the clerk, and another member of the village hall committee were present for training of the CCTV system. Cllr Cole reported that a new isolation switch is being installed in the cupboard. Cllr Cole reported that the wedding season was now in full swing. The Parish Council reiterated that no music must be played outside for all events. Noise disturbance is a big issue for local residents and the Parish Council felt it is a rule that people need to adhere to. Cllr Cole also reported that some decorating had now been done in the village hall to try and cover up the mould in the vaulted ceiling. It is caused from stale air. They are waiting for a quote to have two large fans installed on the ceiling.

21/1680 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

21/1681 CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence the clerk has received has been circulated to all Parish Councillors

21/1682 FOOTPATHS:

Some of the footpaths are very overgrown at the moment. A lot of this is across open land. This should improve with some warmer weather as the grass can now be cut for fodder. The Chairman requested that a reminder be included in the newsletter to say that it is up to the landowner to keep footpaths clear.

21/1683 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

The Chairman reported that electric charging cables for cars are being stolen in Yeovil and a warning is included in the newsletter.

Cllr More also reported that The Reading Room will be looking for new committee members.

Cllr More also requested that Highways and The Rangers on Ham Hill be informed that Sandy Lane is very dangerous with overgrown verges. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman also reminded everyone that we hope to go back to face to face meetings in the committee room at the village hall, but the clerk would keep everyone informed of any updates to this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm. This will hopefully be back in the village hall committee room.



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