

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2022
AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, NORTON VILLAGE HALL

22/1732 PRESENT:

Mrs S. More (Chairman), Mr. S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mr. B. Matraves, Mr. J Cole
Ms. R. Cumberbatch, Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), and no members of the public.

22/1733 APOLOGIES:

P. Biddle (Holiday)

No Apologies received and 'no show' for:

Mark Keating (County Councillor)

Mike Hewitson (District Councillor) (Running Covid Vaccination Centre)

22/1734 PUBLIC TIME

22/1734/a Public Time

The Clerk reported on two items that she had been sent by residents of Norton who had asked for clarification or an update.

1. New Fence surrounding the school boundary – playing fields. A resident had been in touch very concerned about a new metal boundary fence that she had heard was going to be erected around the school and she asked the Clerk whether the Parish Council knew about it. The Clerk had informed the resident that The Parish Council had not been contacted by the school regarding this proposal and knew nothing about it. The Clerk reported that she had since emailed the Head Teacher of the school regarding this matter and had since had a meeting at the school with the Head and person responsible for security at the school to look at the fencing they are using. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that it was a small mesh black fencing about 1.5 meters tall. The post and rail fence was being removed and this new metal fence would be used with metal posts. The Clerk informed the head teacher that it would have been courtesy to have emailed the Parish Council to inform them of their plans as some school fences are appalling and completely change the aesthetics of a road.

Action: Clerk

2. A resident asked for an update to the speed calming measures that were meant to be happening outside Norton school. Clerk told the resident that she would email County Councillor Mark Keating to find out when this was meant to be happening as they had been told it would be after September 2021.

Action: Clerk

22/1734/b P.C.S.O. Report:

The Chairman reported that a couple of incidents had been reported to Police and had been followed up.

22/1734/c District Councillor:

Due to running a Covid Vaccination Centre, District Councillor Hewitson was not present at this month's meeting and no report was received.

22/1734/d County Councillor:

Councillor Keating was not present at the meeting and had not sent any apologies. Also, no report had been received.

22/1734/e CLT Update:

Nothing to report

22/1734/g Hamdon Youth Group:

Nothing to report

22/1735 MINUTES

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

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. Matraves

Agreed unanimously.

22/1736 MATTERS ARISING

a) Trees from Brimsmore

The Clerk reported that she had had a lot of communication with Brimsmore Garden Centre who had very kindly agreed to donate a replacement tree for the recreation field after some had been vandalised in 2021. The Parish Council will also be getting another replacement tree to replace the other liquid amber that had been snapped off. Planting will take place in the spring. The Clerk will also speak to the Head Teacher regarding the involvement of approximately 6 school children with the planting of the tree.

Action: Clerk

b) Parish Council Elections

The Clerk reported that it was now looking likely that elections would take place this year – 5th May 2022 for Parish Councils.

c) Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Chair discussed that we have currently got a vacancy for a Parish Councillor of the Council. This will be advertised on the notice board.

Action: Clerk

d) Play-ground update – cleaning of rubber matting

The clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she had now received 2 quotes for the cleaning of the moss from the rubber matting surrounding the Mobilus at the far end of the play area. The Parish Council decided to accept Down2Earth SW Ltd quote to clean the matting plus repairing the broken bench. Clerk to arrange.

Action: Clerk

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. More

Agreed unanimously.

The clerk reported that she has now spoken to the grants team at SSDC regarding applying for a grant to help with costs towards new play equipment. The Clerk has arranged a second site visit with a playground company for later in January for another quote and is in talks with a third. The meeting will be attended by the Chairman, Cllr. Matraves and the Clerk.

Action: Clerk

22/1737 PLANNING:

22/1737/a Matters for report:

Complaint of breach of planning approval: The Clerk reported that she had chased this and SSDC were investigating.

22/1737/b Decisions Notified:

21/03252/HOU - Hunters End New Road Norton Sub Hamdon. Demolition of single storey side extensions and rear conservatory and the erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, provision of enclosed porch - approved

22/1737/c Applications for consideration.

21/03627/HOU & 21/03628/LBC - 3 Blackspur Cottages Higher Street Norton Sub Hamdon
Installation of gas fired central heating system. No objections

22/1738 FINANCE:

22/1738/a Matters for report:

1. Report as required:

a) Payment of loan for village hall has been paid £2,280.81 on 04/01/22.

b) End of third Quarter Balances:

Current account	£	100.00
Reserve account	£	40,544.64
	£	40,644.64

There was 1 chq

outstanding **£ 200.11**

Total as cash book **£ 40,342.58**

The accounts will now go to the internal auditor for checking and sign off.

Action: Clerk

c) VAT Return: The Clerk reported that she had just submitted VAT return for £875.07

2. Matters for Resolution:

Nothing to report

22/1738/b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report

22/1738/c Cheques Payable

		£	Cheque no:
Louise Brooks	Salary –December2021	450.93	1561
HMRC	PAYE & NIC – December 2021	29.20	1562
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – Dec 21	70.00	1563
Down2Earth SW Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Oct-Dec 2021	263.75	1564
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Oct-Dec 2021	437.81	1565
Down2Earth SW Ltd	Cut height and width of hedge -by village hall	300.00	1566

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr.Cole

Agreed unanimously.

22/1739 VILLAGE HALL:

Cllr Cole reported that the committee had decided that after consulting with the PCSO, they would be invoicing the parents of the children who had damaged the vent for the cost of repairs. The Clerk had forwarded an email to the village hall committee regarding grants available. Cllr Cole said they were looking into it.

22/1740 RECREATION GROUND:

Nothing to report

22/1741 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

22/1742 FOOTPATHS:

Nothing to report

22/1743 MEMBERS' REPORTS:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm

The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30pm, in the committee room inside the village hall, Covid regulations permitting.