

MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th MAY 2022
AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, NORTON VILLAGE HALL

22/1780 PRESENT:

Cllr. S. More (Chairman), Cllr. S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Cllr. P. Biddle, Cllr. J Cole, Cllr. B. Matraves, Cllr. R. Cumberbatch, Cllr L Holt, Mike Hewitson (District Councillor & County Councillor), Mrs L. Brooks (Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

22/1781 APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

22/1782 PUBLIC TIME

22/1782/a Public Time

A member of the public gave an update on the Jubilee Garden. Work is progressing well with donated benches and picnic table being installed shortly. Wild birds are nesting in the hedges and any donations of bird seed would be welcome.

A quote to repair the original metal kissing gate has now been received by the Parish Council. (see below in Matters Arising).

22/1782/b P.C.S.O. Report:

Nothing to report

22/1782/c District Councillor:

There was very little to report. The Parish Council congratulated Cllr Hewitson on his recent election success.

He discussed the proposals for Ham Hill with the visitor centre etc and gave the Parish Council some dates to consider regarding a site meeting with Katy Menday from SSDC who is the Leisure and Recreation Manager. Clerk to find out what date suits everyone and let Cllr Hewitson know.

Action: Clerk

There are also plans to have a public consultation in the village hall at a later date.

Cllr Hewitson also updated the Parish Council on the planning at Little Street and also the suspected breach.

22/1782/e CLT Update:

Mrs Maunder had submitted an annual report earlier in the day which had been forwarded to all Parish Councillors.

22/1782/g Hamdon Youth Group:

It was reported that numbers at Norton are still low since Covid. Work is progressing well at the new facilities in Stoke sub Hamdon. It was also reported that although finances are currently looking good it is getting harder to get funding as providers are getting fewer and fewer.

22/1782 MINUTES

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

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle

Seconded: Cllr. Maunder

Agreed unanimously.

22/1783 MATTERS ARISING

22/1783/a Footpath Gate:

A quote had been received for the repair to the original wrought iron gate that is situated near the Jubilee Gardens. The quote was for £425.00. The Parish Council was in complete agreement to accept to pay for this work to be done and it would be their contribution towards the Jubilee garden.

However, the Chairman said she was waiting for the Diocese to agree to the gate being repaired and paid for by the Parish Council first as it belongs to them.

**Footnote: The Reverend Nick Clarke has since confirmed in writing that he will take full responsibility for agreeing to the plans to repair the gate.

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. More

Agreed unanimously.

Chairman to inform the member of the public who is doing the repairs.

Action: Chairman

22/1784 PLANNING:

22/1784/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

22/1784/b Decisions Notified:

Nothing to report

22/1784/c Applications for consideration.

Nothing to report

22/1785 FINANCE:

22/1784/a Matters for report:

Nothing to report

22/1784/b Matters for resolution

Nothing to report

22/1784/c Cheques Payable

MAY 2022			Chq no:
Louise Brooks	Salary – April 2022	£ 486.40	1587
HMRC	NI & PAYE April 2022	£ 2.40	1588
Louise Brooks	Expenses & home office Allowance – April 22	£ 70.00	1589
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Jan-March 22	£ 319.87	1590
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	£ 571.75	1591

Proposed: Cllr. Maunder

Seconded: Cllr. Biddle

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Agreed unanimously.

2/1785 VILLAGE HALL:

Nothing to report

22/1786 RECREATION GROUND:

The Chairman reported that Adam from Brimsmore suggested installing a bird nesting box with a plaque on it rather than having a plaque for the tree that was planted in Richard's memory. A plaque next to the tree could get broken and vandalised whereas if we installed a bird box and had a plaque made for the base where people could see it then this would be a nice way of adding to the memorial. Clerk to find out the price of bird boxes. **Action: Clerk.**

22/1787 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

22/1788 FOOTPATHS:

The Chairman reported that a new fence had now been installed between Bramley Fields and Barn Orchard.

22/1789 MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Councillor Maunder reported that he had been asked about a festival at Greenham's Cross. The Chairman confirmed with him that the Norton Festival was being planned by Bagnell Farm and would be held at Greenham's Field. It would be called 'Party at the Cross' and it was a way to encourage people out again after the last couple of years. The date is 6th August and tickets would be £5 each, available from the village shop. The event would finish at 10.30 pm. Money raised would go to the village school.

The Clerk was asked to include a piece in the newsletter again on how people can report both potholes and street lighting defects. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next monthly meeting will be held on MONDAY 13th June 2022 starting at 7.30pm.