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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT SEPTEMBER

PLANNING: The Parish Council had one planning application to consult on:

OUTLINE Planning Application Number: 23/02859/OUT

Location: The Stables Land Behind Highwoods North Street Norton Sub Hamdon

Proposal: Outline Application with some matters reserved except access for the construction of up to 5 dwellings, parking, landscaping, ecology areas and associated works utilising a modified existing highways access

The Parish Council discussed this in detail. They agreed to support this outline planning application but only if the following conditions were met:

Condition - A maximum of 5 dwellings – 2 bungalows and 3 houses. In the last census the population in Norton was 727. With Norton having an older age demographic (Over 34% are aged over 65), there is a shortage of bungalows. Approx. number of properties in Norton 325 of which approx. 31 are single storey dwellings (= 9.5% are single storey dwellings)

Condition - Plot 5 needs to be a bungalow to avoid any loss of privacy to residents in Highwoods Close PLUS 1 other – suggest plot 1 as this would help with visibility at the entrance to the site.

Condition - To install a pavement giving access to village amenities. This road is dangerous to walk on. The lack of a pedestrian footpath between the proposed development and the village amenities

creates an unacceptable level of risk to pedestrian users along North Street where the national speed limit applies (60mph) and a blind bend in the road which is less than 100ft from the proposed entrance. Condition - An agreement must be in place regarding the continued maintenance of the proposed ecology site after the development has been built.

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR FOR OUTSIDE THE

VILLAGE HALL The Parish Council have managed to secure partial funding for a defibrillator through a government scheme. The government will pay half the cost of the defibrillator and locked cabinet, with the Parish Council paying the other half. The defibrillator will be installed on the outside of the village hall under the CCTV and outdoor light. This will be available to the community 24 hours a day 365 days a year! The village hall committee have very kindly agreed to pay the installation costs and the small amount of electricity that is required to run it. It will be registered with the ambulance service via The Circuit online registration as soon as it has been received and installed – hopefully within a month!

KILL YOUR SPEED! We have received reports of dangerous driving in the village, in particular along Great Street – between The Reading Room café and The Lord Nelson. This is one of the narrowest parts of the village and one of the most dangerous areas for pedestrians, with Pill Bridge on a blind corner. You are not able to see if there is any on-coming traffic. The Parish Council have been in touch with Highways and the Police to raise our concerns. We have been made aware of certain vehicles that seem to be using this area as a racetrack. If you know of a young adult who has maybe recently passed their test or maybe they have just bought their first car, it might be a good idea to sit them down and discuss the need to drop their speed. Excessive speed on both motorbikes and cars through the village is not only putting themselves at risk, but also other motorists and pedestrians at risk of serious injury or death. PLEASE, CUT YOUR SPEED BEFORE A SERIOUS ACCIDENT HAPPENS HERE.

STREET SIGN REFURBISHMENT PROJECT -

UPDATE: I am delighted to be able to tell you that thanks to the generosity of some wonderful residents in Norton (the majority of donators have asked to remain anonymous, so we feel it's best if all names are held), we have managed to raise a total of £795 towards the street sign refurbishment project for the village. The Parish Council feel very lucky to have such incredible support in our parish and they wish me to send a huge 'THANK YOU' to you all. We are also very grateful to the two 'artists' who are carrying out all the restoration work. There is a small shortfall which the Parish Council have agreed to fund. Thank you once again!

The next monthly meeting will be held on **MONDAY 14th October 2024 at 7.30 pm in the village hall committee room.** Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council)

MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB The Mobile Library will be in Chiselborough opposite the Village Hall **on Tuesday 1st October and 29th October** from 9.30–10am, and in **Higher Street, Norton from 10.10–10.35am.** The book club will meet on the same day. Anne Fairweather 882 620. nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

COME YE FAITHFUL PEOPLE COME There's an open invitation to the whole community to express their appreciation of all the many ways in which they have been blessed by coming to the Parish Church's Harvest Thanksgiving and donating a gift to The Lord's Larder, which will help people in the area not as fortunate as themselves.

The Yeovil Lord's Larder recently helped 645 people (409 adults and 236 children). A total of 131 families were given one of the 340 Lord's Larder Food Parcels. Norton Church provides a Collection Point throughout the year but is specially inviting gifts as part of the community's Harvest Celebration. The Larder welcomes a variety of gifts – see the Collection Point for latest needs. They cannot accept fresh fruit or vegetables, frozen products, out of date or opened items.

The Norton Harvest Thanksgiving Service is at 9.30am on Sunday 6th October.

KEEP THE DATE! Make sure Saturday 30th November is in your Diary when, Cantamus make a welcome return to Norton to give a concert in the church. Tickets will soon be available.

NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for October:

Sunday 6th , 9.30am Harvest Festival

Sunday 13th , 9.30am Communion

Sunday 20th , 6pm Evensong

Wednesday 23rd , 9am Prayer Book Communion

Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website

www.hamhillchurches.org and church notice boards.

Rev Nick Clarke 07485 789968

NORTON MOVIE NITES Tuesday 8th October, 8pm, in the skittle alley. Start the new season with The Fall Guy, 12A, 120 mins. A stuntman has to track down a missing film star, solve a conspiracy, win back his absentee girlfriend, and carry on with his day job. Not a lot, then. Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt star in this witty rom-com.

Tickets £5 on sale in the shop. Doors open 7.45pm.

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be meeting in the **Reading Room on Monday 14th and 28th October.** Come and join us for a friendly couple of hours of crafting and chat. £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Tricia Walton 882646

LADIES GROUP The group enjoyed a delightful talk by author Dawn Lawrence. She read some extracts from her poems and books. She explained the work of the foundation and how important it was to keep animals in the wild where they belong. She brought along books and soft toy animals, the proceeds of which go to the Foundation.

A boules competition will take place in October, date to be advised. We shall begin our Ten Pin Bowling challenge in November, details will be given at our next meeting. A trip to Wells is planned for Wednesday 11th December for the Christmas Market and Carol Concert in the Cathedral, anyone who would like to join us please contact Sue, seats will be subject to availability. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 15th October** when we shall welcome Leela Bunce, who will give her talk on the original Blue Stocking society. The first female literary salon in the eighteenth century. Exploring the ladies behind its creation, discovering some of its intriguing members and guest speakers, and much more. We meet in the Reading Room on 3rd Tuesday each month, do come along, visitors and new members will be most welcome. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

PINT-SIZED PLAYS. It's that time again... yet another great line-up of short, funny plays designed for viewing with a drink! The Stage Frighteners, our home-grown thespian group, will be putting on four performances: three in **the Lord Nelson 'Alley Theatre' on 17th, 18th and 19th October;** plus, one in **Chiselborough Hall on 25th October.** Show starts 7:30pm. Tickets will be on sale in the Village Shop and Lord Nelson from 25th September. £8 each. Lindsay Higgins

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB

The draw results for this month were:

Caroline Riley, Jennie Byham, John Forrest, Penny Cudmore, Janet Hutton, Peter Willsher, Rowena Aley, Alec Seccombe, Sophie Snow, James Pond. To join the wine club, contact Mary Batstone on 07967 604681 or email marybatstone@gmail.com

NORTON SHOP NEWS Our sales are up 12% at week ending 21st September, with transactions up 15%. A coffee and tea machine is being installed on a trial run to provide quick refreshments for passing delivery drivers and similar customers who need a hot drink. We often have requests for this from the many delivery people who come to the shop. This should not affect Katy's Café trade which is a different market.

NORTON SHOP AND POST OFFICE &

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AGM Calling all shareholders! **Monday 21st October, Norton Village Hall, 6.30pm.** You will be able to vote on matters raised. We will be looking for new directors to ensure the future of the shop, Post Office and other community projects. You may be amazed at what you can contribute; we welcome all talents and abilities, from expert to novice. Everyone has the

potential to help, do join us. Please contact one of the current directors (Niall Clifford, Simon Harris, Lindsay Higgins, Jennie Harris, Rowena Alsey, or me, Ian Murray, as secretary) to find out more. Forms for membership and nomination are available at the shop or from me. Nominations for new directors to be submitted prior to the AGM. Please deliver completed forms to the shop or to me: Ian Murray, Homestead, Higher Street, Norton sub Hamdon, TA14 6SN. secretary@nortonclt.co.uk

NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS The next meeting will be held at the home of Sophie Snow, **Rocklands, Little Street on Wednesday 23rd October**. The theme for sales will be Jams, marmalades, fruit and veg – any other items for the sales table that might raise funds gratefully received. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. For newcomers to Norton, the monthly coffee mornings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except June, July, August and December, in different houses around the village. It is a wonderful way to meet other villagers and learn about Norton's varied groups and wide range of activities. Funds raised are for the church. Everyone is welcome. Debbie Bradley 07710 352194 and Janet Hutton 01935 881566.

NORTON 'BOUNDS' BREAKFAST

WALK Saturday 26 October 2024 starting at 8.30am at The Lord Nelson Enjoy an early morning autumn walk followed by a "Full Monty" breakfast at the Lord Nelson. The walk will start and finish at the Pub and circumnavigate the village following the rights of way nearest to the village boundary, covering about 6 miles and taking about 2 to 2 ½ hours to complete. However, there are plenty of shortcuts for those who don't want to do the full distance. At the end of the walk (11-11.30) a full English Breakfast including coffee, orange juice and toast at £10.00 head is available at the Lord Nelson. Please book directly with the Pub beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries contact John Bailey (01935 881227)

BOULES COURT Popular Music Quiz: 27th October: 7.30 in The Lord Nelson. Money raised will maintain and improve the Boules Court following a Summer of much use by all. Book or join a table of up to six. £5pp on the night plus Raffle! Quiz hosted by Jonathan Naughton.
info.nortonboules@gmail.com

JUBILEE GARDEN Please, please, is anyone willing to spend an hour or two tidying up the garden ready for winter. Also, planting any spare bulbs you may have so that when Spring returns, we will have some colour. I am not now able to do the digging work and I'm sure no-one wants to see it go back to how it was for many years. Thank you in anticipation. Lynn Orchard.

NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW ANNUAL MEETING will be held on **Saturday 2nd November at 2.00 pm in the skittle alley, Lord Nelson, Norton**. This will be followed by a light buffet open to all attendees. The 2024 show was a huge success; our aim to break even was achieved, now we can move forward to discuss donations for the community. Do come along, we depend on your support and ideas for future shows.

NORTON COMMUNITY MATTERS is a small charity that has been set up by a group of local people who love where they live, value the importance of community and want to give something back. Our first objective is to raise funds to buy another Defibrillator for the village. We would welcome ideas and suggestions for future purchases from local residents and each one will be considered on its individual merits and the impact on our community as a whole. Please email us at helloncm@outlook.com Our first fundraising event is on **17th November, a Quiz Night at the Lord Nelson**, please contact the Lord Nelson to reserve a quiz table on 01935 881473 We will also be hosting a **Christmas Market on Saturday 23rd November 2024, 11am to 3pm at Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall, TA14 6SF**. Please come along to support us and all the fabulous stall holders. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

TINKERS BUBBLE OPEN DAY Sat 5th October, 11am to 4pm On our annual open day we'll run tours, provide refreshments, and demonstrate various activities including apple pressing. We're also planning to have the steam engine back up to steam after its return from major repairs. The day runs from 11am to 4pm, and people are welcome to drop in whenever it suits between those times. There is no fee to attend, and we will have food and drink available to purchase. So far, we have the following planned: Tours of the land at 11:30, 12:30 and 13:30 (they normally take around an hour and a half, apple pressing to join in with throughout the day, craft demos (to be confirmed and food, apple juice and cider for purchase. Running alongside our involvement with Somerset Arts Week We'll end with a Q+A from 15:00 to 16:00 Hope to see you there!

GUARDIANS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MARTOCK CONCERT The Trudgeon's Trad Jazz Troubadours **7.30pm 24th October 2024, Martock Church; TA12 6JL**. A mature Trad Jazz combo that will enthral everyone. Tickets: £12 or £10 at 07547 213992/Martock Gallery/ Martock Newsagent Website:www.martockonline.co.uk/events www.facebook.com/martockguardiansconcerts/ Also **GUARDIANS OF MARTOCK CHURCH CONCERT, The Yeovilton Military Wives Choir 7.30pm 7th November 2024 Martock Church; Church Street; MARTOCK TA12 6JL**. Tickets: £12 or £10 at Guardianstickets@gmail.com / 07547 213992/Martock Gallery/ Martock Newsagent

Website: www.martockonline.co.uk/events www.facebook.com/martockguardiansconcerts/
The Yeovilton Military Wives Choir, formed in September 2012, is part of the Military Wives Choirs Network. They perform a variety of songs across many genres and reflect the ethos of service life. An excellent opportunity to see a first-class choir.
David MacLean, Martock Church Guardians

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

A Gardening Club for all, **Wednesday 23rd October 2024** "Lift the Latch on Forton" – the Creation of a Garden'. David and Pauline Wright gardened at Forton for many years and opened regularly for the National Open Garden Scheme. Downsizing to Yeovil, they couldn't give up gardening! They are looking forward to sharing the highs and lows of their new creation with both regular Gardening Club members and visitors. Free refreshments, plant sales and raffle. Visitors are very welcome £3. **The Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon, 7.15 for 7.30 pm.**

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS
Our annual Art Exhibition & Art Sale is on **Saturday 12 October at Stoke Memorial Hall from 11am to 4pm** with the Brownies serving refreshments and cake. Don't miss it! The very talented artist Richard Turner will be showing us pastel technique at our next workshop **at the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 9th November 10.00am until 3.00pm**. Do come along for a very enjoyable day! We are a very friendly group of amateurs who meet at **the Stoke Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30pm and Friday mornings 10.00am to 12.00 noon** during school term time. First visit FREE! Please contact Andrew on 01935 823691, SSTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group

VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS

- Tuesday 1 October** Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10–10.35am
Saturday 5 October Tinkers Bubble Open Day 11am-4pm
Sunday 6 October Norton Harvest Thanksgiving service 9.30am
Tuesday 8 October Norton Movie Nights Lord Nelson 8pm
Monday 14th October Parish Council meeting Room, Village Hall at 7.30pm
Monday 14 October Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 15th October The Ladies Group, Reading Room 7.30pm
Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 October Pint-sized Plays Lord Nelson 8pm
Monday 21 October CLT AGM Village Hall 6.30pm
Wednesday 23 October Village Coffee Morning, Rocklands Little Street 10.45am
Friday 25 October Pint-sized Plays Chiselborough Hall 7.30pm
Saturday 26 October Breakfast Walk Lord Nelson 8.30am
Sunday 27 October fundraising for Boules Ct Popular Music Quiz The Lord Nelson 7.30pm
Monday 28 October Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 29 October Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10–10.35am
Saturday 2 November Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show Annual Meeting at 2pm
Wednesday 13 November Súper Chef 3 shows Village Hall 11am and 2pm
Sunday 17 November Fund raising for defibrilator Quiz The Lord Nelson 7.30
Saturday 23 November Christmas Market in Village Hall
Saturday 30 November Cantamus Concert, Church of St Mary 7.30pm

NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE If you know of anyone who has moved to Norton, please ask for their details and contact the editors so that we can welcome them to our village.

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