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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held remotely via zoom on Monday, 12th April 2021**

21/029: Present: Cllr E Sturgess (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr G Warden, Stroud District Cllr J Dewey, Gloucester Councillor L Patrick, C Fairbrother, clerk.

21/030: Apologies: Cllr S Cowle (vice Chair), Cllr A Hardy.

21/031: Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March were unanimously agreed remotely and will be signed when the lockdown process allows.

21/032: Public questions/participation: Members of the Nympsfield Playing Field Committee had been invited to attend, in order to discuss the grass cutting schedule for the year ahead and to bid for funding from NPC. Unfortunately the technology was found wanting and the discussion was not possible. It was agreed to defer until the next NPC meeting.

21/033: District councillor's report: Cllr J Dewey submitted his March 2021 report, which will be his final report as he is standing down after 5 years as our District councillor. NPC expressed sincere thanks for his contribution and wished him well in his future endeavours.

Items mentioned included - Coaley: an application for a caravan park, a proposed youth club and a community shop under construction. Uley: Parish Council resistance reported to a proposed mobile phone mast.

21/034: County councillor's report: Cllr L Patrick reported on welcome extra funding for resurfacing Gloucestershire roads. Cllr Patrick and Cllr Tomiak-Baquero were thanked for their work towards the 'gates' at Cockadilly which are now in place and hopefully having a positive effect on traffic calming.

21/035: Planning matters:

S.21/0716/HHOLD: The application for a new outbuilding at Swallows Barn, St Bartholomew's View has been withdrawn and was not therefore discussed.

S.21/0252/FUL: Installation of a mobile home for farm workers. It was noted that three mobile homes are in situ, one of which already has permission. Concern was expressed that permission should be sought therefore for two, not just one. It was also felt that there should be a time expiry to any permission granted.

Maxema – Mobile phone mast development, Tinkley Lane. Maxema have responded to Siobhan Baillie's questions. NPC have still to be given a pictorial representation of how the proposed mast would look, and therefore remain unable to give their support to the application.

21/036: Budget 2021/22:

A draft budget has been prepared. Clerk to establish legal status of local government budgets before submitting his final version.

21/037: Payments of the Council:

Staff payment, GAPTC subscription renewal and Village Hall cleaning bill were agreed.

21/038: Clerk’s report:

As things stand, from May 6th council meetings can no longer take place by remote means. Confirmation that the village hall can once again host our meetings is to be sought.

Annual meeting: It was agreed that this should take place immediately preceding the next parish council meeting in May, commencing at 7pm. Following the resignations of Cllrs Hardy and Cowle after years of valued service, we will welcome at this time Cllrs Gaunt and Price to the parish council.

New field access to Front St adjacent to Bell Court. The Chair reported that she had complained directly to the farmer. Gloucestershire Highways have been contacted to confirm the status of Front St as to whether planning permission is required. Issues regarding water and mud runoff from the field onto Front St and the safety implications of large vehicular access at a particularly narrow point in the road were discussed. It was agreed to continue to press Stroud DC and Gloucestershire CC for action.

21/039: War Memorial:

It was agreed to review the history and the pros and cons of re-siting the memorial. It was noted that several differing opinions had been expressed in the past as to the best thing to do, and that there was no clear and obvious solution to the present unsatisfactory position.

21/040: Councillors’ topics:

Time being short and the interested councillor being absent, it was agreed to postpone.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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