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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 10th May 2021**

21/041: Present: Cllr E Sturgess (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr S. Price, Stroud District Cllr M Pearcey, Gloucester Councillor W Thomas, C Fairbrother, clerk.

21/042: Apologies: Cllr G Warden.

21/043: Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April were unanimously agreed.

21/044: Public questions/participation: Mr F Wooldridge of the Nympsfield Playing Field Committee (PFC) gave a presentation of their work and requested funding for the cost of grass cutting. It was agreed NPC would fund this year's costs up to a maximum of 20 cuts. PFC agreed that for next year, quotes from three contractors would be sought.

Ava and her mother from Tinkley Lane made a presentation of the case for development of the children's play area at the side of the Playing Field. They also raised concerns about the safety of pedestrian access to the Playing Field. Mr Wooldridge of the PFC acknowledged ongoing interest in the idea but pointed to the cost of suitable play equipment. Cllr Price drew attention to alternative forms of play equipment which might be more cost effective, along with the existence of various sources of funding.

Cllr Sturgess welcomed the interest and encouraged all interested parties to form a focus group to investigate options. This work could then feed an overall plan which would include pedestrian access improvement.

Mr I Crossland then presented a justification for a potential purchase by NPC of the Glebe, previously designated with village green status. In the ensuing discussion, there was recognition of the future costs and responsibilities inherent in such a move. There was however, unanimous agreement that the possibility should be fully investigated, and an agenda item to do so next month was agreed.

21/045: District and County councillor's reports: As both councillors are new in post since May 6th, there were no reports, but both were present to introduce themselves and to watch the NPC meeting in action. NPC welcomed them both and look forward to working together in the future.

21/046: Planning matters:

S.21/0937/FUL: Erection of Agricultural Storage Building, The Cross, Nympsfield.

Concern was expressed about the size of the building and its would-be position beyond the current built envelope of the village. The need for 'agricultural storage' on this site was also

questioned, particularly as the existing, former, agricultural building, has been granted residential status.

Maxema – Mobile phone mast development, Tinkley Lane. NPC have expressed their continuing reservations to Maxema and await their response.

21/047: Budget 2021/22:

Clerk has established there to be no special restrictions around the setting of the NPC budget. The draft budget was adopted by the meeting.

21/048: Internal Audit:

Clerk reported to the meeting that GATPC have been re-appointed as internal auditors and the process of conducting the annual audit begins immediately.

21/049: Payments of the Council:

Staff payment, website maintenance and hosting and Village Hall cleaning bill were agreed and cheques signed.

21/050: Clerk's report:

None submitted this month.

21/051: Village Hall (VH) Grant Application:

A request for financial aid to purchase new tables and chairs for the VH has been received. A discussion followed which acknowledged the value to the community of the continued existence of a thriving VH. A contribution of £500 was agreed.

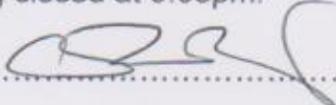
21/052: Councillors' topics:

None this month.

21/053: Councillors' topics for next month:

None this month.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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