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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 09th August 2021**

21/084: Present:

Members of the Public, Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr E Sturgess (Vice Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Stroud District Cllr M Percy, Gloucester County Cllr W Thomas, C Fairbrother, clerk.

21/085: Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July were unanimously agreed. No personal interests were declared.

21/086: Public questions/participation:

Nympsfield residents attended to express concern about the announced closure of the Uley dispensary and surgery. The agenda item on this subject was thus brought forward.

The implications for Nympsfield residents who are elderly non drivers are particularly serious. The Nailsworth practice has drawbacks as a substitute – the bus provision is inferior and the practice (and pharmacy) are already busy.

Chair and Cllr Gaunt had already prepared a letter of strong objection to the proposed dispensary closure. The meeting agreed this should be sent immediately to meet the deadline for objections. The surgery closure has been announced subsequently and has a later consultation period, therefore it was agreed to attend to this for the next meeting. The Chair thanked the members of the public for their input and Cllr Gaunt for his efforts in raising awareness and for his work in authoring the NPC letter of objection. The discussion was finalised with the handing out of a petition against the closure.

21/087: District and County councillors' reports:

District Cllr Percy highlighted his monthly report. The Stroud DC chief executive will attend Nympsfield on September 3rd, between 10 and 11am. Cockadilly traffic and Tinkley Lane potholes to be viewed. Chair questioned the emergence of 'bunds' along David's Lane and attention was drawn to large earth movements along Tinkley Lane, apparently with no planning permission. Vice Chair expressed frustration at Stroud DC ignoring Nympsfield problems. District Cllr Percy undertook to reflect these views back to Stroud.

County Cllr Thomas highlighted her monthly report. There is funding for smaller developments to be applied for and spent before 2025. Also there are changes to the Stagecoach bus timetable, good and bad, as per their website. On the subject of overgrown road verges, County Cllr Thomas pointed out there is only one cutting gang serving the whole county, but asked for reports on work needing done. Vice Chair reminded the

meeting that NPC have long paid for verges at certain of our road junctions to be kept short as the county gang do not do it often enough.

21/088: Planning matters:

S.21/1356/TCA Location: The Old Stores, Church Street, Nympsfield, Stonehouse.

Trees in a Conservation Area Description: T1-T3 Yew trees - Formally prune the trees. Existing height 11.5m proposed height 11.5m. Respond by date: 16.08.2021 Web Link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.21/1356/TCA>.

NPC offered no comment to this planning application.

S.21/1733/HHOLD Location: Mead House, Front Street, Nympsfield, Stonehouse.

Householder Application Description: Construction of a single storey 'link' between house and garage, and conversion of garage Respond by date: 11.08.2021 Web Link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.21/1733/HHOLD>

NPC offered no comment to this planning application.

21/089: Payments of the Council:

Staff, payroll, Village Hall cleaning for May were agreed and cheques signed.

21/090: Clerk's report:

No calls for an election for the vacant parish council seat have been received, therefore the parish council may co-opt. It was agreed to invite applications via the newsletter and website.

The quarterly bank reconciliation and variance analysis of the first quarterly actual spend against budget were reported.

21/091: Climate change and Sustainability policy:

It was agreed to defer this item until next month. Cllr Gaunt introduced a paper on climate change as background reading for that meeting.

21/092: Potential purchase by NPC of the Glebe:

Vice Chair reported a response is still awaited from the Church land agent.

21/093: Defibrillator Training:

It was agreed to offer Red Cross training to 12 Nympsfield residents at a subsidised cost of £20 per head. Awareness raising of the defibrillator and the training offer will appear in the newsletter.

21/094: Bus shelter plans:

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero has canvassed views on the possible re-use of the bus shelter as a milk and milk products vending machine site. Thus far there has been a favourable response. Vice Chair has volunteered to draft a 'heads of terms' document, being a non-binding outline of the main issues relevant to a possible lease of the bus shelter to

Wooldridge Milking Technologies. Clerk to update Mr Wooldridge on progress. No commitment has yet been made and further views on the idea are sought.

21/095: Councillors' topics for next month:

Cllr Gaunt – Climate Change and Sustainability progress report.

Cllr Gaunt - Uley Surgery Proposed Closure.

Cllr Gaunt – Preparing the Village for Winter.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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