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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council
(NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 8th November
2021**

21/123: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Gloucester County Cllr W Thomas, Stroud District Cllr M Percy, C Fairbrother, clerk, members of the public.

21/124: Apologies:

Cllr E Sturgess (Vice Chair).

21/125: Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October were unanimously agreed. No declarations of personal interest were received.

21/126: Public meeting on the subject of Climate Change (CC) and Sustainability:

The Chair thanked Cllr Gaunt for organising this event. Cllr Gaunt introduced the speakers and thanked the 25 residents of Nympsfield who attended – an excellent turnout.

County Cllr Thomas gave the County perspective, listing the various departments whose work must account for CC and giving a brief history of the County's work on CC – a Climate Emergency declared in 2019, plans for 1000 electric car charging points, 20mph options for all councils by 2025.

District Cllr Percy gave the District perspective, Stroud DC being one of the first in Europe to become carbon neutral. SDC has aggressive CC plans, which it needs parish councils' help to implement.

Fred Barker of Transition Stroud described their work. They assist the formation of Climate Action Groups (CAGs), shape the way change happens locally – links to Horsley CAG, Coaley CAG, Sheepscombe CAG. CAGs are either linked to a parish council or are independent. He described possible functions of CAGs – information flow to residents, shaping public and private behaviour change, project involvement, including food growing, seed sowing, local energy saving and generation, reduction of waste, tree and hedge planting, etc.

Steve Roberts of Stroud Nature suggested ways to develop gardens as wildlife corridors and as organic food producers.

A Q&A session followed. Topics discussed included – how best to work with older houses to minimise energy impacts, 'park' homes and the unavailability of grant funding, dealing with extreme weather, retaining water on/in land to minimise downstream flooding, creating a

register of at-risk trees in the parish, a wind turbine for Nympsfield and a lift sharing/car club. Cllr Gaunt suggested a local CAG would act as a focus for all such issues and ideas. Contact details were taken from people wishing to take the idea of a CAG for Nympsfield further. NPC will contact all those interested with ideas for next steps.

Thanks go to our four presenters for a thought-provoking meeting.

21/127: Planning matters:

S.21/2513/HHOLD Location: Westway, The Plain, Nympsfield, Stonehouse. Description: Erection of single storey rear extension. Respond by date: 11.11.2021 Web Link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.21/2513/HHOLD>

NPC make no objection.

21/128: Payments of the Council:

Payroll, Village Hall hire for October were agreed and cheques signed.

21/129: Clerk's report:

NPC successfully applied for a further 1500 young trees, on behalf of Thistledown Farm, to plant as part of the Gloucester CC Ash Dieback Mitigation Scheme. This is following a successful application for 3000 trees last year. Nympsfield have done well but more must be done – see CAG discussion above.

NPC have approached Gloucester CC Highways and the manager of the Rose and Crown in order to resolve the ongoing problem of water being pumped out of the pub cellar down the street. The drain adjacent to the pub is to be cleared and the pub is to use this to discharge its floodwater, until such time as a permanent solution can be found.

A Zoom meeting on the subject of local bus provision was attended by the clerk, who asked that a morning route into Gloucester should include a Nympsfield link. The afternoon timetable from Stroud to Uley was also questioned, in that a valuable service serving homeward bound schoolchildren currently bypasses Nympsfield on its way to Uley. These are shortcomings originally highlighted by Nympsfield resident Michelle Holloway. The Gloucester CC manager Tom Main promised to discuss these issues with Stagecoach, although the nature of the contracts awarded to private bus companies in Gloucestershire does not give much leverage to the county council.

There are now 7 names on the Defibrillator training list. A date in the New Year is envisaged – meanwhile, ideally NPC are looking for 5 more – please apply!

Use of Bus Shelter as milk products vending point – no progress this month. Clerk to pursue.

21/130: Village Spring Clean:

Deferred until next month.

21/131: Snow Representative:

Cllr Gaunt agreed to be NPC representative, Chair agreed to be deputy.

21/132: Councillors items for Future Discussion:


Chair - Glebe progress

Cllr Gaunt – Climate

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero – Path to Thistledown

Cllr Gaunt – Resilience plan

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

(Signed)  (Dated) 13/12/21