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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)  
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**21/133: Present:**

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr E Sturgess (Vice Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, C Fairbrother (clerk), one member of the public. Chair welcomed Cllr Clements on behalf of the Council for her first meeting.

**21/134: Apologies:**

Gloucester County Cllr W Thomas, Stroud District Cllr M Pearcy.

**21/135: Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November were unanimously agreed. No declarations of personal interest were received.

**21/136: Public participation:**

Marie Wooldridge asked if NPC could provide details of any support or objection given to a 2018 proposition for a footpath leading from the top of Bath Rd direct to Uley reservoir. Vice Chair – the only member of today's Council serving in 2018 – had no recollection of the subject being raised at the time. Clerk undertook to examine the archives.

**21/137: District and County councillors' reports:**

Neither District Cllr Pearcy or County Cllr Thomas were able to attend but they have submitted their monthly reports. Chair expressed NPC's thanks and no comments were made.

**21/138: Planning matters:**

APP/C1625/W/21/3283543, re S.21/0460/FUL, re S.18/2668/FUL

Land to rear of 12 Tinkley Corner.

An application has been made to the Secretary of State to overturn the decision of Stroud DC Planning dept to refuse permission for S.21/0460/FUL. In 2018, NPC objected strongly to the original application - S.18/2668/FUL – and it was agreed clerk should re-state that objection now.

**21/139: Payments of the Council:**

Payroll, Village Hall hire for November and cleaning for October and November, Nympsfield Newsletter printing costs for the Nov/Dec issue and road verge maintenance costs were agreed and cheques signed.

**21/140: Clerk's report:**

NPC have received an invitation to sign up to a '20s Plenty for Gloucestershire' movement for residential areas. A short discussion followed, with agreement that NPC should sign up and the clerk to write to Gloucester CC Highways to press for change.

Rose and Crown floodwater – Gloucester CC Highways have agreed to have the adjacent drain cleared out, but it remains to be done. Clerk has pressed the department for action.

Use of Bus Shelter as milk products vending point – clerk arranging a meeting with Peter Wooldridge.

**21/141: Climate Change/Resilience Plan:**

Cllr Gaunt has recently sent out emails, inviting confirmation of interest from those who had left their contact details at last month's meeting. Two positive responses already received. After a short discussion, all were in favour of 'declaring a Climate Emergency, to make climate change and biodiversity a Nympsfield Parish Council priority and to set up an action group(s) to discuss ideas and initiatives'.

The production of a Resilience Plan was agreed upon. This is very much a blank canvas, but could involve such considerations as declaring a place of safety for extreme weather events. Emergency transport arrangements might be possible with volunteer aid. Much more to come on this front.

**21/142: Local Public Transport:**

Cllr Clements described two occasions recently when a bus has either failed to stop or arrive, leaving her daughter stranded each time. Cllr Clements has reported one and will now report the second. County Cllr Thomas is interested to hear any such reports and will use them to press Stagecoach to do better.

**21/143: The Glebe:**

Vice Chair gave a history of NPC's negotiations with the Church agents. NPC was offered a lease on the Glebe, but we asked if they would sell. NPC was then offered a nominal sum plus legal fees. Vice Chair explained that these can be substantial. NPC suggested £2k + VAT as a maximum. The Church agent has agreed.

Next steps - appoint local firm of solicitors to advise NPC, preferably at fixed price.

Issues to consider - insurance, boundary maintenance. Currently the land is farmed under a grazing licence. Any restrictive covenant. Fund raising. Possible Management working group, as ownership will bring effort and responsibility.

Council was then asked to decide if it wishes to pursue the purchase of the Glebe, for the long-term benefit of Nympsfield village. There was unanimous agreement, and Vice Chair was given thanks for her efforts to get to this point.

**21/144: Access to Thistledown:**



Clerk has made some enquiries as to feasibility of establishing a safe pedestrian route between Nymphsfield village and Thistledown Farm. Much more to do but NPC gave unanimous consent to future efforts in this regard. Potential benefits clear.

**21/145: Councillors items for Future Discussion:**

Chair – State of David's Lane

Cllr Gaunt – Climate and Resilience progress

Vice Chair - 2022 Spring Clean – set a date etc.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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