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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 9th May 2022**

22/055: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr E Sturgess (Vice Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, District Cllr M Percy, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

22/056: Apologies: County Cllr W Thomas.

22/057: Minutes and Declarations:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April were approved. No declarations of personal interest were received.

22/058: District and County Councillors' reports:

County Councillor Thomas via email.

District Councillor Percy.

Stroud DC are asking Gloucester Highways Dept for 20mph limits for all 'residential' areas. With reference to Cockadilly and NPC's ongoing quest to establish a speed limit there, Vice Chair asked Cllr Percy if he could establish the exact definition of 'residential' in this context.

Planning enforcements – Stroud DC recognise they have problems with resourcing, including agency staffing. They are reported as making some organisational improvements. Chair pointed to ongoing outstanding enforcement issues within the parish.

22/059: Planning matters:

None this month.

22/060: Payments of the Council and Financial matters:

Payroll, website maintenance, Village Hall cleaning and were agreed and cheques signed.

22/061: Clerk's report:

Correspondence -

GAPTC formal auditor appointment to be noted and minuted.

James Turkington appointed to cut the verges in 2022. 1 cut per month until mid - September. Chair requested Clerk to specify the job and ensure 3 quotes are sought around December.

Planning refusal for retrospective permission for mobile home at Court Farm.

Finance -

Full year 2021/22 bank worksheet has been fully reconciled to bank. 3 uncleared cheques remain from 2019/20 totalling £325. Clerk was directed to discover the identity of the recipients and make contact with a view to clearing this anomaly.

Clerk salary has received a statutory cost of living uplift.

22/062: Highways:

A Nympsfield resident has contacted Gloucestershire CC Highways re speed limits, signage.

The proposed purchase of a commemorative bench might involve checking with Gloucestershire CC Highways, as it would occupy the roadside verge. Clerk will mail them. NPC prefer to purchase the bench locally and a builder in Uley has been identified.

22/063: Climate Change:

12 residents attended the first meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 27th June, with 'section' meetings arranged informally. A short discussion on best choice of venue followed. Chair expressed the view that NPC should support the village hall where possible, unless numbers become too few to justify the cost. NPC agreed to fund the hire of the village hall going forward whilst keeping under review. Chair gave thanks to Cllr Gaunt for having organised an effective meeting.

22/064: Play Equipment:

None this month.

22/065: Audit:

Clerk recommended GAPTC be appointed as internal auditor for 2021/22. NPC unanimously agreed.

Chair asked Clerk to produce a list of the shortcomings identified by last year's audit.

22/066: Process for New Councillors:

Following Cllr Sturgess' resignation, NPC agreed the process to find a new councillor should begin immediately. Clerk has notified the vacancy to Stroud DC as required and will publish the Notice of Casual Vacancy as soon as possible.

NPC as a whole expressed their appreciation and thanks to Cllr Sturgess for her many years of service to the parish and wished her good luck for the next chapter in her life.

22/067: Councillors' items for next month:

Chair – list of local organisations, email addresses logged.

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero - Highways.

Vice Chair – recurring items for Glebe and Bus Shelter. Vice Chair is setting up zoom meeting with solicitors for Glebe.

Chair – Audit.

Vice Chair – Anti social behaviour.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

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