

**NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
c/o 3 The Haye, Front St, Nympsfield,  
Stroud, GL10 3TY

0797 3912619

[clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org)

**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)  
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 13th June 2022**

**22/068: Present:**

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, County Cllr W Thomas, District Cllr M Percy, 2 members of the public, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

**22/069: Minutes and Declarations:**

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May were approved. No declarations of personal interest were received.

**22/070: Public Participation:**

Peter Wooldridge and partner gave a synopsis of their proposals for building a eco-friendly house on land owned by their family, close by the recent Arthur's Yard development. Chair thanked them for their informative presentation and stated that NPC would wait for the actual planning application before expressing support or otherwise. It was noted that on the one hand, the proposal was attractive from the perspective of sympathetic development, but on the other it would be outside the current Nympsfield built envelope, support for which might set a precedent.

Progress on the proposed change of use of the Bus Shelter was also discussed and agreement to proceed towards a contract was re-affirmed.

A subsequent discussion followed around the benefits or otherwise of a Neighbourhood Plan, especially in consideration of encouraging sensitive, affordable housing. Affordable rented housing in Northleach was mooted as a good model. Cllr Clements also mentioned the One Planet Council in Wales as an interesting pathway to affordable, environmentally friendly housing which is rigorously scrutinised. The land involved can never be classified as other than agricultural. An agenda item to discuss further was agreed.

**22/071: District and County Councillors' reports:**

County Councillor Thomas.

Stagecoach.

Continue to fail to retain staff or recruit and train replacements.

Frocester Hill.

Gloucester Highways are 'almost' ready to publish a design for improving safety at Frocester Hill. Cllr Thomas was assured that a consultation period would follow publication. An unknown resident has strimmed around the junction where the Gloucestershire Highways team had failed to do so. Cllr Thomas will feed this shortcoming back to Glos Highways. NPC agreed the action by the 'unknown resident' was commendable but unsafe.

District Councillor Pearcy.

Ukraine – 100 refugees have been housed in Stroud with 100 more to come..

Road Safety Funding – funds are available for the establishment of 'speed watch groups'. Cllr Tomiak-Baquero felt NPC should apply. This could help slow vehicles travelling through Cockadilly, which could have a knock-on benefit on safety at Frocester Hill junction. A discussion followed on Tinkley Lane. It was felt that speeding into Nympsfield was not such an issue here, as potholes tend to deter speeding. Nympsfield is well equipped with potholes.

**22/072: Planning matters:**

None this month.

**22/073: Payments of the Council and Financial matters:**

Softlink £27.60

Nympsfield Village Hall £16.88

Nympsfield Village Hall £18.75

Salary and Expenses £210.20

HMRC £52.40

**22/074: Clerk's report:**

A contract of employment for the Clerk has been drafted. Noted and approved that Chair will sign once terms and conditions agreed.

Audit requirements discussed – a meeting with the internal auditor is forthcoming and documentation must be noted and approved next month.

Play Equipment Fund – correspondence for Lottery Funding required from NPC, supporting the application for 'Lucky 7' funding by the play equipment sub group, was noted and approved by council.

**22/075: Climate Change:**



Small groups have started to meet and report – Resilience, Transport, Biodiversity and Communications. The next meeting for the whole group is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> July. The possibility of linking efforts with the Nailsworth Climate Action Group was discussed, seen as a sensible move.

Insurance implications for use of village hall as a place of refuge should be considered.

The Resilience group have put forward the idea of a fridge magnet which would contain useful emergency contact details for various agencies. Chair suggested some canvassing should be done as to the merits of this idea before NPC agree to fund. Other sources were discussed – newsletter, agencies' / utilities' own leaflets – and means of conveying the information – noticeboard and website.

**22/076: New Councillor:**

Clerk confirmed the period of notice for a Casual Vacancy has expired and no requests for an election have been received by Stroud DC. It was agreed to advertise for interested persons in the newsletter, noticeboard and website.

**22/077: List of Local Organisations' email addresses:**

Chair has compiled a list of community organisations. Councillors were invited to consider additions, changes for next month.

**22/078: Highways:**

Discussed above under District Cllr report.

**22/079: Glebe:**

Chair to retrieve paperwork from outgoing Vice Chair.

Cllr Clements raised the potential danger of barbed wire at the Glebe top gate. Clerk undertook to mitigate if possible.

**22/080: Bus Shelter:**

Following Mr Wooldridge's summary of progress above under Public Participation, Chair undertook to check the updated Heads of Terms document. Preferred solicitors have been identified but will not be asked to start work until planning consent has been received.

**22/081: Audit:**

**22/082: Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Nothing currently to report.

**22/083: Councillors' items for next month:**

Cllr Clements – Play Equipment Sub Committee inauguration, insurance.

Chair – Neighbourhood Plan.

Chair – list of local organisations, email addresses logged.

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero - Highways.

Vice Chair – recurring items for Glebe and Bus Shelter.

Chair – Audit.

The meeting ended at 9:30pm.

(Signed)..........(Dated).....14/7/22.....