

MINUTES of the rearranged meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 8th August 2022

22/110: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, one member of the public, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

22/111: Apologies:

County Cllr Thomas, District Cllr Percy.

22/112: Minutes and Declarations:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July were approved. No declarations of personal interest were received.

22/113: Public Participation:

One member of the public observed the meeting.

22/114: District and County Councillors' reports:

Both reports received with thanks by email and contents noted.

22/115: Planning matters:

Tree pruning and felling in St Bartholomew's Church grounds and at the Old Rectory.

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.22/1533/TCA>

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NPC offered no comment on these three applications.

22/116: Financial Matters – Payments of the Council:

PATA Payroll Services £28.85

Village Hall hire July meeting, cleaning May/June £135

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Softlink Computer Services website admin £38.40

Salary & expenses July £318

HMRC tax July £52.60

22/117: Financial Matters - Clerk's Pension Scheme:

Deferred until next month.

22/118: Clerk's Report:

Clerks Calendar of works has been updated and will be circulated to councillors for comment.

Clerk stated that certain payments, which have been made on an ongoing basis, should really be treated as grants and as such, should be re-applied for annually by the recipients. The application process should be complete by the beginning of the next financial year. Clerk to inform affected organisations in a timely fashion.

A claim for damages has been made against NPC by a member of the public who hurt themselves late at night on the Barrow steps. The NPC's understanding is that the Barrow is owned by the Diocese, although NPC pay to have the grass cut. NPC have informed their insurers in whose hands the matter rests.

22/119: Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Chair spoke from experience about the level of work involved in producing an NDP. The meeting questioned the merit in the context of Nympsfield, where no major development has been earmarked in Stroud's development plan. It was agreed to revisit the subject in 6 months' time.

22/120: List of Local Organisations' email addresses:

Chair has started a list of local organisations – of which there are many – and more work remains to be done. Cllr Clements has acquired an out of hours contact for the school.

22/121: Highways:

The public footpath which runs through the school grounds remains the official path. NPC note that the gates have been locked through holidays, weekends and evenings.

22/122: Glebe:

Contact with Bruton Knowles proving difficult. Chair to continue to press.

22/123: Bus Shelter:

Awaiting planning consent before instructing a solicitor. Clerk to ask Mr Wooldridge for an update.

22/124: Defibrillator Course Date:

Set for Friday 14th October, course to run from 9.30am to 1pm. Cost to be £15 per head, 12 max. Those who have expressed interest to be contacted first, thereafter any remaining places to be advertised. Delegates representing the working men's club, pub and school would be desirable. Clerk to initially contact those who have expressed interest.

22/125: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

None this month.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.

(Signed)..........(Dated).....14.11.22.....