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**DRAFT MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council
(NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 14th
November 2022**

22/141: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, Cllr A. Robertson, GCC Cllr W Thomas, SDC Cllr M Percy, one member of the public, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

22/142: Apologies: None.

22/143: Minutes and Declarations:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October were approved. No declarations of personal interest were received.

22/144: Public Participation:

Questions were asked from the floor. On the subject of the plan to acquire the Glebe, Chair responded that the Church solicitors have thus far been unwilling or unable to begin work on their side of the contract. Regarding plans to change the use of the bus shelter, Clerk commented that planning permission for change of use was still being sought by Mr Wooldridge.

22/145: District and County Councillors' reports:

Both reports received with thanks. GCC Cllr Thomas highlighted that Stagecoach continue to cancel bus services at short notice, leaving passengers young and old at bus stops unaware of the cancellation. Cllr Clements noted that the app and helpline for the assistance of travellers are failing to function. Cllr Clements also gave an example of a young schoolgirl being dropped off on the B4066 in the dark, rather than the bus going into Nympsfield as scheduled. Cllr Thomas reported that GCC are/will be reporting Stagecoach to the Traffic Commissioner. What impact that may have remains to be seen. SDC Cllr Percy reported that SDC is now run by an alliance of parties led by the Green party. Also see 'Warm Hub'.

22/146: Planning matters:

S.22/2397/AFPA Thistledown Project, Tinkley Lane, Nympsfield.
Agricultural/Forestry. Erection of machinery & farm equipment store.
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.22/2397/AFPA>

S.22/2396/AFP A Thistledown Project, Tinkley Lane, Nympsfield.
Agricultural/Forestry. Erection of forestry store.
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.22/2396/AFP A>

NPC offered no objection to either application but expressed the hope that any associated external lighting would be chosen with the aim of minimising light pollution.

22/147: Financial Matters – Payments of the Council:

Village Hall cleaning October and hire invoices 265,267,284,288,294,299,300 - £208.13

Leopard Press printing October/November £117.00

Salary & expenses October £210.20

HMRC tax October £52.40

Precept Part 2 received in this month - £5000.

22/148: Clerk's Report:

Two builders have been asked for quotes and chased.

Barrow steps insurance claim – met Gary Steele of Zurich claims on site.

Highways – a phone call was had with Gary Wilson of Glos Highways following correspondence around the Frocester Hill junction.

Letters to village hall, playing field committee and village newsletter to be sent re grant applications for 2023.

22/149: Play Equipment Report: Cllr Clements reported: still waiting to see if Lottery Fund funding request has been successful. A meeting with the Playing Field Committee has resulted in a decision not to fence the play area – it could be extended in future into the area not currently used and would be more welcoming to children without a fence. Cllr Clements in response to a question from the clerk, stated that ownership of the play equipment once built, will revert to the PFC rather than NPC. This was agreed as being more straightforward and natural. They will maintain the asset going forward. The monies raised, up to the point of build, will be administered by NPC. Should the project fail to proceed to completion, the money would remain with NPC for the benefit of parish children in future. Clerk raised the possibility of some form of matching grant from NPC using CIL monies received.

22/150: Climate Action Network:

Cllr Gaunt suggested that the push at District level for CAN was not as great as formerly. Cllr Piercy agreed that the cost-of-living crisis had moved the political focus. Public charging stations for electric vehicles were discussed. Nympsfield was not seen as well positioned to install them.

22/151: Highways:

Comments from the public have been invited with a closing date around 22 November, regarding the GCC plan for the Frocester Hill junction. Several already received and all will be passed on to GCC Highways for review.

22/152: Glebe:

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

22/153: Bus Shelter:

Cllr Gaunt confirms the crack in the back wall is caused by lack of foundations and soft moist earth around. The gutter needs cleaning out and ivy removed.

No further news on change of use progress.

22/154: Warm Hub:

The Working Men's Club was reported as being positive towards the idea. Currently it opens every day. Cllr Clements had meeting with the WMC. Some funding from Stroud DC might be available to support. NPC could also support. They are willing to extend open hours to mornings if they can cover extra staff costs. The WMC are interested in using their wood burner to heat the upstairs room which would be a good 'warm hub' space. They would be interested in any financial help to do the plumbing installation. Cllr Price explained how NPC could potentially support this, but pointed out the work could not be conditional on an NPC grant. The existence of alcohol and people drinking when young children might be present in the warm space was seen as an issue to be resolved. Cllr Piercy mentioned 'Miranda' at Stroud DC who can offer advice about the development of the WMC as a community hub. Thanks were given to Cllr Piercy for his contribution.

22/154: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

None this month.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.

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