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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)  
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 11th September  
2023**

**23/125: Present:**

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr A Robertson, County Cllr W Thomas, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

**23/126: Apologies:**

District Cllr M Pearcy. Cllr R Clements has tendered her resignation.

**23/127: Minutes:**

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August were approved and signed.

**23/128: Declarations of Personal Interest:**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

**23/129: Public Participation:**

None this month.

**23/130: District and County Councillors' reports:**

There was no District or County council reportable news as no meeting was held in August. However, Cllr Thomas attended to report no progress with the VAS system for Frocester Hill.

The process for declaring a Casual Vacancy is about to begin, in the wake of Cllr Clements' resignation. The remaining councillors wish to thank Rosie for her big contribution during her time as councillor and wish her well in her new venture.

**23/131: Planning matters:**

None this month.

**23/132: Grant Applications:**

Nympsfield Playing Field Committee have submitted a grant application for funding towards the cost of a defibrillator for the playing field. Although there is one sited at

the Barrow, it was felt this would take too long to access from the playing field. Given the number of people engaged in sporting activity there, a second defibrillator was thought to be a prudent option. Other funding contributions are also being sought. NPC voted unanimously to contribute £450 towards the cost of this worthwhile initiative.

**23/133: Financial Matters – Payments of the Council:**

Nympsfeld Village Hall £20 – hire, August.

Leopard Press – £189, July/Aug.

Salary and Expenses £279.70 - August.

HMRC £70 – August.

Nympsfeld Playing Field Committee £450 – grant, see previous minute.

**23/134: Periodic financial sampling:** Clerk has added a copy of approved grant applications and supporting documents to the relevant invoice folder, where payments have been made. This was noted and approved by Cllr Gaunt, who had cross checked one such payment at the August meeting.

**23/135: Clerk's Report:**

No progress to report on the bus shelter repair.

A visit to the NT Thistledown site took place, members of NPC were shown round. NT still finalising their plans. They do not intend to make an exception to villagers for the parking fee now charged. They are interested in a footpath to link to Nympsfeld although it is not a priority for them. NPC are to ask for a map of the NT ownership and to continue to explore options and then present their best idea to NT to help make this happen. No further talk of a play park at present.

The Village Hall Committee are interested in having the village hall registered as an Asset of Community Value. NPC offered to support their application as required.

Chair has expressed concern to the owner that the site to the side of the pub remained open, untidy and dangerous. The site as a result has been cleared and is tidy, if not secure.

**23/136: Consider Councillor vacancy:**

In the wake of Cllr Clements resignation Stroud DC were notified and a period of one month began, wherein members of the parish can request an election. This period has ended and no request has been made. NPC may now lawfully co-opt a (willing) member of the parish to fill the vacancy. Councillors were urged to consider likely candidates. Any parishioner who wishes to become a councillor and or has any questions about the role should contact the clerk.

**23/137: Highways:**

VAS remains to be installed at Frocester Hill junction. Cllr Tomiak-Baquero reported potential interest in neighbouring parishes for the shared use of a camera to capture traffic speed data. He will keep abreast of any developments should it be appropriate for Nympsfield's purposes.

Apropos of Tinkley Lane traffic, concern was expressed again that the FGR housing plan might be proceeding but NPC were not being consulted. It was not known whether or not permission had already been granted. This was to be ascertained.

**23/138: Glebe:**

The Diocese have made contact, confirming their willingness to pass the Glebe on to the parish, with certain conditions. NPC voted unanimously to press forward to acquiring the Glebe on behalf of the people of Nympsfield, on the understanding that the costs of acquisition are known and manageable. Ongoing costs of ownership are difficult to predict but would have to be contained within budget and would therefore be accountable.

**23/139: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:**

Cllr Gaunt - Community Ownership Fund. Clerk to investigate and report.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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