NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 8th April 2024

24/053: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr A Robertson, Cllr N Crabb, District Cllr Pearcy, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

24/054: Apologies:

County Cllr Thomas, Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero.

24/055: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March were signed and approved.

24/056: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

24/057: District and County Councillors' reports:

The County Councillor's report for March was received with thanks by email. The report for March from District Cllr Pearcy has been received with thanks by email. He highlighted the canals project, the 'Warm and Well' scheme is up and running. Swedish timber houses redevelopment proposal was mentioned, also the changed Stroud grass cutting regime – now leaving it longer. 'Discover Stroud Trails' app also mentioned.

24/058: Planning matters:

S.24/0421/LBC: The Lodge House, Woodchester Park, Nympsfield, Stonehouse. Erection of stone piers to support new gate (retrospective) and removal of rooflight. Web Link: https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.24/0421/LBC

NPC make no objection to the rooflight aspect, but agreed to restate their objection to the new gate and piers.

S.24/0433/LBC: Village Hall replacement of storage shed, hall ceiling removal and building of access ramp.

NPC make no objection to this application.

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24/059: Grant Applications:

Nympsfield Village Hall applied for grant funding for its cleaning bill for 2024/25. Following a brief discussion, NPC voted to make a grant of £750, as requested.

24/060: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Salary and expenses - £279.70 (March)

HMRC PAYE - £70 (March)

1st qtrly Grant payment Playing Field grass cutting - £358.08

1st qtrly Grant payment Village Hall cleaning - £187.50

GAPTC annual subs - £112.90

NVH hire - March - £20

24/061: Clerk's Report:

3rd qtr bank reconciliation presented. Awaiting bank statement for the full year position.

Clerk reminded council of both the upcoming Annual meeting in May, to be held immediately before the May parish council meeting, and the upcoming auditing season.

Chair welcomed Cllr Crabb to her first council meeting.

24/062: Highways:

Chair reported that Give Way signs at Frocester Hill are missing and have been reported.

24/063: The Glebe:

Chair updated the PC on recent communication with Bruton Knowles, who last month promised their heads-of-terms within a week – unfortunately nothing more so far...

24/064: May 2024 Elections:

May 2nd Election: All councillors returned unopposed. Chair suggested a Facebook entry to that effect. Acceptance forms to be signed at the next meeting.

24/065: Annual Village Spring Clean:

A date of 21st April has been chosen and a barbeque for litter pickers will be hosted at the Nympsfield Club. Clerk to liaise with Stroud DC to acquire kit. An estimate of up to 40 volunteers was made. Cllr Robertson will be the organising force on the day. There was a discussion over which areas of the village to focus on.

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The club is to prepare a feast and has quoted a price and will ultimately provide an invoice to NPC.

24/066: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

Chair for Cllr Crabb: A Play equipment project progress update.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

(Signed) 13 / 5 / 2024