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

24/018: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr A Robertson, District Cllr M Percy, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

24/019: Apologies:

C Fairbrother (Clerk).

24/020: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January were signed and approved.

24/021: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

24/025: Public Participation:

Four members of the public were present.

24/026: District and County Councillors' reports:

Both reports received with thanks.

The local plan review was discussed. The Chair stated that she had received a response from the Planning Inspectorate - they are not considering additional issues at this point. Cllr. Percy has received complaints about the state of the Rose and Crown; given the planning applications and sale it seems unlikely that enforcement action will take place. (Chair agreed to contact the owners to raise concerns about missing tiles and the ivy growth.)

The County Councillor also gave her report. Some of the VAS signs are now in place but there are still issues coming from the Cockadilly direction, for example a faint white line at the junction. Cllr Thomas will contact the Highways team, as will Cllr Tomiak. GCC have launched a greener Gloucestershire grant scheme. Cllr Gaunt to inform the village hall committee and the Club. Information on revised bus timetables is still awaited.

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24/027: Planning matters:

S.24/0032/FUL Land Off Tinkley Lane, Nympsfield, GL10 3UH, (The Majority Of The Former Thistledown Farm And Part Of Woodchester Park). Use of land and buildings for National Trust access-to-nature site, including cafe, camping, car park alterations, and internal access improvements into Woodchester Park.

NPC raised no objections, although there are concerns about the level of traffic along Tinkley Lane and at the junction in the village (particularly in conjunction with the proposed development at Forest Green Rovers), as well as the condition of Tinkley Lane.

S.23/2505/LBC. The refusal of the Listed Building Consent application at the barns was noted.

24/028: Grant Applications:

None this month.

24/029: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Salary and expenses - £279.90 (January)

HMRC PAYE - £69.80 (January)

PFC grass cutting Grant – payment 4 of 4 - £341.04

NVH cleaning Grant – payment 4 of 4 - £202.50

NVH hire – Jan - £20

24/030: Clerk's Report:

J Turkington awarded the village grass cutting contract for 2024. C Hathaway thanked and invited to re-apply for 2025.

Wall crumbling under WMC land – WMC contacted, they are aware and have repairs in hand. Building control & Highways informed.

24/031: Consider Councillor vacancy:

The councillor vacancy was discussed with the two potential candidates who attended the meeting. Concluding the discussion, they were asked to confirm in writing to the clerk if they were still interested. The upcoming election was also discussed as an opportunity for new people to join the PC. A process for deciding who to co-opt will be decided if-and-when more than one candidate puts their name forward.

24/032: Highways:

Frocester Hill Junction was discussed earlier in the County Councillor's report.



A new blackspot on the bend between the Mansion gates and the gliding club was highlighted. Cllrs Thomas and Tomiak to raise with Highways.

School parking continues to be a safety issue. Clerk to contact parking enforcement and community police to request that they attend and provide advice to problem parkers.

Accessibility. Some footpath gates and stiles have been made more accessible but the one into Coaley Peak picnic site opposite the Mansion gates remains an issue. Chair to contact Cotswold Warden and possible land owners.

24/033: Biodiversity:

The biodiversity policy that was circulated prior to the meeting was adopted.

24/034: The Glebe:

Chair updated the PC on recent communication with the Diocese's agent. There does seem to be some progress and a draft heads of terms etc should be sent over in the near future.

24/035: May 2024 Elections:

Postponed until next month.

24/036: Annual Village Spring Clean:

NPC is aware that a few members of the community have been litter picking around the village and wish to note their thanks for this work.

However, there are still other areas to litter pick, vegetation clearance and sign washing to be done. A potential date of 21st April was chosen. Once date is confirmed Chair to contact SDC for kit and removal of rubbish. Cllr Robertson to contact the club to see if they could arrange refreshments etc. Need to establish how many people usually help at the litter pick. Cllr Tomiak to publicise on Facebook once date confirmed.

24/037: Play Equipment Project:

Nicola Crabb confirmed that she is taking on this project and is liaising with Rosie and Ava, who also attended the meeting.

24/038: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

None this month.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.



(Signed)  (Dated) 8/4/24 ..