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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 11th March 2024**

24/036: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr A Robertson, five members of the public, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

24/037: Apologies:

District Cllr Percy. County Cllr Thomas.

24/038: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February were signed and approved.

24/039: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

24/040: Public Participation:

The members of the group leading the initiative to purchase the Rose and Crown as a community owned pub presented the background and immediate next steps toward this objective. A public survey is underway. A meeting is to be convened in April, during which the survey results will be announced. A surveyor will value the property and its potential commercial return. Along with the survey results, the outputs of this will feed the decision process re the ongoing plan.

The early development fees will amount to approximately £2500. This amount must be spent but would be lost if the project did not go further. This currently would be borne by the members of the group. It was agreed that NPC should support the initiative as best they can but it was stressed that financial support could only be limited. The grant application process was explained.

24/041: District and County Councillors' reports:

The County Councillor's report for March was unavailable at the time of the meeting. The District Councillor's report was received with thanks.

24/042: Planning matters:



S.24/0230/FUL: Access For Woodchester Park, Nympsfield, Gloucestershire. Installation of connecting pathway and steps between car park and track into Woodchester Park, plus surface water management with aquacells. Web Link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.24/0230/FUL>

NPC make no objection to this application.

S.24/0280/HHOLD: 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.24/0280/HHOLD>

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

S.24/0357/TCA: Lark Rise, The Plain, Nympsfield, Stonehouse. T1 Beech tree - Reduce back to previous reduction points. (3 to 5 metres reduction) Web Link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.24/0357/TCA>

NPC make no objection to this application.

S.18/0815/OUT: Forest Green Rovers FC, The New Lawn, Smiths Way, Forest Green. Resubmission of S.17/0850/OUT - The demolition of The New Lawn Football Stadium (Forest Green Rovers FC) and re-development to provide the erection of up to 95 dwellings, up to 0.11 hectares of community uses (which may include D1/D2/A3/B1 uses), landscaping, open space, associated access, parking and infrastructure. All matters reserved except access (using existing access). <https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

NPC agreed to make an objection to this development, firstly on the basis that the traffic implications for Nympsfield have been understated and that traffic flows have already grown more than previously accounted for, secondly on the basis that local infrastructure will be stressed by almost 100 new homes.

24/043: Grant Applications:

A member of the Playing Field Committee presented their application for funding toward the annual cost of cutting the grass. It was explained that their preferred contractor had quoted a considerably cheaper price than two alternatives, but that nevertheless there was to be a 5% increase this year. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to award a grant to cover the cost of the first 20 cuts. It was also agreed to cover the cost of the associated VAT.

24/044: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Salary and expenses - £279.00 (February)

HMRC PAYE - £70 (February)



Leopard Press – (March/April) £153.00

NPC noted that the cost of the monthly newsletter has been subject to some variation recently, due to extra pages being printed for various reasons. Clerk was asked to request that, going forward, NPC are informed of any intended extra printing and associated costs. This would need to be sanctioned by NPC on a case by case basis.

Softlink computer Services - £120.00

Clerk Expenses (payment of 7 months' web hosting costs) - £84.00

NVH hire – Feb - £20

24/045: Clerk's Report:

Rob Gazzard has expressed his intention to get on with the bus shelter repairs.

24/046: Consider Councillor vacancy:

Nicola Crabb has confirmed her interest. No other candidates having done so, NPC were pleased to unanimously accept Nicola as the new Nympsfield Parish Councillor.

24/047: Highways:

A new blackspot on the bend between the Mansion gates and the gliding club was highlighted. Cllr Tomiak has contacted GCC Highways' Gary Wilson, who is aware of the location and will report as to whether the accident data meets the criteria whereby some intervention is made. It is far from certain that all incidents at this spot have been collated by the police, and this is the required source of data as far as GCC Highways are concerned.

24/048: The Glebe:

Chair updated the PC on recent communication with Bruton Knowles, who have promised their heads-of-terms within a week.

24/049: May 2024 Elections:

May 2nd Election: Nomination forms for prospective councillors were explained to the council. Forms to be submitted by hand to Stroud DC Ebley Mill offices between 19th March and 5th April.

The election is publicised on the noticeboard and parish website. In addition, Cllr Robertson undertook to add some information to Facebook.



24/050: 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. Chair to contact SDC for kit. An estimate of up to 40 volunteers was made. Cllr Tomiak to help publicise.

24/051: Village Hall:

Cllr Gaunt outlined their plans to update toilets and kitchen, stressed the importance of the village hall to the village and hoped NPC might give priority to any approach by the VH Committee for financial support.

24/052: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

None this month.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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