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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 13th May 2024**

24/067: Present:

Cllr A Robertson (Chair), Cllr S Price, Cllr N Crabb, County Cllr Thomas, C Fairbrother (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

24/068: Apologies:

Cllr T Gaunt, District Cllr Percy, Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero.

24/069: Minutes:

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

24/070: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

24/071: District and County Councillors' reports:

The County and District Councillors' reports for April were received with thanks by email. County Cllr Thomas highlighted Highways website – it now shows the program of works and a pothole list. Stagecoach is struggling to provide the extra services that GCC have funding for. Build Back Better (County Councillor) funding ends May 2025 but they are looking for applications before the end of this year.

24/072: Planning matters:

Decision –

Rose and Crown: Change of use of the existing building into a single residential dwelling - permission was refused on biodiversity grounds.

Applications –

S.24/0729/TPO Dingle Edge, Bath Road, Nympsfield. Sycamore - Crown reduce all stems by 4-5m in height with lateral spread reduction of 2-3m of remaining limbs. Any deadwood or squirrel damage branches remaining over the boundary should be removed. <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.24/0729/TPO>

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S.24/0700/TCA The Knapp, The Plain, Nympsfield. Trees in a Conservation Area Three poplar trees (T1, T2 and T3) branch pollard to a height just below the other trees in the copse around them. T1 - reduce by approx 12m. T2 and T3 - reduce by approx 8m. <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.24/0700/TCA>

S.24/0678/LBC Threshing Tythe Barn, St Bartholomews View, Nympsfield. Internal alterations. <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.24/0678/LBC>

S.24/0790/MINAM Candle Cottage, The Plain, Nympsfield. Amendment to S.21/2008/HHOLD - change of materials to proposed rear extension window and door, from wood and aluminium to upvc, but no change to proposed colour of olive/grey.

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

NPC made no objection to any of the above applications.

24/073: Grant Applications:

The Rose and Crown Community Buying Group applied for grant funding for its initial start-up costs, including valuation survey and ancillary items. Following a brief discussion, including that it is eminently possible the project will fail, NPC voted to make a grant of £500 to support their start-up costs. This reflects the NPC support for the project but also the reality that the council operates under financial constraints and must operate within them.

It was also agreed that the grant award policy be amended to remove the rule that only one grant per organisation may be made or applied for per year.

24/074: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Salary and expenses - £279.90 (April)

HMRC PAYE - £69.80 (March)

NVH hire – April - £20

24/075: Clerk's Report:

Acceptance of Office forms to be signed and retained.

Expenses forms to be signed and returned to Stroud DC.

Village Hall letter of recommendation for their funding applications.

The statutory limits on council spending were explained to the council. NPC's freedom to make grants to deserving causes is governed by an absolute limit under section 137 of the Local Government Act of 1972.

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Cllr Robertson was welcomed as Chair and Cllr Price was thanked for her 3 years of excellence as Chair.

24/076: Highways:

Cllr Price reported again that Give Way signs at Frocester Hill are still missing.

Chevrons along the B4066 not all easy to see because of vegetation. Clerk to raise with Highways.

24/077: The Glebe:

Chair updated the PC on recent communication with Bruton Knowles, who expect to produce something within three weeks.

24/078: Play Equipment Report:

Cllr Crabb provided an update – grant applications have so far proved unfruitful as the strict conditions of the various granting bodies have not quite been met. The majority of the funding needed remains to be found. Cllr Crabb is to be in contact with the Playing field Committee to ensure they are still in support of the project. Cllr Crabb also spoke to Kim Burrell at the NT regarding a path between the Playing Field and Tinkley Gate. They seem supportive of the idea.

24/079: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

(Signed)..........(Dated).....10/6/2024.....