NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

24/094: Present:

Cllr A Robertson (Chair), Cllr S Price (Vice Chair), Cllr T Gaunt, County Cllr Thomas, District Cllr Pearcy, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

24/095: Apologies:

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr Crabb.

24/096: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June were signed and approved.

24/097: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

24/098: District and County Councillors' reports:

The County and District Councillors' reports for July were received with thanks. County Cllr Thomas highlighted that Stagecoach is resolving its driver shortages and extra evening services between Dursley and Stroud (no 65) may now be a reality, but no confirmation as yet that they will stop at Nympsfield. Robin services have started – book a ride online. One Robin bus is available for the Nympsfield area. Build Back Better (County Councillor) funding is still available, applications to be before the end of 2024. District report – housing: government funding has been accessed which will aid Stroud's retrofit program for increased energy efficiency. More temporary accommodation to be made available to deal with homelessness in the district.

24/099: Planning matters:

S.24/1197/TPO Woodchester Park, Nympsfield. Tree Preservation Order - Shelter belt crown raise to 5.5m, overhanging bows cut back to 5.5 m above the height of the road. Any disease trees that pose a risk to falling into the road will be identified and appropriate work carried out. This will include felling a small number of dying ash trees.

S.24/1084/TCA White Hart Court, Front Street, Nympsfield.Trees in a Conservation Area: T1: Sorbus aria: Reduce crown by 2 meters and lateral spread by 1.5 metres.

S.24/1201/DISCON Discharge of Condition 3 (construction management plan - phase 1), 4 (construction ecological management plan), 5 (landscape and ecological management plan), 6 (archaeological work), 7 (tree protection monitoring - phase 1) and 9 (tree protection monitoring - phase 2) from S.24/0032/FUL Land Off Tinkley Lane Nympsfield GL10 3UH (The Majority Of The Former Thistledown Farm And Part Of Woodchester Park).

NPC made no objection to these applications.

24/100: Grant Applications:

A Village Hall application has been received for the replacement of two cookers in the kitchen.

NPC have established that CIL funding may legitimately be spent on projects such as this, which will benefit the community. CIL funding has been received as mitigation for newbuild in the village over recent times. NPC voted unanimously to support the application and will make a payment of £1554 to include a £54 contribution to the wiring cost.

24/101: Audit Matters:

None this month.

24/102: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Salary and expenses - £279.70 (June)

HMRC PAYE - £70 (June)

The final bank reconciliation and actual spend versus budgeted spend for the year end 2022/23 was noted and agreed.

24/103: Clerk's Report:

None this month.

24/104: Highways:

NPC noted that road verges are growing quickly and the cutting schedules do not appear to be keeping pace. County Cllr Thomas drew attention to the 'Fix My Street' page on the GCC website and advised early notification of any issues via this method.

A complaint about speeding vehicles within the village has been received from a resident. NPC take this seriously and would welcome any further information. With a sufficient number of complaints, Highways dept can provide temporary speed

cameras (at a cost). There is an ongoing problem with speeding through Cockadilly, but there is an actual speed limit within the village which of course should be observed. A check of speed limit signs and whether they require cleaning will be made. An informal 20 is plenty campaign could be revisited

24/105: The Glebe:

NPC members have checked the boundary of the Glebe and noted differences on the ground from the map provided by Bruton Knowles. This has been returned to BK with the request that they arrange for a survey and redrawing of the boundary.

24/106: Tinkley Lane Footpath:

A meeting took place between NPC, the National Trust and a key landowner to discuss a possible footpath. Potential routes were discussed and goodwill was expressed all round. However, there is a waiting list for public right of way amendments at Glos Highway's footpath department which would delay implementation by a number of years. Some creative thinking is still required here. Any solution will be published to gauge local support and/or objections.

24/107: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

Cllr Gaunt asked if a survey of springs within the parish could be undertaken.
The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

(Signed)	(Dated)