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

24/123: Present:

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

24/124: Apologies:

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero, District Cllr Percy.

24/125: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September were approved and signed. (The meeting of 14th October had been cancelled with therefore no minutes resulting.)

24/126: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

24/127: District and County Councillors' reports:

The County Councillor's report for July was received with thanks.

Patching of Tinkley Lane at the Nympsfield end is to be funded by the County Councillor's fund – NPC expressed thanks.

According to GCC Highways, any speeding restriction has to be preceded by a survey, and speeding data must be collected before any speed restriction for Cockadilly can be imposed, despite Cockadilly being shown to have the requisite number of buildings to constitute a 'village'.

24/128: Public Questions/Participation:

Karl Hodgkinson of the Playing Field Committee presented further options for improved access to the playing field. A simplified version would see a new footpath running inside the field, opposite the playing field, alongside the hedge through which a new stile/gate would be created. A crossing and barriers to protect exit from the playing field and the opposite field would be created.

Peter Wooldridge, representing ownership of said field, expressed willingness to allow a permissive path to this end. Clerk commented that an extension of this proposed path, to the far corner of the field, would connect well with a separate proposed pathway to Tinkley Gate. Peter undertook to raise the question with the owner. In any event, NPC and Karl Hodgkinson of the Playing Field Committee expressed their gratitude to Peter for his family's offer of a solution to an otherwise dangerous approach to the playing field.

Karl stated that if the parish council were to front the project, 50% matched funding from GCC Highways might be available, although this could not be guaranteed. Total estimated cost, including surfacing the new field path, signage and kerbs, earth movements etc have been quoted as £25k-£35k.

NPC to investigate funding opportunities specific to footpaths. For the present, PFC to continue to drive this project.

24/129: Planning matters:

S.24/2002/TCA Bell Court, The Plain, Nympsfield, Stonehouse. Trees in a Conservation Area Removal to ground level. Yew has outgrown space and interfering with growth of adjacent beech hedge.

S.24/1902/CPE Tinkley Lodge, Tinkley Lane, Nympsfield, Stonehouse. Certificate Existing Lawful Use/Dev :Use of land and buildings as a woodyard (B2) for a period of ten or more years.

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/login.jsp>

No NPC comment on either.

24/130: Grant Applications:

The school would like help with the cost of Road Safety Week. NPC agreed to a contribution. Road safety signs to be placed around the village are to be printed and laminated by the school. Clerk to check with Leopard Press for a comparative estimate for professional laminating.

24/131: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Salary and expenses - £279.70 and £279.90 (September and October)

HMRC PAYE - £70.00 and £69.80 (September and October)

Village Hall hire June - £22.50

Leopard Press – Nov/Dec printing - £117.00

J Turkington – annual bill for 8 periodic grass cuttings around the village - £680.00

24/132: Clerk's Report:

A resident has repeated a request for tree pruning on the Barrow to prevent future danger. NPC repeated its position that it does not own the Barrow and therefore should not be pruning someone else's trees. Clerk to ask Highways if they will take this job on as ownership is not clear.

An insurance claim is still ongoing, from a fall down the Barrow steps suffered by a visitor to the Nympsfield Club a couple of years ago. NPC and their insurers continue to deny liability.

24/133: Tinkley Gate Footpath:

Discussed under public participation above.

24/134: Highways:

Nothing more this month.

24/135: The Glebe:

Cllr Price is to write a further letter to prompt Bruton Knowles to act on their undertaking to sell the Glebe to NPC.

24/136: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

Nothing this month.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

(Signed).....(Dated).....