

MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 13th February 2023

23/016: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, Cllr A Robertson, GCC Cllr W Thomas, SDC Cllr M Percy, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

23/017: Minutes and Declarations:

The Draft Minutes of the 9th January meeting were unanimously approved. No declarations of personal interest were received.

23/018: Public Participation: None this month.

23/019: District and County Councillors' reports:

Both reports received with thanks. Cllr Thomas gave a summary of her latest correspondence with Gloucester Highways re Frocester Hill junction. Correspondence was also reported with Andy Birchley of Gloucester CC regarding Smith's earthworks etc on David's Lane. Sophie Holley of Stroud DC planning enforcement will investigate and report, however Smiths do have a licence to bring a limited amount of materials on site. The bunds along David's Lane and elsewhere were seen as boundary construction and therefore would be permitted agricultural development. Julian Thomas was named by SDC Cllr Percy as a new interim planning enforcement officer. Cllr Percy also mentioned the Stroud Town and Parish Charter, parish councils are encouraged to sign up.

23/020: Planning matters:

S.22/2697/FUL Nympsfield Bus Shelter. Change of use of disused bus shelter to installation of milk vending machine for sale of milk products.

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.22/2697/FULC>

Clerk noted that no time extension had been granted to NPC to discuss this application. However, in any case a brief discussion followed, as NPC own the bus shelter and are well aware of this application. No objection was made.

23/021: Grant Applications:



The Village Hall have made an application for funding to meet expected spending. NPC firstly discussed the cleaning bill, which is a specific, known amount. It was agreed unanimously to fund this for another year. Other work/equipment was not thought to be sufficiently costed to meet NPC grant criteria. The Village Hall committee are to be invited to resubmit their application with this in mind.

23/022: Financial Matters – Payments of the Council:

Leopard Press – Nov/Dec & Jan/Feb printing costs £234

Village Hall hire January invoice 322 and January cleaning - £95

Salary & expenses January £210

HMRC tax January £52.40

23/023: Financial Matters – Other:

Budget 2023 2nd draft was presented to the council. Noted and approved.

3rd quarter bank reconciliation presented. Noted.

3rd quarter budget v actual comparison presented. Noted.

Auditors for this year's internal audit are GAPTC as per previous years. Noted and approved.

23/024: Clerk's Report:

The Rose and Crown has closed. It is thought to be for sale. The status of the pub as an Asset of Community Value was discussed. It was agreed that Chair pursue this.

Horsley PC have contacted the Clerk re the developments along David's Lane as they also are concerned.

Emergency Handover Pack – to be carried forward to next month.

23/025: Highways:

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero noted that Stroud News have published his submission about the dangers of Frocester Hill junction. A further recent incident involving a lorry was noted. He also noted that Gloucester Highways' department have failed to acknowledge or respond to his comprehensive report on the incidents which took place over the Christmas period.

23/026: Glebe:

Nothing heard this month.

23/027: Bus Shelter:

Rob Gazzard to fill cracks when the weather warms sufficiently for the mortar to set.

23/028: Warm Hub:

Nothing new to report.

23/029: Coronation:

The Village Hall committee have agreed to support a street party.

23/030: Adoption of Town and Parish Charter:

It was noted that the email format required would not allow councillors to sign in. Clerk noted that the NPC email address format would not comply either.

23/031: Bins:

The Playing Field Committee is investigating the possibility of another or a larger waste bin. Stroud DC are considering if they can service it. Chair to follow up with Stroud.


23/032: Assets of Community Value:

In addition to the Rose and Crown initiative, it appears 'Quarry Wood' was leased but never owned by NPC. NPC agreed not to pursue another lease as the wood was never properly used or maintained and could not be justified as being an ACV.

23/033: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

None this month.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

(Signed)..........(Dated).....10/7/23