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**DRAFT MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council
(NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 12th June
2023**

23/067: Present:

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

23/068: Apologies:

Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero.

23/069: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the 15th May meeting were unanimously approved.

23/070: Declarations:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

23/071: District and County Councillors' reports:

Both reports received by email with thanks. County Cllr Thomas highlighted some extra funding for youth related projects, separate from the Build Back Better funding announced last month. Cllr Clements asked about the level of documentation required to apply for BBB funding – Cllr Thomas thought the requirement was not too demanding if the sum applied for was not excessive. District Cllr Percy mentioned he is now also Coaley PC Chair.

23/072: Planning matters:

None received this month. However, Chair reported on a meeting she has had with the owner of the Rose and Crown, who wishes to sell the pub and the adjacent barn separately. He has undertaken to clear up the site of the barn soon. NPC feel that selling the barn separately might adversely impact the future of the pub as a going concern as, for instance, most of the potential for outside seating would be lost.

23/073: Woodchester Park:

Chair reported the tragic death of a local person in a Woochester Park lake. There is a tradition of 'wild' swimming there.

23/074: Grant Applications:

None this month. It was however agreed that The Nympsfield newsletter should be officially owned by NPC, who have always fully covered the printing cost.

23/075: Financial Matters – Payments of the Council:

Community First Insurance year 1 of a 3-year agreement - £266.57

Salary & expenses May - £279.70

HMRC tax May - £70

Leopard Press March/April & May/June newsletters - £216

Village Hall Hire March - £20

TW Hawkins 2022 season grass cutting of Playing Field (20 cuts) - £1,275.12

Village Hall cleaning March - £60

23/076: Clerk's Report:

The meeting acknowledged and approved the choice of insurer for the next 3 years.

Clerk warned the meeting of the impending annual internal audit, which will now form a large part of the July meeting.

Two trees on the Barrow appear to require pruning. Clerk has contacted the Diocese of Clifton, who at first pass do not acknowledge ownership of the Barrow. Clerk to share any documentation with the Diocese.

NPC have requested that the Rose and Crown be made an Asset of Community Value, which has no particular legal status but indicates to anyone concerned that the pub has meaning for the village. Chair to enquire as to the progress of this application.

The NT have advertised for staff at the Thistledown café.

NPC requested copies of all the documentation around the plans for play equipment at the Playing Field, for their records. The sub-committee rep agreed to provide them.

23/077: Highways:

County Cllr Thomas has chased the Highways manager for the installation of the electronic VAS devices at Frocester Hill junction.

Cllr Gaunt had raised the issue of footpaths being planted over. Chair clarified that landowners do not receive payment for maintaining paths and stiles, but they are required to keep the paths clear. Julian Foxon of the Cotswold Wardens can be contacted to help with any particular case.

23/078: Glebe:

Chair continues to prompt the Diocese land agents for action on the proposed handover of the Glebe.

23/079: Bus Shelter:

The change of use planning application has been allowed.

Clerk to contact Rob Gazzard about repairing the cracks.

23/080: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

Clerk: Audit 2022/23.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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