

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council
(NPC) held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 13th
March 2023**

23/034: Present:

Cllr S Price (Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, Cllr R Clements, Cllr A Robertson, , SDC Cllr M Percy, 5 members of the public, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

23/035: Apologies: GCC Cllr W Thomas.

23/036: Minutes and Declarations:

The Draft Minutes of the 13th February meeting were unanimously approved. No declarations of personal interest were received.

23/037: Public Participation: Members of the Nympsfield Playing Fields Committee attended to present their grant application and parishioners attended to discuss an eviction order.

23/038: District and County Councillors' reports:

Both reports received with thanks.

Cllr Percy stated the Stroud District Local Plan is with inspectors. The right to object to imposed building quotas is forthcoming for SDC. Deposit / return schemes and food vouchers for the needy are schemes in the making. Planning enforcement have now recruited staff and hopefully will be able to make inroads in enforcement backlog.

23/039: Planning matters:

S.23/0299/TCA 3 Highland House, Church Street, Nympsfield. Trees in a Conservation Area: Conifer to be felled to near ground level.

Web Link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.23/0299/TCA>

Cllr Gaunt, having declared an interest, left the room as the matter was discussed. No objection was made.

Chair suggested, in light of the existing application for housing on the Forest Green football ground, NPC should renew their concerns with Stroud planning regarding the

implications for increased traffic along Tinkley Lane and the Cross at Nympsfield. This would also worsen the pedestrian access to the playing field.

23/040: Grant Applications:

The Playing Field Committee applied for funding towards the cost of grass cutting up to 20 cuts. After several questions were discussed, NPC agreed to make this grant.

The Village Hall applied for funding to cover the cost of their booking system. It was agreed, after due consideration, that the current booking system was expensive for the quality offered and compared to the actual value of bookings received annually. Two cheaper online options were noted and clerk agreed to go back to the VH treasurer with NPC concerns.

23/041: Financial Matters – Payments of the Council:

PATA – annual charge (in advance for 2023 payroll services – £103.20

Village Hall hire December cleaning - £60

Salary & expenses February - £313.40 to include 8 month's website hosting cost.

HMRC February tax - £52.60.

23/042: Financial Matters – Other:

Clerk's salary is proposed to be realigned with recommended salary scales.

In his absence, NPC discussed this and the change was agreed and hours extended by 6 hours per month to a recommended level for the size of the parish/budget. An updated statement of employment to be written for the following meeting.

A first draft 'emergency handover pack' has been circulated to members of NPC for discussion next time.

23/043: Clerk's Report:

Clerk reported that a request had been received for help in assisting a Nympsfield resident to be rehoused within the village, as his current tenancy was ending imminently. NPC also heard representation from members of the public on his behalf. A brief discussion followed and Chair summarised NPC's position which was that whilst being supportive of long time Nympsfield residents remaining in the village, it had no direct control over the tenancy choices of Stroud DC. The Stroud DC councillor (Cllr Percy) was present and was asked if there was anything he could do to help. He agreed to put the case on behalf of the Nympsfield resident to Stroud DC Housing.

23/044: Highways:

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero noted that Gloucester Highways' department have still failed to acknowledge or respond to his comprehensive report on the accidents which occurred over the Christmas period.

23/045: Glebe:

Chair reported that the Cotswold Wardens (volunteers) have repaired the lower gate to the Glebe, with the thanks of NPC due to them. Chair will continue to prompt the Diocese solicitors for action on the proposed handover of the Glebe.

23/046: Bus Shelter:

No update this month.

23/047: Warm Hub:

Nothing new to report.

23/048: Coronation:

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

23/049: Adoption of Town and Parish Charter:

NPC agreed to adopt the Stroud DC Town and Parish Charter.

23/050: Bins:

Chair reported that Stroud DC will replace the existing dog bins with lidded versions.

Cllr Clements has also received agreement from Stroud DC to replace the existing Playing Field bin with a larger one which they will service.

23/051: Assets of Community Value:

Chair has submitted a request for the Rose and Crown be registered as an asset of community value. This would be taken into consideration in any future planning decision but is not thought to suffice to prevent a sale or any change of use going forward.

23/052: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

None this month.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.



(Signed) (Dated) 10/7/23