

**NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Sturgess (Chair), Cllr Miss Cowle, Cllrs Mrs Hardy, Mrs Pittaway and Mr Acton

**In Attendance:** Cllr Lydon, Ms. Phimister, PCSO Griffiths and 7 parishioners

**Apologies:** None

**15/21 Declarations of Interests**

None.

**15/22 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Previously circulated, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**15/23 Affordable Housing**

Ms. Phimister fed back the comments from SDC planning on the potential sites to the Council. Ms. Phimister to draft letters for the landowners to advise them of the feedback. These will be reviewed by Councillors and sent from the Parish Council. The next step will be to arrange a public consultation. Ms. Phimister to invite Mr. Chris Knibbs of Severn Vale Housing Association to the next meeting to discuss the consultation.

**15/24 Progress Reports for Information**

Cllr Lydon provided a written report. He has agreed to put the request for a pavement at Cockadilly forward for the Councillors' Highways grant for next financial year. Cllr Lydon has supported St Joseph's school with an application to the youth fund to support travel expenses for school activities incurred due to the rural location. There was no update on traffic calming measures for Tinkley Lane; it was agreed to pick this up with John Kay's replacement.

PCSO Joshua Griffiths reported that there has been a drop in number of burglaries over the last six month (houses and outbuildings) compared to the previous six months. Although it was noted that there had been a house break in recently on Church Street and a number of vehicle thefts in the National Trust car park for Woodchester Park. Councillors reported that a large group of youths had been seen congregating at the entrance to the National Trust car park in the evening on a least two occasions. PCSO Griffiths to arrange a few drive bys and to ask the Trust to lock the gates when the car park closes. Council thanked PCSO Griffiths for his security report for Benton Court which had been instrumental in getting support from SDC to improve the security.

**Village Green:** it was noted that GCC Commons and Rights of Way committee approved the application. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the diocese to discuss the implications.

**Clerk**

**15/25 Benton Court Security**

Mr. Mallinson met with the Police County Crime Prevention Officer on site and is costing the recommendations.

**15/26 Village Maintenance**

**Repair of boundary walls:** Clerk to ask Mr. Smith for feedback on his inspection of the wall at the top of Blackberry Lane and the stile on Bath Road at the entrance to Dingle Wood.

**Clerk**

**Repair of wall behind houses at Benton Court:** The owner of the adjoining land confirmed that responsibility for the wall lies with SDC/ the Housing Association. Cllr Cowle to contact SDC.

**Highways:** See report from Cllr Lydon.

**Public Footpaths:** The missing sign has been reported. Clerk to chase for an update.

**Village Spring Clean:** The equipment has been ordered from SDC and a notice placed in the newsletter. Cllr Hardy requested that the verge from the St Bartholomew's Church up to

Cotswold Terrace be cut back. It was noted that the street cleaner has already been round the village as requested. Cllr Pittaway to advise the Rose and Crown to provide refreshments for 4:30pm.

CP

**Register Community Assets:** Cllr Sturgess has started to complete the forms and will progress. Mr. Peter Krausa offered to help if needed. Assets to be listed are:

ES

- Rose and Crown
- Village Hall
- The Club
- The Playing Field
- The Village Green
- Quarry Wood

## 15/27 Correspondence

**Stroud Local Plan, consultation on proposed changes:** No impact on Nympsfield so no comment to be made; Cllr Sturgess to check that nothing has been missed.

ES

**Electoral Review of Stroud:** no action

## 15/28 Planning

**S.13/2470/FUL Land to the rear of the Rose and Crown:** No update; clerk to chase SDC enforcement.

Clerk

**The Stables:** No update; clerk to chase SDC enforcement

Clerk

**Smallholding Tinkley Corner:** Mr. Reynolds was not present; Cllrs to ask informally if he can attend the next meeting.

Cllrs

## 15/29 Finance

**Playing Field:** the committee have an account for funds raised towards the new pavilion, mainly raised by the village fair, containing around £15k. The annual income is not sufficient to cover the costs of the grass cutting. It was agreed to get a quote from Hawkins for the coming year and ask for an estimate of the number cuts based on last year. The committee are happy with the service provided by Hawkins.

**Renewal of GAPTC membership for 2015/16:** Cllr Pittaway proposed that membership be renewed, seconded by Cllr Hardy and agreed by all.

Clerk

**Model Financial Regulations:** clerk to find out if finances can be reviewed every 6 months rather than 3.

Clerk

**Transparency code for councils with an income of less than £25k:** main impact is the requirements to publish data online. Clerk to investigate if this is mandatory and if Facebook could be used instead of a website.

Clerk

The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

09/03/15	Leopard Press	invoice # 642432	£60.00
09/03/15	Leopard Press	invoice # 642433	£70.00
09/03/15	Leopard Press	invoice #643147	£60.00
09/03/15	Ann Robertson	Clerk salary - Feb	£144.00

## 15/30 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Cowle asked for a letter to be sent to St Joseph's advising that a donation had been to the British Legion for the poppies.

Clerk

It was noted that the appeal for the planning application to convert the land opposite the Old School House to residential use was refused.

Request to review the lease for Quarry Wood at the next meeting.

Clerk

**Chair's Signature.....Date.....**

**Date of next Meeting:** *The next meeting of Council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Village Hall*