

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
9th February 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: 4 parishioners

Apologies: None

15/11 Declarations of Interests

None.

15/12 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th January

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

15/13 Progress Reports for Information

Cllr Lydon was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report. It was noted that he had visited St Joseph's School to support their grant application.

15/14 Affordable Housing

Ms. Phimister has passed the list of potential sites to Stroud District Council for review. Waiting for a response.

15/15 Benton Court

Security: Mr. Stevenson and the clerk met with Mr. Ian Mallinson of Stroud District Council. Mr. Mallinson is the Safer Estates Officer and has a budget to support his function. Good progress has been made with Mr. Mallinson having arranged for doors, windows and lighting to be improved. He has passed some of the suggestions in PCSO Griffiths report to the Police County Crime Prevention Officer and is arranging a site visit to get advice on further steps.

Energy Report: Tenants have received individual energy reports with recommendations for improvements. Ms. Phimister has followed this up with the housing association and received confirmation that the reports will be acted in on the coming financial year.

15/16 Village Maintenance

Repair of boundary walls: Mr. Smith was present at the meeting and was unaware of how the damage had been caused. Mr. Smith offered to look at the walls and stile and see if there was anything he could do to help. The wall at the entrance to the Glebe has been repaired by the tenant.

Highways: Cllr Lydon advised that Highways will not put in place a pavement at Cockadilly. No update on the traffic calming measure for Tinkley Lane; clerk to ask Cllr Lydon for an update.

Clerk

Public Footpaths: The landowner was not aware of the issues with the public right of way through The Mead and is happy to address them. However, the sign is missing and needs to be replaced. Clerk to contact the district council.

Clerk

Village Spring Clean: The 22nd March was suggested. Councillors to advise clerk of availability after the meeting. If sufficient Councillors are available Clerk to place a notice in the village newsletter. Meet at 1:30pm at Cllr Sturgess's house for tea and cake and to collect litter pickers, etc. Cllr Pittaway to contact the pub to see if they are able to provide refreshments at the end of the day approximately 4:30pm. If not Cllr Sturgess will host the refreshments at her house. Cllr Hardy proposed a budget of £100 seconded by Cllr Pittaway and agreed by all. Cllr Sturgess to arrange provision of litter pickers, hi-viz jackets, etc. by SDC. It was noted that Cllr Cowle has access to litter pickers at the school if needed.

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Clerk to respond to SDC re street cleaning to ask if they can clear the drains, etc. the week before the village spring clean.

Clerk

Register Community Assets: postponed to the next meeting

15/17 Correspondence

ePetition to support funding for rural Community councils: Confirmation has been received that funding has been secured so no action.

Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan: no action

Identifying vulnerable households (Gloucestershire Police): notice to be placed in the village newsletter

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March Hare Motorcycle Trial (Golden Valley Motorcycle Club): notice to be placed in the village newsletter

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15/18 Planning

S.13/2470/FUL Land to the rear of the Rose and Crown: Advised by SDC that the application is with the legal department and has still not been approved. Fencing has been put up around part of the hedge; concern expressed about the nature of the fencing and the impact on the health of the hedge and wildlife. Jamie Cooper, SDC enforcement, is following this up with the agent.

Temporary wind turbine and monitoring mast: Clerk spoke to John Chaplin, Stroud Planning, about the councils concerns that the site will be used as a test site on an ongoing basis. Mr. Chaplin will raise this with the applicant. It was noted that digging has started on site even though an application has not been lodged.

S.14/2884/HHOLD Stone Hill House, erection of porch: Council agreed not to comment on this application.

S.14/2888/FUL Arthur's Yard Tinkley Lane, construction of three dwellings: Councillors were concerned about the number of developments pushing the settlement boundary. After discussion Cllr Hardy proposed Council support the application, Cllr Cowle seconded this and all agreed.

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S.15/0070/TCA Threshing Barn ST Bartholomew's fell tree: DA proposed Council support the application, seconded by Cllr Cowle all agreed.

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The Stables: Clerk spoke to Jamie Cooper, SDC Enforcement, who understood the Council's concerns about possible creeping development of the site and agreed to speak to the agent.

Smallholding Tinkley Corner: postponed to the next meeting when it is expected that Mr. Reynolds will attend.

15/19 Finance

The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

09/02/15	Stroud Valleys Project	Donation	£50.00
09/02/15	The Royal British Legion	donation for St Joseph's poppies	£70.00
09/02/15	Ann Robertson	Salary Jan	£144.00
09/02/15	Leopard Press	invoice # 643019	£60.00
09/02/15	Citizen advice bureau	donation	£50.00

15/20 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Pittaway requested that an item be added to the agenda to thank Mr. Crossland for his hard work on the Village Green application.

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Cllr Sturgess highlighted the invitation to the Neighbourhood Plan meeting in Brockworth.

Update from Mr. Smith that planning permission is not required for the tracks on the land by Sheepcots as no materials have been imported. He is hoping to convert the disused barn to an agricultural workers dwelling and to build some farm buildings.

Cllr Cowle requested that repair of the fallen wall behind the houses at Benton Court be added to

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the agenda for the next meeting as residents did not know who to approach to get the repairs carried out.

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

Date of next Meeting: *The next meeting of Council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 9th March 2014 in the Village Hall*