

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

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs. Alex Myrie (Animal Welfare Officer, SDC) and 7 parishioners

**Apologies:** Cllr Hardy

Cllr Cowle started the meeting as Cllr Sturgess advised she would arrive at 7:45pm

**15/32 Declarations of Interests**

None.

**15/33 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Previously circulated, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were confirmed as a true record. To be signed at the next meeting.

**15/34 Dog Fouling**

Cllr Cowle advised that the problem areas were the playing field, the Glebe and footpaths near the village and asked Mrs. Myrie for advice. Mrs. Myrie provided an update on steps already taken which have resulted in an improvement on Church Street. Members of the community who observe any incidents can contact her at SDC to make a witness statement (she can help with preparing this to ensure that the correct information is included). SDC can issue a fixed penalty notice based on a witness statement. Also, if there is a pattern to the incidents, e.g. a particular time of day, Mrs. Myrie can arrange for a patrol at this time; this is likely to be more successful than the random patrols already taking place.

Mrs. Myrie to provide the clerk with a can of spray paint, as used by the dog wardens. The grounds man at the playing field can use this to highlight feces.

The new penalty notices are already in place around the village. Additional posters can be ordered from the Keep Britain Tidy website.

Notice to be placed in the newsletter re community patrols.

**DA**

**Clerk**

Cllr Sturgess joined the meeting and took over the chair.

**15/35 Affordable Housing**

Ms. Phimister is arranging a meeting between Councillors, the Housing Association and the planners. It has proved difficult to find a suitable date over the Easter period; it is hoped that the meeting will be in early May. The meeting will be to discuss the process and plan the public consultation – no decisions will be made. Councillors will report back to the full council meeting.

**15/36 Progress Reports for Information**

Cllr Lydon provided a written report. No actions resulting from the report.

**Repair of the wall behind Benton Court:** Cllr Cowle has contacted Guinness, the Housing Association responsible for management of these properties. They are to contact the previous management company re responsibilities for boundaries.

**Village Spring Clean:** the event was successful and Councillors wish to thank all the residents who supported the event. The Rose and Crown laid on an excellent buffet, but this was poorly attended partly due to a clash with the pantomime rehearsal. It was agreed to consider an alternative arrangement for next year.

## 15/37 Benton Court Security

Mr. Mallinson (safer estates officer) provided an update. The doors and windows have been replaced on all three bungalows. The outside lighting for the communal entrances to the flat has been upgraded and the doors repaired. The upgrade of the external lighting (paths) is expected to be completed in April. It is hoped that a perimeter fence will also be erected in April. Council to continue to monitor until all the improvements have been completed.

## 15/38 Village Maintenance

**Repair of boundary walls:** Mr. Smith has engaged someone to repair some stone walls on his property and will arrange for these walls to be repaired at the same time. He has also asked his employees to advise him if they hit any walls.

**Public Footpaths:** Jackie Harris (responsible for public rights of way in our area) is waiting for a delivery of finger posts from Amey, but did not have a timescale. The post will be erected when there are 5/6 that can be done at the same time. Clerk to request an update on timescale and ask if the post can be delivered for the Council to erect.

Clerk

**Repair of Sara Wooldridge Memorial Plaque:** a notice is to be placed in the newsletter asking for a volunteer to take on this job.

Clerk

**Register Community Assets:** ongoing

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**Quarry Wood:** The lease expires in February 2017. The area has not been used as a community resource and is no longer maintained. Cllr Cowle to ask if St Joseph's school would be interested in using it as an educational area.

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## 15/39 Planning

**S.14/28740/FUL Lynch Knoll application for a temporary turbine and S.14/28741/FUL Lynch Knoll application for a 12 month extension for the existing temporary turbine:** It was noted that the 12 month extension would be from the date it was granted and not from the date the previous term expired. After discussion Cllr Acton proposed Council object to both applications on the same grounds that Council objected to original application for the temporary turbine, Cllr Pittaway seconded this and all agreed. Clerk to draft the objections and circulate before submission.

Clerk

Clerk

**S.13/2470/FUL Land to the rear of the Rose and Crown:** Clerk is waiting for an update on the status of the S106.

**The Stables:** SDC are not to pursue enforcement and a retrospective planning application has not been submitted despite requests. Further clarification of the situation has been requested.

**Smallholding Tinkley Corner:** Mr. Reynolds attended the meeting and is to seek advice on whether any of the activities at this site require planning permission.

## 15/40 Finance

**Payments and receipts for 2014/15:** Cllr Acton proposed that the Council approve the unaudited accounts, seconded by Cllr Cowle and agreed by all. Mrs. Douglas Phillips was appointed as the internal auditor.

**Grant request from Insight Gloucestershire:** all agreed not to make a grant.

**Model Financial Regulations:** GAPTC advised that the model financial regulations are guidelines and so the period for review of the accounts can be changed. Clerk to circulate a copy amended to suit Nympsfield Parish Council for approval at the next meeting.

Clerk

**Transparency code for councils with an income of less than £25k:** Cllr Acton has found some

free options for provision of a web site and will continue to work on this.

**DA**

**Grass Cutting:** Hawkins have sent a quote of £43.50 per cut excluding vat; this is the same as last year. 23 cuts were made last year. Cllr Cowle proposed the quote be accepted with a cap set at a maximum of 23 cuts, seconded by Cllr Pittaway and agreed by all. Clerk to advise Hawkins and the playing field committee.

The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

**Clerk**

13/04/15	GAPTC	Membership subscription	£90.58
13/04/15	Ann Robertson	Clerk salary march	£144.00
13/04/15	Nympsfield Village Hall	cleaning	£91.82

### **15/41 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**

The Council was asked to contact Fastershire to find out if the broadband service for Nympsfield will be upgraded later this year.

**Clerk**

Cllr Cowle suggested that the Council consider funding cutting back the verges, especially at junctions where visibility is impacted. To be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Clerk**

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

**Date of next Meeting:** *The Annual Parish Meeting and the Council AGM were scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in the Village Hall*