

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
12th January 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 and 2 parishioners

Apologies: None

Cllr Cowle chaired the meeting until Cllr Sturgess arrived.

15/01 Declarations of Interests

None.

Agreed to discuss affordable housing under planning so that Cllr Sturgess would be able to participate in the discussion.

15/02 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th December

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

15/03 Progress Reports for Information

Cllr Lydon provided a general update for the Parish Council and then reported on parish specific matters. Cllr Lydon said that there has not been any progress on improving the security at Benton Court. A new housing director has been appointed at Stroud District Council; Cllr Lydon has raised the issue and stated that it would be helpful if the Parish Council and the PSCO did so as well. Cllr Lydon has also spoken to AMEY (contracted to carry out Highways works for Gloucestershire County Council) about the erosion of the verges at Cockadilly and is waiting for a response. Changes to the bus routes and timetables have caused issues for users; Cllr Lydon requested that any issues be reported to him to raise collectively with the bus company. All Councillors to pass details to clerk for collation.

Clerk

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15/04 Security at Benton Court

See above.

15/05 Village Maintenance

Cutting back trees at The Barrow: Work has been completed and it noted that the area had been left tidy.

Defibrillator: 3 residents contacted the clerk offering support, although a number have stated that they think it is a good idea. Red Rose have offered to pay for the defibrillator as part of the development at the Rose and Crown.

Repair of boundary walls: A letter from Alan Smith was read, he investigated the boundary issues at Blackberry Lane and Bath Road and found no evidence that his staff were responsible for the damage. Agreed to invite Mr. Smith to a future meeting to discuss these issues and the use of Blackberry Lane by heavy traffic. Clerk to contact the Diocese for an update on repairs to the Glebe wall.

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Highways: Cllr Lydon pursuing erosion of verges at Cockadilly and traffic calming on Tinkley Lane with Highways/AMEY

Public Footpaths: Signposts missing for the footpath on the Mead; the path was also overgrown at the end of the year. Cllr Sturgess to raise with the landowner, Frank Wooldridge.

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15/06 Village Newsletter

Cllr Acton reported that an additional five copies will be printed. There will not be an increase in cost.

15/07 Correspondence

LAIS Parish Polls Consultation (GAPTC): no response

15/08 Planning

It was noted that consent has been granted for application S.14/2523/FUL Land At Malt House Farm, Church Street, Nympsfield, Gloucestershire, Change of use of land from agricultural to residential for the erection of one dwelling.

S.14/2823/LBC The Cowshed, Tinkley Lane, internal refurbishment: Council to ensure that the windows are intrusive for neighbours. If the windows are not an issue, Council to support the application.

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Temporary wind turbine and monitoring mast: Letter received from Britwind (part of Ecotricity) advising that an application is to be submitted for a new temporary turbine and to retain the existing temporary turbine. The applications are to support the development of turbines by a recently acquired manufacturing company. Councillors resolved to write to SDC planning requesting that the company be asked to submit an application to use the site for testing of turbines, with appropriate conditions on the number and size, so that it can be properly considered rather than dealing with a series of temporary applications. Clerk to draft a letter and circulate.

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The Stables: No update available. Council agreed to contact SDC enforcement and suggest that if the enforcement is not to be pursued could they request a retrospective planning application be submitted with a view to imposing conditions to prevent further development of the site.

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Affordable Housing: In addition to the 2 sites already proposed, a further three land owners would like their sites to be considered:

- Land by the Stables – Chris Tilling
- The Mead – Frank Wooldridge
- Land by the Rose and Crown – Tony Sanders, Red Rose Investments

Clerk to advise Karen Phimister at GRCC and request that SDC planners review the pros and cons of these sites along with the two already put forward.

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15/09 Finance

Draft Budget for 2015/16: The cost of grass cutting at the playing field has increased; it was agreed to invite the treasurer of the playing fields committee to a forthcoming meeting to discuss future support. Cllr Hardy proposed that the draft budget be accepted, seconded by Cllr Pittaway and agreed by all. The precept is to remain the same at £7,600. However there will be an increase of 1.78% in the tax base due to a decrease in the LCTS grant.

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Grant Requests: Cllr Hardy proposed a grant of £50 for the Citizens Advice Bureau, seconded by Cllr Cowle and agreed by all. Cllr Acton proposed a grant of £50 for Stroud Valleys Project, seconded by Cllr Cowle and agreed by all.

The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

12/01/15	Leopard Press	inv # 642889	£80.00
12/01/15	Ann Robertson	Salary Dec	£144.00
12/01/15	Ann Robertson	Stamps and envelopes	£7.86
12/01/15	John Rigley	cutting back trees on the Barrow	£500.00
12/01/15	Nympsfield Village Hall	Cleaning for Dec	£60.00

15/10 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllrs requested an update on the Rose and Crown planning application be requested for the next meeting.

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Cllrs requested that Adam Reynolds be invited to a forthcoming meeting to advise Councillors of

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the activities being undertaken on his land at Tinkley Corner.

Cllr Cowle advised that an energy report had been sent to all householders in Benton Court; to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

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Cllr Pittaway requested that registering community assets be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

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Cllr Cowle stated that St Joseph's school have retained 14 poppies made by the children for the Parish Council. A donation of £5 per poppy to the Royal British Legion has been requested for the poppies. Add the agenda for the next meeting.

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

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