

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
14th September 2015 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mrs Sturgess (chair), Miss Cowle, Mrs Hardy and Mrs Pittaway

In Attendance: PCSO Griffiths, PC Moffat, Ms. Phimister and 7 parishioners

Apologies: Cllr Mr Acton

15/83 Declarations of Interests

None.

15/84 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th August

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

15/85 Progress Reports for Information

PCSO Joshua Griffiths: PCSO Griffiths introduced the new beat officer PC Luke Moffat. There were two incidents in the parish over the last six months: a vehicle theft at Woodchester Park car park and a trailer theft at Easter Park Farm. PCSO Griffiths is working with the school and discussing addition of police information to the website with Cllr Acton.

Report from Cllr Lydon: no report due to illness. Councillors wish Cllr Lydon all the best.

Repair of wall behind houses at Benton Court: Properties are owned by the Guinness Trust, who have stated that the wall is the responsibility of the landowner and that they have no information about discussions with the landowner to the contrary. Cllr Cowle has advised the tenants.

Repair of walls/stile on Blackberry Lane and Bath Road: Repairs have been completed and a note of thank sent to Mr. Smith.

Dog Fouling: Cllr Cowle left the laminated posters with the clerk for Cllr Acton.

Repair of Sara Wooldridge memorial plaque: It is not obvious how to remove the plaque. Clerk to contact Mr. Sellick for advice.

Clerk

15/86 Listing Community Assets

The listing request for the pub has been drafted; Cllr Sturgess to submit. The remaining assets will be tackled after we've been through the process for the pub.

ES

15/87 Quarry Wood Lease

A copy of the lease has been provided for the school. Cllr Cowle has met with Mr. Smith who has kindly agreed to help clear the land.

15/88 Correspondence

Rural Services Network, survey and request to include their logo on our website: Cllrs agreed not to add the logo to the website.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire offer to send a representative to speak at a council meeting: Cllrs agreed to decline the offer at this time.

The Conservation Volunteers looking for publicly accessible land that would benefit from conservation: Cllr Cowle to review the letter.

SC

Ian Crawley, offer to speak about community land trusts: Agreed to decline offer.

15/89 Highways

Andrew Middlecote suggested that he meet with the Chair on a site visit to discuss the council's concerns. Clerk to arrange meeting and invite Cllr Acton as he attended the previous site visit.

Clerk

15/90 Planning

S.15/1822/COU The Stables, The Cross – change of use to a residential dwelling: Cllr

Pittaway proposed that the Council comment on the proposal requesting that conditions be placed on the application to prevent development creep. Cllr Hardy seconded the proposal and all agreed.

Clerk

Rose & Crown Development: Permission has been granted and the section 106 entered into. Councillors were disappointed that the contribution to the community was not included and were concerned about the impact of the development on residents, particularly traffic issues as school drop off and pick up times. Cllr Pittaway proposed that Cllr Sturgess draft a letter to the planners; seconded by Cllr Hardy and agreed by all.

ES

APP/C1625/W/15/3132763 & 3132794 Barrow View Church Street Appeal: no action.

Planning Process: Agreed that some information about the process should be added to the council website. Cllr Sturgess stated that she will informally contact planning applicants to invite them to the council meeting. This will not form part of the process or be something that will/should be continued after Cllr Sturgess' tenure.

DA

15/91 Finance

The external audit has been returned and no issues identified.

Cllr Hardy proposed that the finance update be approved; seconded by Cllr Hardy. The accounts were signed by Cllr Cowle.

The process for payment for village hall cleaning was reviewed and no issues identified.

Risk Policy: postponed to the next meeting.

Cllr Pittaway proposed that a donation of £25 be made to Gloucestershire Victim Support; seconded by Cllr Hardy and agreed by all.

Cllr Cowle to investigate the cost of low maintenance planting for Benton Court.

SC

It was noted that a VAT refund of £230.92 had been received.

The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

14/09/15T. W. Hawkins	invoice # 7080	£417.60
14/09/15Ann Robertson	Clerk Salary August	£144.00

15/92 Affordable Housing

The report from the public consultation was discussed with Ms. Phimister. Agreed that Councillors will prioritize the sites at the next meeting. Meanwhile Ms. Phimister will speak to Chris Knibbs of Severn Vale housing and advise him that access to the Mead from the adjoining lane will need to be agreed with the landowner (should this site be chosen) and enquire if this development could fund highways improvements on Tinkley Lane.

15/93 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Mr. Reynolds contacted the clerk stating that he had been advised the planning permission was not required. Mr. Reynolds to send a written response to the clerk.

Appointment of snow warden and snow plough operator to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk

Contractors have denied responsibility for the damaged caused when the verges were cut. This is to be raised with Andrew Middlecote and a list of witnesses compiled so the matter can be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk/DA

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

Date of next Meeting: *The next meeting of the council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 12th October 2015 in the Village Hall*