

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
12th October 2015 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: 1 parishioner

Apologies: Cllr Mr Acton and Cllr Pittaway

15/94 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Cowle declared an interest in planning application S.15/2334/TCA Marist Convent, Front Street, Tree works in a conservation area.

15/95 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th September

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

15/96 Progress Reports for Information

Report from Cllr Lydon: no report due to illness.

Dog Fouling: Thanks to Cllr Acton who has put up the posters around the parish.

Repair of Sara Wooldridge memorial plaque: Mr. Sellick for advice has provided the details of how the plaque is fixed; it can now be removed.

15/97 Remembrance Sunday

The service will be on the 8th November. Cllr Cowle to put out the poppies purchased by the council last year and to assist with the music.

SC

15/98 Listing Community Assets

Cllr Sturgess has submitted the application for the Rose and Crown. It was agreed to complete the process before submitting further applications.

15/99 Quarry Wood Lease

No further action required; the school can contact the landowner to take on the lease if they wish.

15/100 Correspondence

None for consideration

15/101 Highways

Andrew Middlecote to meet with Cllr Sturgess and Cllr Acton on the 13th October, Cllr Cowle hopping to attend as well. Clerk to forward the information about the damage incurred when the verges were cut to Cllrs Sturgess and Cowle.

ES/DA/SC

Snow warden/Snow plough operator: Clerk contacted Amey who have taken responsibility for this under their contract. The parish council need to put forward candidates for these roles. The warden role is voluntary and snow plough operator is paid. Waiting for information about the responsibilities, rate of pay etc. and details of the snow plough operator last year. It was suggested that Paul Smith or Adam Reynolds be approached about the role of snow plough operator.

Clerk

15/102 Planning

Small holding at Tinkley Corner: No information has been provided by the landowner; it was agreed to refer to Stroud District Council (SDC) planning. Particular concerns were whether the timber yard required planning permission and possible use of the land for a dwelling.

Clerk

Rose & Crown Development: Cllr Sturgess circulated comments for submission to SDC planning. Cllr Cowle proposed that the comments be submitted with and an additional note re the provision of an AED for the community unit by the applications, Cllr Hardy seconded this and all agreed. Clerk to write to Red Rose investments about the provision on the AED unit.

Clerk

S.15/2334/TCA Marist Convent, Front Street, Tree works in a conservation area: Cllr Hardy proposed that the council support the application, Cllr Sturgess was in agreement but Cllr Cowle did not vote.
It was noted that The Stables had been granted retrospective permission for change of use.

15/103 Finance

Risk Policy: postponed to the next meeting.
The grant request from Stroud Valleys Project was declined as £50 was donated in February. Cllr Cowle said that it would cost £200 to put in defensive planting around the new fence at Benton Court. It was agreed to put an appeal for donations of suitable plants in the village newsletter; these could be planted out as part of the village spring clean.
It was noted that the second installment of the precept and LCTS grant had been received (£3,800).
The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

12/10/15	Leopard Press	Invoice # 643877	£90.00
12/10/15	Leopard Press	Invoice # 643859	£70.00
12/10/15	Ann Robertson	Clerk salary Sept	£144.00

15/104 Affordable Housing

It was confirmed that should The Mead be the preferred site for development, access via the track would not be an issue.
Postponed to the next meeting as two Councillors absent due to illness.

15/105 Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas

The council wished to thank all those involved in the sheep racing; it was a very successful community event which drew lots of support from outside the Parish.

Chair’s Signature.....Date.....

Date of next Meeting: *The next meeting of the council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 9th November 2015 in the Village Hall*