

**Draft minutes of Nympsfield Parish Council held on 12th June 2017 held at
7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess (ES) (Chair), Sue Cowle (SC) (Vice-Chair), Ann Hardy.

In attendance. District Councillor Jim Dewey (RJD), Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk).

17/67 Apologies: Councillors Carol Pittaway (CP), David Acton (DA).

17/68 Public Representation. Thanks, were given for the extra copies of Nympsfield News that have been supplied. The developer at the Rose & Crown has agreed to pay for a defibrillator when the development is finished the recommended site is on the front of the pub. It was noted that a small test wind turbine has been installed at Lynch Knoll.

17/69 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/70 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting. The Chair asked that a draft copy of the Annual Council Meeting is circulated for the next meeting.

17/71 District and County Council Reports. None.

17/72 New Bus Stops. It was noted that there are new poles and hard standing. The location was thought to be an improvement from a safety point of view. AM to find out from the bus operator the date the stops will become active.

17/73 Village Maintenance. (i) Village Green Management Plan. ES reported that a meeting had taken place to look at a draft plan that Ian Crossland had prepared. A final copy will be circulated when agreed. It was agreed that AM set up a meeting with Ben Carter for his views before completing.; (ii) Grass cutting. ES confirmed that the Parish Council has a licence to maintain The Barrow. It was noted that the footpath to Coaley Peak needs strimming. It was agreed that AM ask either GCC Highways or Dominic Everiss, Neighbourhood Warden if they can sort it out. It was agreed to maintain the status quo and rely on volunteers cutting grass in public areas when required.

17/74 Highways (i) Meeting with Highways Manager. AM has set up the meeting with Andrew Middlecote at 2.30pm on Thursday, 29th June outside the school. SC had mentioned it to David Drew MP, and he had suggested trying to get some funds from Forest Green Rovers. It was agreed to invite him; (ii) Street Lighting. It was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting; (iv) AH reported that she had received a letter from Alan Smith regarding the damage caused by his drivers in the village. It was agreed to write in response thanking him and reminding him to ask his drivers not to exceed 10 mph when driving through the village with heavy loads. At this point the Chair closed the meeting to take a contribution from a member of the public. They reported an incident at the entrance to Coaley Peak Car Park that he had reported to the police. It involved a group of motorcyclists and a family of pedestrians. He believed the motorcyclists were members of the Stroud Motorcycle Club. It was agreed that AM ask Josh Griffiths if he could have a word with them. The meeting was reopened.

17/75 Correspondence.

GCC – Meet the lengthsman team. email to members.

GRCC e-newsletter May 2017.

SDC – Stroud District Strategic Assessment of Land Availability. E-mail to members.

GCC – Revised date for Broadband in Gloucestershire event.

GAPTC – Transparency Grant 2017/18 final year. It was agreed to apply for £500 to cover the cost of a laptop.

SDC – Update from SDC Neighbourhood Wardens.

Email from Sue Cole re. Red Rose Developments. Agreed to pass on to Chris Sly the Planning Enforcement Officer at Stroud SDC and reply to Sue Cole.

17/76 Planning. (i) Decisions. None; (ii) The Chairman reported that two developments are currently underway, one at the Rose & Crown and the other at Malthouse Farm. With regard to the latter complaints have been made about debris left on the road. It was agreed that AM contact enforcement and ask for a site meeting to resolve the issue.

17/77 Finance. (i) Annual Governance Statement. Agreed and signed by the Chair; (ii) Annual Accounting Statement. Agreed and signed by the Chair. (iii) Cheques authorised for payment: Spring Snow £118.70, annual website hosting costs; T W Hawkins £540, 10 contract grass mows; G. Sturgess £85.03, reimbursement for hospitality costs village spring clean volunteers; A. McKay £115.20, Clerk's salary June; HMRC £28.80 PAYE June; Zurich Insurance plc £295.39, annual insurance premium; It was noted that there has been no call for grant applications this year. It was agreed to put a notice in the Nymphsfield News.

17/78 Councillor Reports. It was agreed to send a note to the Village Hall Committee saying that the PC would support a proposal from them to increase the cleaners pay to the minimum wage at least, and encourage them to pay the market rate; It was reported that the 4-acre field behind the Rose & Crown on the corner with Bath Rd. has been fenced off and being advertised as a space for dog exercising. This appears to be a change of use from agricultural to commercial which has not been permitted. It was agreed to report to the enforcement officer. ES reported the need to update the Affordable House Review. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/79 Date of the next meeting. July 10th, 2017.

Meeting closed 8.34pm.