

NYPMSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Primary School.

Present: Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess (ES) (Chair), Ann Hardy (AH), Carol Pittaway (CP), David Acton (DA), Sue Cowle (SC).

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

17/37 Apologies. None.

17/38 Public Representation. 3. It was agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss a management plan for the Village Green. The Diocese of Gloucester is the landowner and responsible for the upkeep of the trees and the walls, although they have not been very co-operative on these matters to date. Since its designation as a Village Green, the Parish Council is responsible for its maintenance and have let the pasturage to Ben Carter. Clarification of responsibilities is required and a clear plan for future management. AM to arrange a meeting with ES, AH and Ian Crossland.

17/39 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/40 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair with the following correction to 'Present ...AM' in place of 'AH'.

17/41 Matters Arising. AM reported that a site meeting with Sarah Macaulay-Lowe (PROW) had been set up on 13th April at 10am. CP and AM to attend. AH asked about the possibility of having a disabled gate. AM and CP to ask.

17/42 District/County Councillor Reports. SL report circulated prior to the meeting. RJD reported that options are being considered for the future of the Stroud Subscription Rooms., deadline for Expressions of Interest is 12/04/17. The Environmental Committee met on 6th April and agreed to adopt a new Supplementary Planning Policy on Community Infrastructure Levy/Roof Tax. This will replace much currently covered under S.106 community contributions from developments. Funds will be available for infrastructure works which will include walking and cycling, so could be available to help fund new footpaths. 15% of the fund is earmarked for specific tier 1 and tier 2 settlements and 85% up for grabs and available for tier 3 settlements (like Nymphsfield). To be eligible projects would need to have a fully costed project plan and have support from GCC for Highways initiatives, and will need to be match funded. RJD advised that the funds may not be available for some time but it would be worth drawing up a plan that would be ready for submission.

17/43 Clerks Contract of Employment. ES reported that the contract has been agreed, using the template provided by the Local Government Association. It is for 12 hours a month on SCP 26. The holiday entitlement will be pro rata and given the Clerk's other job, will be taken to co-incide with that. It was agreed that ES can sign on behalf of the Parish Council. Proposed AH, seconded CP.

17/44 Village Clean-up. Arranged for Sunday 23rd April at 1pm, meeting at St. Stephen's. DA reported that the Memorial Garden is very overgrown, ES agreed to organise a working party to clear it. AH reported rubbish in the lay by at Lynch Knoll turbine. AM to report to SDC.

17/45 Highways (i) Meeting the Highways Manager. AM reported that she had spoken to Andrew Middlecote who suggested coming to the village to do a walk about to identify issues and discuss a way forward. It was agreed that AM set up a meeting and to look at

outstanding maintenance issues as well as school parking, Tinkley Lane footpath and Cockadilly. with a view to drawing up a plan that could form the basis of a bid for CIL funding. It should be at school pick-up time MH to be invited as well as SL, RJD ES, BS and a representative from Cockadilly; (ii) Unnotified road closure and impact of diversions on the village. The Cockadilly Road has been reopened following some resurfacing. Several complaints have been received about diverted traffic travelling at inappropriate speeds and oversized vehicles driving through the village, in some cases causing damage. AM reported that Andrew Middlecote of GCC had apologised for the lack of notice. He had given notice that the road from Horsley to Nailsworth would be closed for 5 months to repair the landslip. He would circulate a map showing the diversions. It was agreed that AM report back to him that diversion routes should not come through the village as the roads are not appropriate. DA agreed to find previous costings for road improvements and draw up a plan for submission for funding. It was agreed that that comments on road safety/near misses and damage should be fed back to AM for collation as evidence will be required to support the bid. It was agreed that AM email Councillor Vernon Smith to ask why the decision was taken to resurface the Cockadilly Road. Section at that time.

17/46 Correspondence.

GRCC – Notice of Election of County Councillors.

Sport England – Validation of information about the King George Playing Field.

SDC – Neighbourhood Warden Service.

Fire Service – Recall of white goods. Agreed to put in the Newsletter.

GAPTC – New courses.

Dr Peter Tomiak-Baquero – Letter re. Cockadilly Road.

GRCC – Cotswold Grant Funding Programmes and Rural Skills Courses.

Robert Stevenson – Report of a suspicious vehicle.

Dursley Police – Report from the Panel meeting.

Severn Area Rescue Association – Sharpness Lifeboat Appeal.

CPRE – Annual Review.

17/47 Planning. (i) Decisions. S.17/0463/FUL. Erection of barn at Court Farm. Refusal on grounds of being out of character with surrounding historic buildings.

17/48 Finance (i) Draft Accounts 2016/17. AM presented the draft accounts for 2016/17. Out of a total annual income of £9,024, £6,097 had been spent with £2,927 carried over to the next financial year. This includes a grant of £1,367 for compliance with transparency requirements (website and IT); the precept is up slightly in 2017/18 to allow for a small uplift on all budget heads. The final bank statement has not yet been received so there may be some adjustments. Agreed that ES and CP sign a letter to the bank changing contact details. (ii) Grass cutting. It was agreed that there should be 20 cuts on the Playing Field, the same as last year. AM to send Ian Crossland a copy of the minuted decision; (iii) cheques to authorise. AM reported that some retrospective authorities are required for the following cheques: 10/10/16 Village Hall Cleaning Ch. No 000706 £290.83; 14/11/16 Clerk Salary Month 10.Ch. No 000707 £144; 13/03/17 Leopard Press Ch. No. 000716 £138. Current

month cheques: A. McKay Ch. No 000720 £115.20; HMRC PAYE Ch. No 000721 £28.80; GAPTC Ch. No 000722 £98.50, annual membership; Proposed DA; Seconded AH.

17/49 Infrastructure Survey. Agreed that AM complete and return.

17/50 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas. AH thought that rather than the village having the Uley, Nympsfield and Owlpen monthly newsletter. the priests report could be included in the Nympsfield News. DA said that the newsletter was set up to be non-denominational and not to have input from the church. It was agreed to discuss this further.

SC reported that she plans to do a soapbox around the village on the Bank Holiday weekend and would like a donation from the Parish Council for cups and trophies. Agreed.

Bob Stevenson wants a reimbursement for the cost of producing the speed watch report. Agreed to put on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/51 Date of next meeting. Monday 8th May 2017 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.