

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Sue Cowle (SC) (Vice-Chair), David Action (DA), Carol Pittaway (CP).

In attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), County Councillor Steve Lydon (SL), District Councillor Jim Dewey (RJD).

The meeting was chaired by Sue Cowle in the absence of ES.

17/14 Apologies for absence. Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess and Ann Hardy.

17/15 Public Representation. 1.

17/16 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 09/01/17. Correction, RJD was present. The minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

17/18 Matters Arising. 17/04 AM reported that Sarah McCaulay-Lowe (GCC) had agreed that a new kissing gate at the bottom of the road could be installed. It was agreed that this would involve replacing the existing sign and removing some of the wall. AM to pursue; 17/07 DA reported that Martin has done his side of the hedge at the Bath Rd. junction; SC agreed to chase up Ed Spenser; DA will ask the Rose&Crown to move their sign; 17/10 AM reported that she had asked GCC about removing unused grit from bins when they are refilled. Andrew Middlecote (GCC Highways) reported back that they do not do this as the chemical composition of the grit does not change and so it is still effective.

17/19 District and County Councillor Reports. RJD reported that he has a contact from Whiteshill and Ruscombe PC who led on their 20 is plenty bid, AM to follow up and arrange a meeting. The Community Infrastructure Levy has been approved by Stroud DC. There will be training sessions for PCs to understand how to bid for funds. It doesn't completely replace S.106. A discussion is underway about Town Centres and how they may in future develop as meeting and social hubs rather than retail hubs given the change in shopping patterns. There is a meeting this Saturday on the future of the Stroud Subscription Rooms.

SL asked that he be copied into any issues reported to Amey. He reported that he supported a 20 is plenty policy in Nympsfield and will ask Andrew Middlecote the Highways Manager to support a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). It would cost £10-20k which the PC would have to cover itself although the Community Match Fund may contribute. The County Council budget for 2017/18 is to be debated on 15/02/17. The Amey contract is up for discussion and SL supports it coming back in house. SL met the Police and Crime Commissioner who confirmed that Dursley Police Station is not scheduled for closure.

17/19 Village Maintenance. Agreed to hold over to the next meeting.

17/20 Planning. (i) Decisions. S.16/2703/HHOLD 1, Cotswold Terr. Permission; (ii) S.17/0047/VAR Land to the rear of the Rose & Crown. Application to increase the size on one dwelling from 2 to 3 bedrooms, it was agreed to object on the grounds that i) it would alter the line of the roof in a sensitive area; ii) it will increase the price and make it less affordable.

17/21 Highways. A meeting took place to discuss how to take forward the Speed watch report. It was agreed to pursue Andrew Middlecote to support a 20 is plenty limit in the

village. Mark Holloway on behalf of Nympsfield School suggested having speed bumps and flashing lights outside the school. It was agreed that parents parking along Tinkley Lan and on Nympsfield Road was become more of a problem. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting and to invite Andrew Middlecote, Mark Holloway, Wendy Darcy, Mark Crossland and a PCSO to attend. It was also agreed to arrange a meeting with Councillor Graham Birt of Whiteshill and Ruscombe PC. Dursley Police have reported that their accident monitoring areas are not the same as the Parish boundaries so Frocester Hill traffic accidents do not show up in the Nympsfield figures. SC to contact Sgt. Ben Darcy to ask for better traffic accident data for Nympsfield.

17/22 Correspondence.

GAPTC – Training Update

Conservation Volunteers.

Environment Agency.

Minutes of the Chartered Parishes Group 07/02/16.

Presentation from PC&TC Forum on Affordable Housing.

GAPTC – Independent Auditor Service.

Ian Carmichael MP Newsletter.

SDC E News – February 2017.

SDC – Press Release County Council Elections 04/05/17.

Tony Sanders – email re. Defibrillator.

Gloucestershire One – Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

17/22 Finance Report. (i) Cheques to sign. It was agreed to authorise the following payments; A. McKay £115.20 salary month 11; HMRC £28.80 month 11 PAYE; Leopard Press £138, Nympsfield News 2 months; Nympsfield Village Hall cleaning £121.

17/23 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas. CP reported that the Village Hall will be closed for refurbishment in April. CP agreed to send an email to AM notifying her of the dates as it may be necessary to change the venue of the April PC meeting. It was agreed to put the village clean up on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/24 Date of the next meeting. 13th March 2017.

The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.