

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting held on 14th August 2017 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess (ES) (Chair), David Acton (DA), Carol Pittaway. Sue Cowle (SC) (Vice-Chair).

In attendance. Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), County Councillor Loraine Patrick (LP), District Councillor Jim Dewey (JD)

17/91 Apologies. None.

17/92 Public Representation. 0

17/93 Declarations of Interest. SC item 8 (17/97).

17/94 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting. The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 24th May 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

17/95 Matters Arising. None.

17/96 District and County Councillor Reports. LP reported that she had raised the street lighting issue with the relevant officer. It was agreed that DA would draw up a location map of the lights in the village and bring to a future meeting. Tinkley Lane road signs need cleaning and vegetation cut back, AM; The police are trialling the use of 4 police horses. JD reported on the current review of the Stroud Subscription Rooms.

17/97 Grant Application from St. Joseph's School. An application had been received under s.137 for new tables and chairs. They are looking for contributions towards costs of £1500. AM advised that £1500 was above the maximum permitted for s.137 grants that should not exceed approximately 7.5% of the annual budget. DA proposed to make an in-principle agreement to a grant of £500 provided this was within the limits, Seconded CP. It was agreed that AM check the legal position with GAPTC on the ceiling for s.137 grants and if such grants can be made to schools or if they should go via an out of school club. SC to inform the school.

17/98 Bus Shelters. A request for bus shelters at the new stops has been received. It was agreed not to have any because there is insufficient space on both sides and any structures at the new stops would obscure sightlines for drivers.

17/99 Village Maintenance. (i) Village Green Management Plan. AM to incorporate the additional requirement from Ben Carter and send a copy to the Diocese; (ii) Traffic Calming Project. ES reported from a meeting where it was agreed to produce a plan setting out the vision for the village, focussing on addressing issues along Tinkley Lane and Cockadilly, then to have professional drawings and plans drawn up. It was agreed that DA would bring rough drawings to the next meeting, and set a further meeting in early September to take things forward. SC reported that the School is planning to put up secure fencing around its boundary and asking for a relocation of the PROW leading through the school grounds. They want to put a gate with an entry code at the entrance to the Churchyard; (iii) Speed signs. DA reported that he had obtained costs for the signs. Diabond signs would cost £35 each, £420 including VAT for 10; Correx are £15 each or £180 including VAT for 10. It was agreed

to order 10 correx at £180 to come from the village maintenance budget, proposed DA, Seconded SC. It was agreed to start with 10 and add annually.

17/100 Correspondence.

SDC – Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. AM to check the records on file.

GCC – New Laws on Data Protection.

17/101 Planning. (i) Decisions. S.17/1258/FUL and S.17/1279/FUL. JD had asked for these decisions to be called in to the SDC Development Control Committee following a site visit with the officer. However, the request was denied and a delegated decision was made to refuse permission for both the grain store and the cottages. ES asked JD to seek an explanation from the Planning Manager who he is meeting tomorrow; The Hawthorns application to lift agricultural occupancy condition permitted; S.17/1435/TCA Whitecourt, consent; S.17/1404/LBC Bay Tree Cottage, refusal of retrospective LBC application; (ii) S.17/0850/OUT FGR, The New Lawn. Application for up to 100 dwellings on the Forest Green Rovers site. The traffic assessment gives no consideration to the impact of increased traffic flows up Tinkley Lane and through Nympsfield. It was agreed to write to Geraldine LeCointe, Planning manager, and John Chaplin, the case officer, asking for a meeting to set out the case for the village; (iii) S.13/2740/FUL Land to the Rear of the Rose and Crown. Continued failure to comply with planning conditions, there is no site manager, no hi-viz jackets or hard hats, and questions about the construction methods. It was agreed to complain to SDC and call for a visit from a Building Inspector. SC also raised concerns about the new gas tank for the kitchen; (iv) AM contacted SDC enforcement team to ask about Paddocks4Paws. They advised monitoring use as only occasional use would not constitute a change of use.

17/102 Finance Report. The first quarter report will be presented next month owing to technical problems with the spreadsheet. It was agreed to authorise the following cheques: A. McKay £115.20 clerk's salary; HMRC £28.80, PAYE; Community First Trading Insurance. £295.39, replacement cheque for annual insurance premium; Nympsfield Village Hall £172.15 Cleaning; TW Hawkins £378, contract mowing 2/6-25/7.

17/103 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas. None.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm.