

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting held on 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Village Hall.

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

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

17/78 Apologies. Sue Cowle (SC),

17/79 Public Representation. 0

17/80 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/81 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting. The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 24th May 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

17/81 Matters Arising. It was agreed to bring the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting to the next meeting.

17/82 District and County Councillor Reports. LP reported she would circulate the dates that the lengthsman team are working in the village. JD reported that 3 projects bidding for the cycle path and footpath fund are under consideration by the Environment Committee at SDC. He urged the PC to draw up a business plan covering requirement for any new pathways before submitting a bid. Ebley Mill hydro-electric project has been suspended. SDC has allocated £200,000 supporting market town initiatives. Funding has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund to extend the canal works from Stonehouse to Saul.

17/83 New Bus Stops. AM had written to Stagecoach to find out when the new bus stops are active. Their response was early September. It was agreed to write to them again complaining that the drivers are already using the bus stops rather than coming into the village. A letter had been received from Rachel James asking if new shelters could be provided at the new stops. It was agreed to put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

17/84 Review of Affordable Housing. ES invited comments. No requests have been raised since 2016 It was agreed to review again in 2018. It was agreed to place a notice of the next review in the Nympsfield News.

17/85 Village Maintenance. (i) Village Green Management Plan. The revised plan was sent to Ben Carter who sent his apologies and asked for the insertion of a clause to give the tenant 3 weeks' notice of any public events. It was agreed to pass this onto Ian Crossland to amend. It was agreed to add a sentence discouraging the presence of 'unruly livestock' that would be inconsistent with public uses; (ii) Tasks for lengthsman. Removal of dumped mattress from Cockadilly.

17/86 Highways. (i) Meeting with GCC Highways manager. ES, LP, DA, MH, PT, JD, AM and BS had walked the village with Andrew Middlecote to review traffic issues particularly unsafe walking and congestion around the school. The Amey survey report that was undertaken last year had not been progressed owing to some misunderstandings. ES

confirmed that the PC did wish to progress and would gather further information to support a business plan that would be required to raise funds. Cockadilly has no pavement providing safe walking and the verges are too high and overgrown for walking. This is a hazard and some remedial action needs to be taken to reduce or eliminate the risk of accidents. AM advised refining and costing proposals. A further meeting will be called for Councillors to discuss a way forward. AM to circulate dates.

17/87 Correspondence.

Cotswold Boatmobility Grant Application Form.

Stroud Nature Festival 2017.

Dursley Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Consultation: Review of Dog Control Orders – SDC.

Pre-School immunisation posters.

17/88 Planning. (i) Decisions ; (ii) S.17/1287/CPE Newlands. AH proposed retaining the agricultural tenancy, ES seconded; CP proposed to support removal, DA seconded. It was agreed that as the votes were tied no comment would be submitted; S.17/1279/FUL Court Farm Grain Store. Previously rejected, the new application has changed the location. Closer to New Court Farm. The applicants were present and complained that they had invited the planning officer to a site visit but this had not taken place. JD agreed to arrange a site visit with the planning officer; (iii) S.17/1258/FUL Farm Cottage. Application for 1 cottage in place of the mobile home on David's Lane, this application is for 2 cottages. It was agreed to support on the same basis as the previous application; (iv) S.13/2740/FUL Land to the rear of the Rose and Crown. It was agreed to raise with Enforcement the issue of the developer failing to make provision on site for wheel washing and to review the height of the ridges on the new builds. It was noted that the SDC planning website is not available so extensions will be requested.

17/89 Finance Report.

The first quarter report will be presented next month as the bank statement for the period has not yet arrived. Cheques authorised: Ch. No. 000733 Leopard Press £67 monthly newsletter; CR Signs £30 sign for Glebe Field gate; A. McKay £115.20 monthly salary; HMRC £28.80 PAYE.

17/90 Councillors Reports. DA reported that Alan Smith had offered to provide help with village signage and repairs.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm.