

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting held on 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess (ES) (Chair), Sue Cowle (CP) (Vice-Chair), Ann Hardy (AH), David Acton (DA), Carol Pittaway (CP), Loraine Patrick (GCC), Jim Dewey (JD).

In Attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk).

Public questions: Bob Stevenson reported again the blocked gullies in Tinkley Lane and added that the drain cover opposite his house also needs repair. AM noted this had already been reported to GCC. It was agreed that AM email Amey to chase them up and to copy in to LP.

17/116 Apologies for absence. None.

17/117 Public Representation. Bob Stevenson, John Gazzard.

17/118 Declarations of Interest. AH and CP are members of the Village Hall Management Committee but as they are not Trustees they do not need to declare an interest in relation to item 9.

17/119 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17/120 Matters Arising. (i) Grant to St. Joseph's for table and chairs. It was agreed to forward the Young People's grant application form from LP to the SC for the Out of School Club. AM reported that she had not heard from the Out of School Club with their payment details so had not been able to send the cheque for £500 as previously agreed.

17/121 District and County Councillor Reports. LP reported that she had sent AM an email explaining how Dursley TC was able to make a grant to the Church for the clock because it was the village clock. The Nympsfield Village Clock is on the side of the Bus Shelter but it was agreed that the Council would like the church clock to be repaired and advised that they could start a fundraising drive. Agreed that AM seek further advice from GAPTC on the funding issue. RJD reported from SDC, there are 3 main issues: (i) Stratford Park Lido, a feasibility study is underway to identify options for the future for the lido; (ii) Local Plan Review. Local Plans are reviewed every 5 years to ensure they are kept up to date. The first stage is an Options and Public Consultation exercise from 11th October to 5th December 2017. There will be public drop-in sessions for members of the public to find out more and give their views. These will be on Saturday 11th November 9.30-12.30pm at Dursley Methodist Hall, Castle St., and Thursday 16th November 3-6.30pm at Cam Parish Council Office, Noel Lee Way. ES noted that at the last review the Diocese submitted the Glebe Field for potential housing development. This had led to the successful village green application. JD said that SDC are focusing on Tier 3 settlements for future development. As Nympsfield is a Tier 4 it would only be expected to provide infill rather than new site.

17/122 Village Green Maintenance. (i) Village Green Kissing Gate. AM reported that the PC had agreed to look at the installation of a kissing gate at the bottom of the Village Green at Church St. after the Village Green Management Plan had been completed as it now has been. It was agreed to proceed and that AM will contact Cam Parish Council and the Cotswold Wardens about sourcing discounted gates, and to write to the Diocese agents informing them giving 20 days' notice and asking for a contribution.

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17/123 Highways. (i) Nympsfield Traffic Calming Project. A further meeting will be arranged for the end of October. The previous attempt could not secure sufficient attendance. AH thought that the speed calming signs are confusing as some at 20 is plenty and some are 30 mph including one on the narrowest part of Church St. It was agreed that BS would remove a 30 mph at Tinkley Lane and the siting reviewed on an ongoing basis. AM will contact Andrew Middlecote at GCC Highways to ask for some more 20 is plenty signs.

17/124 Correspondence. Village Hall Management Committee – request for a grant for light weight tables at a cost of £2,400. Not clear how much they are asking for. AM recommended setting out a clear policy on S.137 grants. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting as part of the precept setting for 2018/19. AM reported that she is going on a Data Protection course for Uley Parish Council and will report back on how this will impact on the PC.

17/125 Planning. (i) Decisions. Thumbstone Farm, Tinkley Lane. Agreed to follow up with the case officer; (ii) Land to the rear of the Rose & Crown. There continue to be numerous complaints about breaches of planning conditions. AM reported that there had been no further feedback from the enforcement team. It was agreed to ask them for a report of action they are taking. ES reported a trip hazard where the newly laid pavement has no kerb stone at one end, the verge opposite needs restoring and it is noted that the site is not secure. AM to report to the enforcement team and ask for a site visit. JD reported that he had raised this issue with the Planning Manager Geraldine LeCointe at SDC; (iii) S.17/1403/LBC Baytree Cottage, Front St. John Gazzard explained that SDC had refused his retrospective application for the erection of a timber stud partition to slit a bedroom into two rooms. The property is Grade 2 listed. The planning officer had given 3 grounds for refusal. JG argued that there was no damage to the fabric of the building and the partition could easily be taken down. JG intends to appeal the decision and the PC agreed to write a letter of support when he does; (iv) S.17/2219/CPE Thistledown Project. This was only just received so it was agreed to ask for an extension and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/126 Finance Report. Cheques to authorise. Nympsfield Village Hall £120. Hire and Cleaning; Leopard Press £193 August and September Nympsfield News; A. McKay £115.28 Clerks salary; HMRC £28.80 PAYE; Stroud CAB £100 S.137 Annual Grant; Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper £50 S.137 Annual Grant.

17/127 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas. AH reminded councillors of the upcoming Remembrance Sunday. She also reported that St. Bartholomew's Church has had lead stolen from its roof. Also with St. Giles in Uley and two others in the District. CP reported that the Village Hall is planning to launch an online booking system ~~next month~~ *shortly*. And would like to link to the UPC website. Agreed. It was noted that the Nympsfield News is not being delivered to some addresses in Tinkley Lane.

17/128 Date of the next meeting. Monday November 13th.

The meeting was closed at 8.59pm.