

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 8th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

17/52 Apologies. Councillors Carol Pittaway (CP), Sue Cowle (SC) (Vice-Chair).

17/53 Public Representation. 2. A request was made for more copies of Nympsfield News. DA agreed to order a further 10 for which there are no cost implications.

17/54 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/55 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

17/56 District and County Councillor Reports. At the County Council elections, Councillor Steve Lydon (SL) has been replaced by Councillor Loraine Patrick. AH suggested sending SL a letter of thanks from the Council for all his help. Agreed.

17/57 Matters Arising. None.

17/58 Village Maintenance. (i) Spring Clean-up. ES thanked all Councillors and residents who participated in a very successful village clean-up day. An estimated 40 people took part and SDC removed the rubbish bags very promptly; (ii) CP circulated an email prior to the meeting reporting that Ben Carter had complained that his access to the top gate into the Glebe field where he has livestock, owing to parked cars. It was agreed to commission an A4 plastic sign 'Access for livestock required at all times, please do not park';

17/59 Highways (i) Meeting with the GCC Highways Manager. AM reported that Andrew Middlecote was offering Thursday 25th June. It was agreed to ask for another date and invite Josh Griffiths and Mark Holloway; (ii) Kissing Gate into the Glebe Field on Church Rd., AM reported on her meeting with Sarah Macaulay-Lowe, the Public Rights of Way Officer for GCC. SL had sent some information on options, including large gates for disabled access. It was agreed to discuss this at a further meeting on the Village Green Management Plan with Ian Crossland. It was noted that the gaps where the old stile used to be should be stock proofed. It was agreed that the gate should provide the maximum accessibility; (iii) TTRO 2584, St. Stephens to Bath Rd. AM reported that this section of road will be closed for one day on July 13th/14th July for the installation of the telecoms mast. It was agreed to put a notice in the Nympsfield News and email Alan Smith to warn him that he might want to divert his vehicles on that day.

17/60 Nympsfield News. It was agreed to stick to the existing publishing policy.

17/61 Dursley Police News. Josh Griffiths presented the annual report. There were no burglaries for 2 years in Nympsfield then 2 last year. Crime is low with 7 reported incidents in 2016. Over 6 years there has been a reduction in crime across Cam and Dursley. Future plans include doing some work with the school, taking the children out with the speed gun to monitor traffic speeds. They could also design some speed control signs to put up in the village. Currently there are speed monitoring devices set up on Tinkley Lane at the pinch point outside Benton Court and on Cockadilly Rd. JG agreed to pass on the results to Bob Stevenson. JG encouraged councillors to set up a community speed watch group. It needs a minimum 3 volunteers and can affiliate with Dursley who have all the requisite equipment. It

was agreed to ask for volunteers in the village and carry out an exercise in the 30-mph limit area. JG reported that the priorities this year is to reduce crime in the area. JG reported that the police are happy to respond to any requests for help from the PC.

17/62 Correspondence.

Letter of thanks from Councillor Steve Lydon.

Dursley Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

GCC, advertisement for Foster Care Fortnight.

SDC notice of the temporary closure of the Hempsted Household Recycling Centre in Gloucester.

GAPTC Advice Note – Asset Transfer across Stroud.

Neil Carmichael MP – Education Select Committee Report.

SDC – S.17/0116/BRCON – Land to the rear of the Rose&Crown.

Sue Gray – Requesting information on the history of Nympsfield.

GRCC e-newsletter May 2017

SDC – alert seasonal work available.

SDC – SDC: Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.

It was agreed to put the new Bus Stops on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/63 Planning. (i) Decision. S.17/0551/COU. Extension to the garden of the new dwelling at Malthouse Farm. Consent. ES raised with RJD the Council's disappointment with this decision and the original decision to permit the Change of Use from agricultural to residential that was made when the Local Plan was not in place and the protection that it affords the village was in abeyance. RJD suggested next time with kind of application the PC could ask for the decision to be called into the Development Control Committee; (ii) S.17/0891/HHOLD, Threshing Tithe Barn, St. Bartholomew's View. Agreed to support.

17/64 Finance. (i) AM reported that the final accounts for 2016/17 were complete and ready to go to the Internal Auditor. The Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement will be brought to the next meeting for sign off. The first tranche of the precept has been received; (ii) The following cheques were agreed and signed: A McKay £115 – clerk's salary; HMRC £29 – PAYE; R. Stevenson £23.90, reimbursement for photocopying copies of the traffic report. It was agreed that in future any payments for which people outside the council seek reimbursement for council related issues, should be authorised in advance. Proposed DA, seconded AH.

17/65 Councillor Reports. ES reported that she had been asked by a parishioner if the Council could pay for additional grass cutting in public areas, including The Barrow and Benton Court, not covered by GCC Highways. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. DA asked for street lighting to also be put on the agenda for the next meeting, agreed.

It was agreed to set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting in the week beginning 22nd May.

17/66 Date of next meeting. Monday June 12th, 2017 at 7.30pm. The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.