

## NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft minutes of a meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Village Hall.

Present: Councillors 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).

Councillor Sue Cowle took the Chair in the absence of Councillor Sturgess.

Public Questions: BS asked if the PC could obtain a licence for OS map software to assist in the planning for the traffic calming project. It was agreed to put the item on the agenda for December.

17/129 Apologies for absence. ES.

17/130 Public Representation. Bob Stevenson, Peter Tomiac.

17/131 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/132 The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17/133 Matters Arising. (i) CP raised the issue of the Village Hall application for a grant for new tables. They are looking for a contribution towards estimated costs of £2,400. AM advised that there is £400 remaining in the grants budget this year. It was agreed to defer this item until the December meeting.

17/134 Setting the Precept. It was agreed to defer the decision until the January meeting following discussion with the Playing Field Committee about grass cutting costs. It was agreed to arrange a pre-meet at 7pm before the next PC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

17/135 District and County Councillor Reports. RJD reported that SDC have put on a special consultation session with councillors on the Local Plan Review on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Cam Parish Council 7-8pm. He reported that the decision on the FGR development is due in January or February 2018, and suggested the PC might try to get some S.106 funding to finance some of the traffic calming measures in the village. RJD suggested looking at ways to enhance opportunities for cycling along Tinkley Lane. Stroud Subscription Rooms – Dale Vince is the preferred bidder, but Stroud TC want to keep it in public ownership. A decision to be taken at the Strategy and Resources Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> December. LP reported that the Police and Crime Panel National Conference have proposed changing the procedures for complaints handling and propose to separate handling of misconduct and disciplinary matters. The OFSTED report into Children's Services highlighted slowness of progress, this is largely due to the shortage of qualified Social Workers and difficulties in recruiting. GCC are looking at key worker schemes that might assist in recruitment.

17/136 Policy for giving grants under S.137. It was agreed to defer this item to the December meeting.

17/137 Village Green Maintenance. (i) Village Green Kissing Gate. AH thought that a hunter's gate with dog hatch should be installed as sheep can get through kissing gates. Agreed that AM ask the Cotswold Wardens if they could do this.



17/138 Highways. (i) Nympsfield Traffic Calming Project. It was agreed to arrange a meeting in the first week of December if possible.

17/139. Correspondence. None.

17/140 Planning. (i) Decisions, none; (ii) Enforcement issues. RJD agreed to speak with Sophie Holley and get from her a report on the enforcement issues raised concerning the Rose and Crown development. (iii) S.17/2219/CPE Thistledown Project. An application for residential permission on the grounds of over 10 years occupation. It was agreed to support the application on condition that the residential use is tied to the business; (iv) Lynch knoll turbine. AM reported she had a letter from Ecotricity expressing their intention to seek a 20-year licence for the temporary turbine at Lynch Knoll. There is a long history of applications and objections and the PC reiterated their intention to object to any further applications.

17/141 Finance Report. (i) AM reported that the annual audit process is now complete with no issues raised. Cheques to authorise: A. McKay £115.20 Clerk's salary; HMRC PAYE £28.80; Spring Snow £45 website hosting; TW Hawkins £486.00 grass cutting; HMRC PAYE £28.80; (ii) the 9 month finance report shows a running total of £18,000 carried forward.

17/142 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas. Street light. The new LED lights stay on but not all the old sodium lights are being replaced. It was agreed to look at either moving the Remembrance Day service to the Barrow or apply for a road closure. Agreed to put on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/143 Date of the next meeting. Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was closed at 8.52pm.

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