

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting held on 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess (ES) (Chair), Sue Cowle (SC) (Vice-Chair), Ann Hardy (AH).

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

17/104 Apologies. David Acton (DA), Carol Pittaway (CP).

17/105 Public Representation. Peter Tomiac (PT).

17/106 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/107 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

17/108 Matters Arising. None.

17/109 District and County Councillor Reports. RJD reported that preparation on a £30-35m regeneration of Brimscombe Port is underway, entailing 150 homes, restored canal and business and retail units. Development Control Committee has permitted an application for an Aldi store on the site of the Stroud Auction Rooms, Bath Rd. In response to issues raised by the Chair regarding the failure of the DC committee to call in the Court Farm application RJD reported that he had been advised by the Planners that for an application to be called in it must satisfy two conditions, firstly to meet planning conditions and secondly where there is sufficient public interest and in this case, neither were met. The Forest Green Rovers development application is due to go to Development Control Committee on 10th October with a site visit for DC members before. LP reported that Offsted return this month to assess if Children's Services at GCC have improved. The Police and Crime Panel has received a poor assessment. She attended an interesting presentation on safeguarding children showing how low levels of literacy drive nonattendance at school. Schools are working on a new strategy to divert young people from the criminal justice system. The Youth Activity Fund is unlikely to be renewed next year but she has £500 available this year.

17/110 Grant Application from St. Joseph's School. AM had checked with GAPTC the current level of S.137 which is £7.57 multiplied by the number of registered electors in the parish, 299, making the annual limit £2,263. They advise that this can only be donated to voluntary organisations and charities and single donations should not be disproportionate to the total. It was agreed that the After-School Club should apply for a grant and that £500 grant be made as agreed at the last meeting. AM reported that the Stroud CAB had applied for £100, this was agreed, and the Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper for £50, also agreed.

17/111 Village Maintenance. (i) Village Green Management Plan. AM circulated the final copy of the plan. It was agreed that AM ask Ben Carter if he can secure the field to prevent the sheep getting out into adjacent gardens. It was agreed to put the kissing gate on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/112 Correspondence.

GAPTC – Newsletter.

SDC – Heritage Strategy Consultation.

GRCC – Around Gloucestershire e-newsletter August 2017.

SDC – Stroud Youth Grant Fund Programme 2017/18.

Stroud CAB – AGM.

17/113 Planning. (i) Decisions. S.17/1435/TCA White Hart Court. Consent; (ii) S.13/2740/FUL Land to the Rear of the Rose and Crown. All recent breaches of conditions reported to SDC Enforcement Services. AM agreed to chase up Sophie Holley who is expected to report; (iii) S.17/1838/TCA Swallows Barn, St. Bartholomew's View. Reduce a large walnut tree. No objections.

17/114 Finance Report. AM circulated the quarterly report. It was agreed that AM check the costs of mowing in the current year to the previous year. It was agreed to authorise the following cheques: A. McKay £136.44 salary and reimbursement for ink and paper; HMRC £28.80 PAYE. AH asked if St. Bart's Church may apply for a grant to repair the clock. AM advise that S.137 grants cannot be made to religious organisations but if there was a charitable group that was raising funds then they could apply. LP offered to send information about a grant to a Dursley Church for their clock repair.

17/115 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas. None.

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm.

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