

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), District Councillor Jim Dewey (RJD)

17/25 Apologies for Absence. David Acton (DA), Sue Cowle (SC), Steve Lydon (SL).

17/26 Public Representation. 2.

17/27 Declarations of Interest. None.

17/28 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

17/29 Matters Arising. 17/18 AM reported that Sarah McCauley-Lowe has offered a site visit to inspect the site for the proposed kissing gate at the bottom of the footpath of The Glebe. AM will organise a meeting, AH and CP would like to attend (after 27/03, preferably 28th/29th).

17/30 District/County Councillor Reports. SL was absent but circulated a report prior to the meeting. RJD reported that SDC budget proposals for next year had been approved by Full Council. It included extra funding to promote walking and cycling. An officer had been appointed at a budget of £300k allocated. The new food recycling arrangements have resulted in a 50% reduction of landfill. It was agreed to include this in the Newsletter. RJD reported that he had spoken to the applicants at Court Farm who have had permission refused for double glazing. SDC are keen to reinforce the Listed Building standard for single glazing although there are precedents set by previous permissions in the village.

17/31 Village Maintenance. (i) Spring Clean. It was agreed to canvass Councillors for availability of April 9th and 23rd for the clean-up at 1-5pm starting and finishing at St. Stephen's for tea and cake, beer and burgers as usual. Advertise in the Nympsfield News with final date and arrangements to encourage volunteers.

17/32 Highways. (i) Speed watch. AM reported that Andrew Middlecote, GCC Highways Manager had been invited to the meeting but had sent his apologies owing to a prior appointment. Because of this there was not much point in inviting others for a wider discussion of the speeding and traffic issues in the village as his role is central, so it was agreed to arrange dates around his availability. It was agreed to also invite the PCSO, Neil Carmichael MP and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Steve Lydon has been in correspondence with Andrew Middlecote and asked him to attend a site visit outside the school to look at the specific issues relating to drop off and pick up times and the danger to children arising from the lack of pavements on Tinkley Lane to the Playing Field and also Cockadilly. It was agreed that Mark Holloway would lead on this as school governor and liaise with the clerk over dates. AM reported that she had contacted Whiteshill and Ruscombe PC and had been informed that their speed watch lead Councillor Graham Barr was away. It was agreed to try and set up an early evening meeting with him when he is available; (ii) AM reported that in response to complaints about the buses failing to come into the village to the bus stops, Stagecoach was now intending to move the bus stop to the corner crossroads at St. Stephens.

17/33 Planning. (i) Decisions. None. (ii) Land to the rear of the Rose & Crown. It was noted that the construction method statement prohibits Sunday work on site and yet there had been heavy earth moving plant on site on a Sunday morning from 7.30am to 1pm. It was

agreed that AM report this lack of compliance to SDC; (iii) S.17/0353/LBC and S.17/0264/HHOLD Bay Tree Farm 2 storey extension to the rear. No objection; (iv) S.17/0483/FUL Court Farm. New Barn for storing livestock feed. No objection; (v) S.17/0551/COU wayside, Church St. Change of use from agricultural to residential, extension of the plot behind the new dwelling at Malt House Farm. Objection of the grounds that the PC wants to discourage development creep across the village development boundary agreed in the SDC Local Plan 2015. The application for the dwelling had been given permission before the new Local Plan was adopted and the PC did not want further breaches of the development boundary that could set a precedent under the new Local Plan.

17/34 Correspondence.

Invitation from the Police and Crime Commissioner – Launch of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.

Invitation to apply to become a Magistrate – HM Courts & Tribunal Service.

Community Defibrillators Awareness Campaign.

Lobby Day 28th March 2017 promoting the role of parish and town councils.

Vacancy for a councillor of executive committee – GAPTC.

Shed break in at Cockadilly – Neighbourhood Watch.

Adopting telephone kiosk in Front St – Jenny and Andy Nesbett. Agreed AM to write to accept offer.

Infrastructure Survey – Neil Carmichael MP. Agreed to bring forward to the next meeting.

17/35 Finance Report. (i) Cheques to be authorised: A. McKay clerks salary £ 115.20 ; HMRC PAYE £28.80; (ii) Chairs Allowance. There is no provision in the budget for a Chair's allowance although there is legal provision to include an allowance each year for the Chair. It was agreed that this could be made on an ad hoc basis annually if required. ES to be reimbursed for the cost of the former Clerk's leaving gift, £220, to be account for as Clerk's honoraria. Proposed AH, Seconded CP. It was agreed to make an ad hoc budget allocation for the spring clean-up.

17/04 Date of the next meeting. Monday, 10th April 2017. It was noted that the Village Hall would be closed so it was agreed that AM contact the school to book a room.