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**MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council (NPC)
held at Nympsfield Village Hall on Monday, 13th January 2025**

25/001: Present:

Cllr A Robertson (Chair), Cllr S Price (Vice Chair), Cllr P Tomiak-Baquero, Cllr T Gaunt, County Cllr Thomas, District Cllr Percy, C Fairbrother (Clerk).

25/002: Apologies:

Cllr Crabb.

25/003: Minutes:

The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December were approved and signed.

25/004: Declarations of Personal Interest:

No declarations of personal interest were received.

25/005: District and County Councillors' reports:

County Councillor Thomas delivered her report for January. £10,000 is allocated for Tinkley Lane potholes from Cllr Thomas' fund. The early 65 bus to Stroud is often too full to take Nympsfield passengers – who are mainly schoolchildren at that time of the day. A double decker is the obvious solution but Stagecoach is reluctant. Cllr Thomas has asked Simon Opher MP to write to Stagecoach.

District Cllr Percy delivered his report for January. An extra housing officer will start in April. The local plan, not yet approved, no longer fits the requirements of the government's national planning framework as it doesn't demonstrate sufficient land supply for development. Unplanned housing development is a big risk, as a consequence of no approved plan being in place.

25/006: Public Questions/Participation:

None.

25/007: Planning matters:

S.24/2263/TCA St Bartholomews Church, Nympsfield. Trees in a Conservation Area: T1 & T2 Yew - Crown lift lower branches (5m from ground level). Web Link:

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/>

No NPC comment.

Consultation Telecoms Site Nympsfield SW (Ref: CS 20799522)

Clerk to write to Cornerstone to express concerns expressed by NPC around flying safety, disruption and visual impact caused by replacing existing mast with one 2.5m taller.

25/008: Grant Applications:

None, although an informal request has been received from the school for a modest amount to cover materials for road safety signs. This has been agreed by NPC, pending receipt of an invoice.

25/009: Financial Matters: Payments of the Council:

Playing Field grass cutting grant (3 of 4) - £358.08

Village Hall cleaning grant (3 of 4) - £187.50

GAPTC annual membership 2024 (original cheque lost in post) - £112.90

PATA Uk annual payroll service 2025 - £150.40

Salary and expenses - £279.70 (December)

HMRC PAYE - £70.00 (December)

Village Hall hire (December) - £22.50

R Gazzard bus shelter repair - £265.00

25/010: Financial Matters: Random sampling check:

Cllr Gaunt examined 3 payments at random for the current year. All were paired and cross referenced to hard copy invoices from within the payments file. 1 in September, 2 in November.

25/011: Financial Matters: Budget and Precept:

The provisional budget for 2025/6 was unanimously adopted by NPC. The precept request was also agreed to remain the same as last year, at £12,000.

25/012: Clerk's Report:

The clerk reported that the website has finally been updated and he will send a second tranche of work which will make it up to date when implemented.

Possible funding for playing field access and playground equipment from Glos CC from their 'build back better' fund was discussed. Options, as previously presented by the Playing Field Committee, were discussed with a focus on the most cost-effective solution. The PFC will attend the February meeting.

A brief, positive meeting has taken place with the relevant landowner regarding the first phase of the footpath to Tinkley Gate. Clerk to follow up on possible supply of saplings to border the new path. A volunteer effort for the planting might be called for in the next month or so. District Cllr Percy reported there may be 'active travel' funding available for help with the cost of implementing the footpath through to Tinkley Gate. He will find out who best to contact at Stroud.

25/013: Audit Matters:

The asset register and inspection date for 2024/25 need to be agreed. Clerk to circulate a copy of the asset register for discussion next month. 2025/26 should also be discussed and agreed.

25/014: Highways:

Following their meeting, Cllr Tomiak-Baquero is to work with Rose Coon to promote a speed limit through Cockadilly following a possible loosening of the regulatory landscape. Also to promote a possible 20mph limit through Nympsfield village.

25/015: The Glebe:

Further discussion took place on the detail of the latest exchange with the agents of the Diocese. A site meeting with them is to be arranged.

25/016: Councillors' items for Future Discussion:

Chair: Annual village tidying.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

(Signed).....(Dated).....