

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm in Nympsfield Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors Ann Hardy (AH), Sue Cowle (SC) (Vice-Chair), Carol Pittaway (CP).

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

Councillor Sue Cowle chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Elizabeth Sturgess.

18/59 Apologies. Councillors Elizabeth Sturgess (ES) (Chair), David Acton (DA), Loraine Patrick (LP).

18/60 Public Representation. None.

18/61 Declarations of Interest. None.

18/62 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

18/63 District and County Councillor Reports. RJD presented his report from Stroud District Council. SDC are making some efficiency savings to meet their reduced budget target. This involves staff reductions of 20% over 4 years. Their priority is to protect essential services and voluntary organizations. The government have agreed to review former Rate Support Grant to try and ease the burden on local authorities. SDC will be part of a business rate retention pilot in 2018/19. This will make the council fully funded by business rates and council tax only for the first time. A car parking review is underway and out for consultation. Housing repairs are underspent by over £1m owing to a backlog build up by contractors. New contractors will be appointed to clear the backlog. A new 80 bed residential care unit has been given permission in Wotton. Pikes Quarry recycling centre will be closed temporarily in June.

8/64 Village Maintenance. (i) Annual Spring Clean. Had gone well; (ii) Glebe wall. AM reported some of the wall onto Church St. had come down. It was agreed to contact Ben Carter the tenant to ask him to contact the Diocese whose responsibility it is to repair and offer to write to them if he prefers. It was agreed to give them a time limit after which the work will be done and invoiced to the Diocese.

18/65 Highways. AM reported that GCC Highways had responded to the request for 'no heavy vehicle' signs by saying that Traffic Orders would be required, and these could cost £10-20,000. It was agreed to explore how Brimscombe PC got theirs and write to GCC again asking for some no cost alternatives. It was agreed to write to Paul Helbrow about the poor state of verges and overhanging trees on Cockadilly. RJD said that the costed plan being prepared by the Traffic Calming Group could be sent to Barry Whyatt at SDC. (ii) Tinkley Lane closure. AM reported that Tinkley Lane would be temporarily closed for Severn Trent to undertake some works June 11th to 13th June 2018.

18/66 Proposed Affordable Housing. AM reported that Martin Hutchins of GRCC had been in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss some proposals from Severn Vale Housing Association in relation to affordable housing. No further information was available. It was agreed to invite Martin and Chris Knibbs to a Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

18/66 Data Protection. AM reported that new data protection legislation comes into effect on 27th May 2018. The Local Government Association is negotiating with government to get Parish Councils exempted from some of the more onerous provisions. Meanwhile it was recommended that PCs do what they can to ensure compliance. It was agreed to appoint Ashy McKay (AM) as the Data Protection Officer, and to carry out a review to ensure compliance.

18/67 Correspondence.

18/68 Planning. (i) Decisions. AM reported that an appeal against the decision not to permit the proposed erection of a farm cottage at New Court Farm, David's Lane, has been dismissed. The Planning Inspectorate did not agree with the need for a second cottage on the basis that Barn Cottage is still available for a herdsman. (ii) S.18/0815/OUT Forest Green Rovers. An outline planning application has been submitted for the development of 98 new homes on the FGR site at Forest Green. It was agreed to submit the former objection and to contest the claims in the traffic impact assessment that there will be 15% increase in traffic volumes at peak times. It is believed these levels will be much higher along Tinkley Lane and through Nympsfield daily and also on match days with supporters travelling from Nailsworth through Nympsfield to the new stadium at Stonehouse; (iii) S.18/0819/TCA Stonecourt. Removal of lower branches from mature beech tree. No objections.

18/69 Councillors Reports.

GCC – Proposed diversion of public footpath CNY at St. Joseph's Primary School. The new path to follow the edge of the playing field.

SDC – SDCs statement of Principles under the gambling Act 2005.

GCC – LED Street Lighting throughout Gloucestershire.

GAPTC – Update on GDPR and data Protection Bill.

GCC – Dursley Library – partial refurbishment closure.

GCC – Press release – Council seeks new route for county's waste.

Bob Stevenson – Traffic Incident at The Cross.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.