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**MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council  
held on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Village Hall 7.30pm**

**19/54: Present:** Cllrs E Sturgess, S Cowle, A Hardy; District Cllr J Dewey; Locum Clerk A Ayling

**19/55: Election of chairman and vice-chairman:** Cllr Hardy proposed and Cllr Cowle seconded Cllr Sturgess for the position of Chair of the Council. Cllr Hardy proposed and Cllr Sturgess seconded Cllr Cowle for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council.

**19/56: Apologies:** Cllr Carol Pittaway

**19/57: Public questions / participation:** No members of the public were present.

**19/58: Declarations of interest / dispensations:** There were none.

**19/59: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were signed as a true record.

**19/60: District councillor's report:** Cllr Dewey delivered his report, focusing on the Carbon Neutral proposal. SDC had passed a motion for the whole district to be carbon neutral by 2030. Cllr Dewey explained the history behind this. He suggested that a local climate action group could be set up in the parish so that the village could become carbon neutral. He shared Stonehouse council's proposal. The Parish Council could take a lead by, for example, cutting the grass less; turning off street lights; switching to renewable energy. He also explained that there is money available for planting trees via the Stroud Valley Project (as per the email sent to the clerk 9.5.19). The potential for solar panels was discussed – with a possible link-up with Uley and Coaley so as to make any project more worthwhile for commercial companies. Cllr Sturgess stated that the Parish Council needed a strategy.

**19/61: Relocation of the War Memorial:** Two letters had been received regarding this. It was agreed that, in the next newsletter, it will be reported that 'NPC is giving serious consideration to moving the memorial to a more suitable location'. Cllr Cowle is going to report back to the correspondents; Cllr Sturgess is going to speak to the owners of the house where the memorial is currently located and also to the people who look after the 'Barrow' – the location identified as being suitable for the relocation.

**19/62: Clerk's report and correspondence:** The council had now taken delivery of its new laptop, printer and mobile phone. Current data had been transferred to the laptop. Former data remained available on the back-up/external hard drive.

The council now had view only on-line for business access to its Lloyds Bank account.

A decision was taken to in future forward to members all GCC press releases sent by Cllr Patrick.

The council was now able to move to co-option of a new member after no request for an election to fill the vacancy was received. It was agreed Cllr Cowle would ask Peter Tomiack to e-mail the clerk about his interest in the seat.

Guidance in uploading to the council's new website was still required and Cllr Hardy offered to join Cllr Pittaway in training.

Cllr Sturgess had written to the Gloucester Diocese informing it of the memorial stile/gate project at The Glebe Village Green. The expected installation of this in May had been postponed until after mid-June due to the delayed delivery of the gate.

There had been no reply from the Rose and Crown about the defibrillator funding and installation.

The council had been informed it had gained £294.57 in Community Infrastructure Levy. The money had been held by Stroud District Council which confirmed it could be used toward a future defibrillator project. The next available CIL payout was in October.

At the last meeting council had learned of a leak in the bus shelter roof. Cllr Cowle would ask a roofer currently working at the school to look at it, and Cllr Sturgess would ask another roofer to gain two professional opinions.

E-Correspondence (available on request from the clerk):

GCC Councils Connected

Stroud Fruit Exchange

GAPTC updates and trainings

Wotton-under-Edge businessman critical of Stroud High Street Future Fund

GCC releases re: Support for new parents; Supporting young people; £2.7 million to improve Gloucester;

Pupils school places offers; Opposition to Fire Service takeover; and Students antibiotic resistance.

Correspondence:

CPRE "Gloucestershire Views" annual review, AGM invite (May 20t) and events list

### **19/63: Planning matters: a) Applications –**

S.19/0674/HHOLD The Hawthorns, The Plain, two storey front extension: *no objection*

S.18/0815/OUT (resubmission) demolition of The New Lawn Football Stadium (Forest Green Rovers FC) and re-development to provide the erection of up to 95 dwellings: *The councillors wish to repeat what they have said in the past (as was emailed to the Clerk previously).*

S.14/2888/FUL, 0194/FUL and 1334/FUL Discharge of conditions re storm and foul drainage, plots 1,2,3,4,and 5 Arthurs Yard, Tinkley Lane: *no discussion held*

### **b) Decisions –**

S.19/0509/TCA Marist Convent, Front Street, Works to Western Red Cedar approved;

S.18/2409/VAR Court Farm, Townsend, variation of condition to enable mobile home to remain until 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, awaited;

S.19/0351/HHOLD The Old Shed, Tinkley Lane, construction of single story new detached workshop, withdrawn;

S.18/2688 detached dwelling adjacent Barn Cottage permitted;

S.19/0320/TCA Irish Yew T1 reduce height by 3.5m St Bartholomew's Church approved.

**19/64: Traffic matters:** Gloucestershire County Cllr Robinson had alerted his authority's planning/enforcement officer(s) to vehicle movements linked to deposits of materials at a farm in Tinkley Lane from works being undertaken by Smiths of Gloucester next to the Avening garden centre. Matters were ongoing.

A resident's concern/complaint about an exposed mains cable in Blackberry Lane was resolved when contractors buried it and laid tarmac over the trench.

The council has been invited to join the Stroud District Road Safety Group. Projects underway included a rural, multi-site, Traffic Road Safety Order and purchase of two mobile vehicle activate speed systems which could be shared by group members. The SDRSG's letter requesting a £250 associate member fee and offering a presentation to a future council was before the meeting. Cllr Sturgess recommended the proposal be considered and it was agreed to arrange the presentation after which a decision would be made about whether to join the group or not.

A resident had reported missing road markings at the junction of David's Lane and Blackberry Lane. GCC had issued details of its new highways structure from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 which now had three separate suppliers instead of one. Ringway was now responsible for general maintenance, Tarmac for structural maintenance and Atkins for highways professional services/major projects.

There was some discussion of the need to repaint finger posts and of erosion of the Tinkley Lane/Blackberry Lane verges.

Road closure(s): B4066 near Gliding Club, May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, for water works; Uley Road, Dursley, 25<sup>th</sup> May-31<sup>st</sup> July, for resurfacing;

**19/65: Financial matters: Payments:** The below list was approved. It was not possible to sign the cheques as a second signatory was not present.

Invoices

J. Barber (phone credit, stamps)	£31.96
Softlink Computer Systems Ltd.	£774.00
Mulberry Media	£350.30
Leopard Press	£111.00

Payments included VAT where applicable. Nympsfield PC is able to reclaim this.

**b) To consider a grant application from Nympsfield School:** It was agreed to grant £500, with a view to paying more if the after-school club still found themselves short after approaching other grant-making bodies. It was noted that many children at the after-school club do not come from the village.

**c) To receive/approve the internal audit:** This was approved and is attached.

**19/66: Items for future discussion:**

- a) The Stroud Valley Project – tree planting.
- b) The issue of the footpath by the pub
- c) Hardcore rubbish outside James’ field
- d) Cllr L Patrick’s contact with Stagecoach about the bus stop

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed: ..... Date:.....