

## NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council held on Monday August 12th, 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**19/80: Present:** Cllrs E Sturgess (chair), S Cowle (vice chair), C. Pittaway, prospective Cllr P. Tomiak-Baquero, the locum clerk, the prospective new clerk.

**19/81: Apologies:** Cllr A. Hardy.

**19/82: Public questions/participation:** None.

**19/83: Declarations of interest/requests for dispensations:** None.

**19/84: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**19/85: Co-option:** It was broadly agreed and unanimously supported that Peter Tomiak-Baquero be co-opted to fill the vacant seat on the council. Cllr Tomiak-Baquero then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms.

Cllr Pittaway gave her apologies and left the meeting at this point.

**19/86: Approval of new policies and appointment of new clerk:** It was proposed by Cllr Tomiak-Baquero and seconded by Cllr Cowle that Ms Susan Black be appointed the council's new clerk. This followed interviews for the post held during July. The chair and Ms Black then each signed the Contract of Employment which had been previously circulated to both parties. It was agreed that policies to which the contract referred would be finalised and approved prior or to coincide with the completion of the new clerk's probationary period.

**19/87: County and district councillors' reports:** There were none. Cllr Cowle however raised the ongoing liaison with bus operators Stagecoach to which Gloucestershire County Cllr Patrick had previously referred. Cllr Cowle expressed dissatisfaction with Cllr Patrick's progress in the matters of the potential installation of a secondhand bus shelter and the renewed use of an existing stone bus shelter, each to service buses stopping in central Nympsfield. Cllr Cowle's offer to begin the negotiations again with Stagecoach was supported.

Stroud District Cllr Dewey's earlier liaison with Stroud Valleys Project about tree plantings to help carbon neutral targets was raised. Cllr Cowle was aware Nympsfield School wished additional trees in their field and undertook to arrange liaison between the parties involved.

**19/88: Planning matters:** **a) Applications** – S.19/1569/TCA Large cherry tree to be removed which is diseased with leaf spot. Will undertake to replace the tree with suitable boundary to property tree. Robins Hill, The Plain. Support; **b) Decisions:** S.19/1272/HHOLD The Old Shed, Tinkley Lane, Construction of single storey, detached workshop ancillary to main house and

amendments to size and orientation of double garage (resubmission of S.19/0351/HHOLD) permitted; S.19/0771/FUL, Land opposite The Hawthorns The Plain, demolition of existing single storey structure and construction of 10 no dwellings for affordable provision, called in/awaited; S.19/1045/HHOLD Highlands, The Plain, erection of single and double storey extension, permitted; 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, awaited; S.18/2409/VAR Court Farm, Townsend, variation of condition to enable mobile home to remain until 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, refused;

**19/89: Financial matters: a) Payments of the council** – the following list of payments was agreed following approval by council auditor Cllr Cowle:

Nymphsfield Village Hall (three invoices)	£90.00
J. Barber	£6.48
J. Barber	£1.00
Mulberry Media (staffing)	£478.52

**b) Membership of Stroud District Road Safety Group** – The previous meeting had received a presentation from the SDRSG chairman and it had been agreed to discuss potential involvement in the group's various initiatives, including membership at £250. Cllr Tomiak-Baquero had looked into the ongoing SDRSG initiatives and suggested the group's benefits were of considerable interest, but were not something with which the parish council might currently wish to engage. His view was accepted. **c) Best value grass cutting** – Cllr Sturgess had obtained alternative quotations for cutting The Cross, The Barrow and Cockadilly junction. After discussion it was agreed to trial Stroud Living Landscapes for the rest of the summer and into the winter, and to review performance in future;

**19/90: Clerk's report/correspondence inc. a) Memorial stile installation** – There had been confusion over this project. The clerk(s) would contact all involved to rectify the problem(s), especially the ongoing need for a stock proof five bar gate entrance alongside the new memorial kissing gate; **b) War memorial move working party** – It had earlier been resolved to attempt to relocate The Cross from private householders' land to The Barrow because its roadside position meant both damage to the memorial and hazards for worshippers. Cllr Cowle would liaise with resident Mary Elmer to see if permission for the relocation could be gained from the War Memorial Society before any practicalities were discussed.

The clerk reported the National Trust had advised it would be undertaking felling work in Woodchester Park from mid-September for two-three months. An area of non-native Western Red Cedar trees would be removed and a large part of the purple walking route would be inaccessible to the public for health and safety reasons. Diversions would be signposted.

The SDC had advised that a report highlighting the key findings from the Local Plan Emerging Strategy Consultation carried out at the end of 2018 was available on its website

Correspondence: (e-mails, could be forwarded on request)

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GCC Councils connected

GCC multi-million pound plan to restore missing canal link

GCC cabinet member for Glos Fire and Rescue Service welcomes audit outturn

GCC re closure of Wyatt House and Southfield care homes

GCC Minerals Plan consultation

Hinkley Point C latest consultation

Rural Services Network Cheltenham Conference invitation  
SDC July e-news  
SDC August e-news

**19/91: Traffic matters report:** Resident Bob Stevenson had copied the council in to two reports of potholes he had made to GCC. They were at Benton Court and Tinkley Corner. Tinkley Lane was be closed either side of Tinkley Corner, August 19-23<sup>rd</sup> for a new water connection. Cllrs Sturgess and Tomiak-Baquero planned to meet to draw up a schedule of highways' issues in the parish, including road safety matters, so that concerns could in future be better logged, tracked and tackled. It was hoped to identify both matters the community could tackle itself as well as longer term projects.

**19/92: Councillors' items for future discussion:** The PCSO should be invited to the next meeting. Provision of a kissing gate at the Playing Field pedestrian entrance should be discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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