

## **NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES of the meeting of Nymphsfield Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**19/93: Present:** Cllrs E Sturgess (chair), S Cowle (vice chair), A Hardy, P. Tomiak-Baquero, Stroud District Councillor Dewey, PC Peter Lay, Mary Elmer, the locum clerk, Sue Black, clerk.

**19/94: Apologies:** Cllr C Pittaway, GCC Lorraine Patrick.

**19/95: Public questions/participation:** None.

**19/96: Declarations of interest/requests for dispensations:** None.

**19/97: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12h August, 2019, were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**19/98:Community Overview by PC Peter Lay:** PC Lay confirmed there has been no police presence in the community for the last 2 years. This is down to staffing issues but that a new PCSO, Anne Barker has been assigned to cover the Nymphsfield area. The Chair asked for comparison crime rates in nearby locations in the last 12 months which recorded Horsley (urban area) 47 crimes (3 burglaries); Cowley 21 (residential burglaries); Woodchester 32 (4 residential burglaries) and Nymphsfield 9 crimes (3 of theft, not residential burglaries).

PC Lay suggested that lack of crime in the Nymphsfield community may well be its geographical position which has poor access/egress from an intruder perspective.

Cllr. Tomiak-Baquero asked about road safety and referred to traffic collision (not crime recordable) at Foster Hill. PC Lay confirmed position of incidents remains unchanged with highest casualties in age group 17-23 (mostly male). PC Lay referred to road safety promotion which has been running for 3-4 years and funded by the Gloucestershire Crime & Police Commissioners. PC advised no necessity for speed cameras in the village as cars are not breaking speed limit. The Chair advised that the Parish Council are keen to raise as much support and awareness of road safety in the community and asked PC Lay to report of any incidents that came in to help our cause.

The Chair minuted that the PCSO, Anne Barker, will be in touch with the Parish Council when she returns from leave this week.

PC Lay asked to be sent a copy of the Minutes of this meeting.

Cllr. Cowle then raised the issue of illegal parking outside the school when dropping off children. School not responding to requests for support and the Chair would like PC

support in enforcing parking regulations. PC Lay advised that the police do not have the powers to enforce double yellow line parking but he will nominate PCSO Barker to take ownership of this issue. The Chair nominated that the PCSO could park in her driveway. PC Lay said PSO to assess situation and get back to PC Lay. PC Lay said to get the registration numbers of the offending parties.

The Chair then asked Cllr. Dewey to report on crash at top of road junction Brick Lay/Bath Road where car came around the corner too fast and came off the road. It was suspected that another car was involved.

**19/99: County and district councillors' reports:** None.

**19/100: Planning matters: a) Applications** – S.19/1657/TCA White Hart Court, Front Street, fell holly and eucalyptus, crown reduce beech No comment. S.19/1650/LBC The Old Stores, Church Street, re-board loft area Support.

**b) Decisions** - S.19/1569/TCA 569/TCA Large cherry tree to be removed Robins Hill, The Plain. Approved.

S19/0771/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; Cllr Dewey reported that he had spoken with the Planning Manager about concerns on siting and a decision will be made in October.

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;

**19/101: Financial matters: a) Payments of the council** – the following list of payments was agreed following approval by council auditor Cllr Cowle and Cllr. Tomiak-Baquero.

Invoices

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| J. Barber (Ionos x 2, stamps) | £10.40  |
| Mulberry Media                | £469.97 |
| Softlink Computer Systems Ltd | £31.20  |
| PATA (payroll admin)          | £20.25  |
| Staffing                      | £250.11 |
| Softlink Computer Systems Ltd | £84.00  |

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

**19/101: Clerk's report/correspondence inc. a) Memorial stile installation** – Chair reported the gate size is too big and not the right shape. Not stockproof. Chair says this is a sensitive issue as the stile has been paid for by other parties. There was no permission to remove 5 bar gate. Installation carried out by Cotswold Wardens. Chair confirmed this is an ongoing issue and action carried forward from last meeting to arrange an on-site meeting. Cllr. Cowle said the gate can, if necessary, be relocated to the playing field.

**b) War Memorial relocation** - Cllr Cowle invited Mary Elmer to the meeting. Ms Elmer reported that the memorial is not listed with possible re-siting to The Barrows. Chair advised that it needs to be established that consent can be given before considering

possible alternative site. Mary Elmer advised information on re-siting of war memorial locations can be downloaded from War Memorial Trust website. Clerk to report on item.

**b) Best value grass cutting** – Cllr Sturgess had obtained alternative quotations for cutting The Cross, The Barrow and Cockadilly junction. Chair reported that she is happy with the first cut and cost will come through to the Parish Council.

**c) Dead tree on public highway verge** - Chair raised the issue of resident reporting a dead tree on public highway verge with no response from Highways. Locum clerk advised that a reference number would have been allocated by Highways and the Chair will ask resident for this reference number.

**d) Confirmation of Snow Plough Warden and Operator** - Cllr Cowle confirmed that she is the Snow Warden and the Snow Plough Operator is Oliver Toms. County pays for this service. Clerk to notify Highways Manager, Jenny Goodson,

Correspondence: (could be forwarded on request)

Chartered parish and town council meeting/agenda

SDC review of polling stations and places

SDC canal survey

SDC E-news

SDC youth work strategy

GCC Councils Connected

GCC releases (already forwarded)

Muslim awards

Climate change residents consultation

Youth Climate panel

Queens honours nominations

Stroud College climate change event

**19/102: Traffic matters report:** Cllr Dewey reported on the accident at top of road junction Brick Lay/Bath Road. It was assumed two cars in collision travelling at high speed in light of the damage to the one car. Other car not at the scene.

Chair raised ongoing report about repairs to signposting and that this matter would be included in the highways schedule ongoing report so that concerns could in future be better logged, tracked and tackled, in liaison with Paul Holygrove, GCC Highways.

**19/103: Councillors' items for future discussion:** Cllr. Hardy referred to pot hole issues. Provision of a kissing gate at the Playing Field pedestrian entrance.

The meeting closed at 20.39.

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

