

## NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES of the meeting of Nympsfield Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.15pm**

**19/129: Present:** Cllrs E Sturgess (chair), S Cowle (vice chair), A Hardy, C Pittaway, P Tomiak-Baquero, Susan Black, clerk.

**19/130: Apologies:** Stroud District Councillor J Dewey, GCC Cllr Lorraine Patrick.

**19/131: Public questions/participation:** None.

**19/132: Declarations of interest/requests for dispensations:** None.

**19/133: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**19/134: County and district councillors' reports:** None.

**19/135: Budget Forecast 2020/2021:** It was agreed that the clerk will prepare a revised budget forecast to include:

- a) Increasing the General Village Maintenance budget to £2,500pa;
- b) Increasing the S.137 allowance to £750pa (subject to the clerk establishing the cap limit for Nympsfield);
- c) Reducing the PATA payment to £100pa (£150 in last year's budget);
- d) Introducing an allowance of £100pa for training;
- e) Introducing election expenses (clerk to establish this cost).
- f) There is no service contract in place with Softlink. Clerk awaits their costing schedule.

The clerk will then present the revised budget to the councillors prior to the next meeting in anticipation of precept request forms being released by SDC before Christmas, with a view of an increased precept figure of £10K.

The Chair further advised that the Council's reserves could be utilised if necessary.

#### **19/136 Funding requests:**

- a) Following a request by Stroud Valley Projects for £500 funding towards tree planting. The Chair and Councillors requested that the clerk establish how many parish councils there are within the Stroud district and the population in each council. The Council will then be in a position to gauge a suitable contribution, if any.
- b) Following a request by Rosemary Beach from Britain in Bloom requesting a grant of £500 towards the cost of planting etc., the Chair and Councillors agreed to purchase a petrol trimmer with the stipulation that it will belong to the parish council and only to be used by the parish council. Cllr Carol Pittaway proposed the purchase and Cllr

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Peter Tomiak-Baquero seconded. The parish council will be eligible to reclaim the VAT on the purchase. Cllr Cowle will update Rosemary Beach with this proposal.

**19/137 Local Plan Review:** it was agreed that the Chair and Councillors will view this document on line and that the clerk will retain the hard copy for future consultation.

**19/138 Clerk's probation period:** The clerk was requested to leave the meeting whilst the Chair and Councillors consulted. The clerk was then called back into the meeting and the Chair announced their satisfaction in the performance of her role. The clerk added a caveat that in view of the complexity of the Responsible Financial Officer role she would like to confirm her position once the year end (31 03 2020) duties have been satisfactorily concluded.

**19/139: Planning matters:**

- a) **Applications** . None.
- b) **Decisions:**

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**; *Post Meeting Action: SDC confirmed the status of the above is "awaiting decision".*

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**;

**19/140: Rose & Crown Public House – Disposal Notice under Section 95(2):** The Chair confirmed that the whole of the pub, plus outbuildings, is up for sale and that a moratorium is in place which precludes the pub being sold for the remainder of the 6 month period.

**19/141: Financial matters: a) Payments of the council** – the following list of payments was agreed following approval by council auditor Cllr Cowle , Cllr Sturgess and Cllr Hardy.

Invoices

S Black (ancillary expenses October 2019)	£52.00
Softlink Computer Systems Ltd (website tuition)	£66.00
Ionos (for information only)	£1.00
Staffing	£301.59
HMRC	£ 43.80
GAPTC	£ 40.00
Nymphsfield Village Hall	£ 60.00
Mulberry Media	£ 17.09
PATA	£ 23.25

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£ 93.00

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

Lloyds bank Treasurer's account as at 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 = £15,165.64

**19/142: Clerk's report/correspondence inc. a) Provision of kissing gate at playing field pedestrian entrance; Village Green gates installation; Parish election 2020; pot holes in Tinkley Lane:**

- a) **Provision of kissing gate:** Cllr Cowle's update is being carried forward to next meeting.
- b) **Village Green gates installation:** Cllr Cowle has spoken with Adam who will liaise with Ben regarding site meeting and they will let Cllr Cowle know date and time of meeting so she can attend.
- c) **Parish election 2020;** Clerk confirms parish election day is 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. SDC releases paperwork on 1<sup>st</sup> February with completed paperwork to be back by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- d) **Pot holes Tinkley Lane:** Cllr Hardy reported 2 deep holes in Tinkley Lane and Cllr Tomiak-Baquero to liaise with Paul at Highways regarding this.

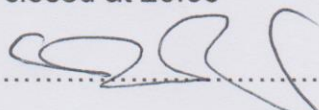
Correspondence: (already forwarded and a list can be supplied on request)

GCC (and other) releases (already forwarded and a list can be supplied on request)

**19/143: Traffic matters report:** Cllr Tomiak-Baquero is awaiting a response from Paul at Highways regarding suitable materials to protect the house on the corner which is hit by passing traffic. Paul Helbrow confirms this is not a Highways issue.

**19/144: Councillors' items for future discussion:** None.

The meeting closed at 20.00

(Signed).......... (Dated)..... 13/1/2020 .....