

# Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

*Robin Wells*  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

## MINUTES

1. Attendance:  
Councillors: John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Jane Batten (JB), Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), George Ford (GF), Peter Rendle (PR).  
Ward Councillor: David Harding  
Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).  
One members of the public- S Read (SR).
2. Apologies. James Everett (JE).  
Councillors: Anna Box
3. Approval of minutes of meetings:
  - a. The minutes of the meeting held on held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were reviewed and approved.
4. Public Participation:
  - a. SR asked if the WECA fund could be used to purchase recording equipment for Parish Council meetings.
  - b. SR raised the issue of speeding vehicles in the village and outside his property.
  - c. Does Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council have a parish plan. The 2024/25 budget will be discussed later in the meeting which will draft out the plan for the next financial year.
  - d. Councillor Anna Box gave guidance at a previous meeting .SR asked if the Parish Councillors should accept guidance from the ward councillors without voting? PH responded that AB is very proficient in the workings of the council and would therefore offer accurate guidance.
5. Declarations of Interest:
  - a. PH declared that he has an interest in agenda item 8.a.ii and will step out of the meeting whilst this is discussed. No other declarations of interests were declared.
6. Highways
  - a. JM mentioned a large pothole by Mary Paddock Farm, which was reported and has also reported several blocked drains. DH advised that highways would only fill potholes once they become a certain depth.
  - b. The flooding reported near Ubley is no longer an issue.
7. Ward Cllr, AB gave updates on the following:
  - a. An extra £24.5K for next years budget needed. Rises expected to Council Tax.
  - b. WECA - Westlink consultation – smaller zones expected.
  - c. BANES highways came top for customer satisfaction regarding road repairs and urges residents to use the Fix My Street portal.
  - d. North Somerset Council local plan submission – Bristol Airport – please can all object to the airport coming out of the greenbelt.
  - e. Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund- £1k is given to all ward councillors to spend on concerns in their local communities.
  - f. Anna Box had a baby girl, Cassie, on 11.12.23.

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### 8. Planning:

#### a. New applications:

- i. Parcel 0038 Green Lane-23/04581/VAR – Variation of existing planning to extend from 30 to 40 years. All voted to support the variation.
- ii. Hillcroft, Nempnett Street – 23/03652/FULL -The correspondence from Acorn Rural Property Consultants was read out followed by a statement from PH. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the original application should remain fully supported and a response drafted to Acorn.
- iii. Rugmoor Farm – 23/04655/CONSULT – A comment should be submitted to request that a condition of sale is that the number of individual residential/commercial dwellings should be restricted, on the overall plot, to 2.

**ACTION:** LH to draft a letter to respond to Acorn re item 8.a.ii ie AONB.

**ACTION:** LH to make contact with the planning department and express concerns over Rugmoor Farm consultation

#### b. Decisions: None

#### c. Enforcement:

- i. Bellevue Farm -21/02997/VAR- awaiting an update and submission of retrospective planning for the menage and stable block. The arena is claimed to be pre-existing. Jane confirmed that this was the case but not in the area it is currently located.
- ii. Parcel 0578, Nempnett Street (John Patch New Barn) – Water, Electricity, septic tank on site.

**ACTION:** LH to chase up enforcement of Bellevue

**ACTION:** LH to report the services that are now on the land to enforcement, re: Parcel 0578

### 9. Finance:

- a. The bank reconciliation for 9<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 was reviewed. All agreed it was an accurate record.
- b. Payments for approval.
  - i. L Home – Clerk's salary & expenses for December. £271.23. All agreed
  - ii. Chew Valley Nature Recovery donation towards their website. Declined.
  - iii. JM expenses for attending WECA meeting £11.25. All agreed. JM confirmed that any application would need to show that it would be a benefit to the community. Therefore, it was thought that the solar panels to the village hall roof and the EV car charging point would not be valid applications.
- c. Community Infrastructure Levy.
  - i. Jubilee seat- No update available for the repair yet.
  - ii. Coronation Seat – Thanks to Shane B for his contribution to the base for the seat. Meet at 10am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to review what is left to be done.
- d. Precept expenses were discussed and agreed at £6100.00 for 2024/25

**ACTION:** LH to look into the website and see if the hosting etc... is something that can be brought in house to save money.

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**ACTION:** JB to mention to the Village Hall Committee at the February meeting, the notice board needs maintenance, following the glass falling out during use.

10. Parish Councils Airport Association: No update available. All agreed to object as per the PCAA suggestion – see email.
11. Next meeting - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00