

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Pete Wilks
5/3 March / 24

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 6th February 2024

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:
Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), George Ford (GF), James Everett (JE).
Ward Councillor: None
Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).
Members of the public- S Read (SR), Luke Ford (LF), Nina Hirons (NH).
2. Apologies. Peter Rendle (PR), Jane Batten (JB).
Ward Councillors: Anna Box, David Harding
3. Approval of minutes of meetings:
 - a. The minutes of the meeting held on held on 9th January 2023 were reviewed and approved.
Vote: 5:0
4. Public Participation:
 - a. SR commented that Lloyds Bank and Crisis have announced a need for another million homes.
 - b. As per an email from Acorn RPC, SR suggested a replacement purpose-built village hall. PH acknowledged SR aspiration, but the PC would not pursue this without evidence of a demand. The idea of new housing would be considered at the next meeting.
 - c. SR will photograph a deep edge where the Uibly hatchery building/hedge joins the river and bring to the next meeting.
 - d. SR raised an issue with the PC Standing Orders and passed documents to JM for review.
 - e. Parish Annual Meeting date was discussed.
5. Declarations of Interest:
 - a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.
6. Highways
 - a. JM gave feedback on several pothole repairs and has further potholes to report.
7. Ward Cllr, DH gave updates on the following:
 - a. B&NES Preliminary Budget- Max Council Tax rises and social care precept: 4.99% rise.
 - b. Liveable Neighbourhoods Bath -5 new Liveable Neighbourhoods in Bath given go ahead.
 - c. New Funding for Ukraine support - Organisations working with refugees, especially Ukraine, may apply for small amounts of funding.
 - d. Clean and Green - No further Clean and Green weeks due to cost savings. Parishes need to encourage use OF Fix My Street.
 - e. Highways Maintenance Policy - Parishes have asked for a copy of the BANES policy.
 - f. JE raised the issue of ageing councillors and attracting younger councillors.

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8. Planning:

- a. New applications
 - i. Bellevue Farm - 23/04702/FUL/Retrospective planning for stables and menage were discussed. No comments.
 - ii. Merry Hill Farm - 23/04580/FUL – Agricultural barn.

ACTION: LH to ask what the barn will be used for and how much agricultural activity there is at this property. In addition, express concern at the level of existing residential development on this site and the possibility that this may also be converted into residential.

- b. Decisions: None
- c. Enforcement:
 - i. Parcel 0578, Nempnett Street (previously John's Patch new barn). Letter from planning received 19.01.24 re unauthorised/enforcement.

9. Finance:

- a. The bank reconciliation for 8th December 2023 to 31 January 2024 was reviewed. All agreed it was an accurate record. Vote 5:0.
- b. Payments for approval:
 - i. L Horne – Clerk's salary & expenses for January. £304.53. Vote 5:0.
- c. Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - i. Jubilee seat- PH has a date in May when the seat will be ready.
 - ii. Coronation Seat – Further ground works are needed

ACTION: JM will ask Bath Ramblers to assist with the ground works for the Coronation Seat.

10. Parish Councils Airport Association:

- a. Transition to the new clerk has gone smoothly
- b. Blagdon and Stanton Drew have both left the PCAA. Blagdon felt the PCAA was too anti Bristol Airport.
- c. Jet Zero –noted that they use sustainable fuel which still produces the same level of Co2 to std fuel.
- d. Surface access consultation linked to expansion plan – Some PC responded but others hadn't been consulted.
- e. 25,000 arrivals/departures annually of Boeing 737's at Bristol airport but none are the 737Max9 type of aircraft that have had escape door issues.
- f. Epic – USA medical data company, have submitted planning application for a huge HQ near the park and ride in Long Ashton. Many Parish councils, Coal Managing Council, Network Rail, Historic England and others are objecting.

ACTION: LH to draft an objection to the EPIC planning application and submit before the 9th Feb.

11. Electric vehicle charger at the village hall – JE is investigating and will go forward with the process with Tim Middleton from Rural EV Charging. JM suggested we establish if the power supply will support a fast charger.

12. Website and email review.

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

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13. Next meeting - Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.30