

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 5th March 2024

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:
Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), Ingrid Wilms (IW), James Everett (JE), Peter Rendle (PR), Jane Batten (JB).
Ward Councillor: None
Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).
Members of the public- Stephen Read (SR)
2. Apologies. John Mallone (JM), George Ford (GF).
Ward Councillors: Anna Box, David Harding
3. Approval of minutes of meetings:
 - a. The minutes of the meeting held on held on 6th February 2023 were reviewed and approved.
Vote: 4-0
4. Public Participation:
 - a. JE noted that a tree has disappeared from 5 ways. There are no plans to replace this at this time.
 - b. JE suggested we consider offering a welcome pack for new residents moving into the area.
 - c. 2pm on the 14th March – memorial event at Hazel Manor to commemorate where a US plane came down during the war.
 - d. Residents should now have access to whats on in Nempnett Thrubwell informing them of the Residents meeting 16/04/2024.
 - e. SR expressed concern about the councils' approach to hedge cutting and resulting debris causing punctures to tyres. Should the council consider hedge cutting earlier in the year when the debris is less course and cut the hedges so that the debris goes into the hedge rather than into the side of the road?
 - f. SR expressed his concern at the council tax rises of 5%.
 - g. SR questioned the lack of parish council representation re: plans for the village hall to be converted to a house in the late 1970's/1980's.

ACTION: New residents welcome pack to be added to the agenda for the April meeting

5. Declarations of Interest:
 - a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.
6. Highways
 - a. All councillors/residents should continue to report potholes via "Fix My Street".
7. Ward Cllr, DH gave updates on the following:
 - a. Budget - B&NES have set their 2024/25 budget. 50% of senior council execs expect their councils to go bust within 5 years. Since 2015, government funding for B&NES has been cut from approx. £60m to £22m. Council tax covers 1/3rd of revenue spend with Bath Heritage contributing over £10m. £5.8m more allocated to social care. Department of Transport grants remain static, but B&NES has increased money for potholes and pavement repairs, partly paid for from Bath Clean Air Zone.

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- b. Clean & Green – Savings being made by not using external contractors and anything needing to be done should be reported on "Fix My Street".
- c. Environment –Nature Action Plan- see email relating to this and action below.

ACTION: All councillors to review, ways for the parish to identify existing natural assets and how to develop them, before the next meeting in April.

- 8. Local Plan- PH has reviewed the online documents which highlighted that there is no change to the status of Nempnett Thrubwell. It remains within the greenbelt/AONB and is not recognised as a village. Land use and green issues also featured which may affect future planning consents. NTPC has no response to the plan.
- 9. Parish Councils approach to housing in the parish, social housing in particular:
As NT remains in a greenbelt/AONB it is unlikely that planning for social housing will be permitted. This has been reviewed previously by NTPC and the view was that there was little appetite. JB has reviewed social housing requests with other parishes and planning departments would look for developments to be on a bus route and in an area with sufficient infrastructure, which would rule NT out.

10. Planning:

- a. New applications:
None
- b. Ongoing:
 - i. Parcel 0038 Green Lane 23/04581/VAR
 - ii. Hillcroft, Nempnett Street 23/03652/FUL
 - iii. Rugmoor Farm 23/04655/CONSLT
 - iv. Bellevue Farm 23/04702/FUL/Retrospective
 - v. Merry Hill Farm 23/04580/FUL
 - vi. Parcel 0578, Nempnett Street
 - vii. Rock House 22/02998/FUL
- c. Decisions:
 - i. Long House Farm 23/04195/FUL Permitted
- d. Enforcement:
None

11. Finance:

- a. The bank reconciliation for 31st January 2024 to 29th February 2024 was reviewed. All agreed it was an accurate record. Vote 4:0.
- b. Payments for approval:
 - i. L Horne – Clerk's salary & expenses for February, £301.02. Vote 4:0
 - ii. Mogan Weld – Jubilee seat repairs £1046.40. Vote 4:0
- c. Community Infrastructure Levy. .
 - i. Jubilee seat- PH will need assistance when this is fitted.
 - ii. Coronation Seat – PH to ask if Shane can further assist with ground works and fitting and requested approval for further expenses that may be incurred. Vote 4:0

- 12. Parish Councils Airport Association: No update.

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13. Electric vehicle charger at the village hall – No update available. JE to follow up.
14. Portrait of the King- JE/JB to advise, prior to 28.03.24, if the hall committee would like a framed picture.
15. Website and email review-LH has made provisional enquiries and needs to explore further.
16. Next meeting – Annual Residents Meeting @ 7pm on Tuesday 16th April 2024
Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th April 2024

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.35