

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 3rd June 2024

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:
Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), James Everett (JE).
Ward Councillor: Anna Box (AB).
Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).
Members of the public- None.
2. Apologies.
Jane Batten (JB), George Ford (GF), Peter Rendle (PR).
3. Approval of minutes of meetings:
 - a. The minutes of the meeting held on held on 7th May 2024 were reviewed and approved. Vote: 3.0
4. Public Participation:
 - a. JE made a suggestion that various village residents, past and present, could have their pictures added to the village hall walls by way of recognition for their contribution.

ACTION: JE to raise with the village hall committee.

5. Declarations of Interest:
 - a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.
6. Ward Councillor Updates:
 - a. Transport update – there is to be a meeting to discuss Active Travel Policy. This will be a 20 year project. Any input please forward to AB.
 - b. Highways – Hen Lane and Green Lane work has not yet started and is being chased.
 - c. De-fib – there are some funds remaining in the ward, so any suggestions please forward to AB. PH asked if the finger signs could be covered and will discuss later in the meeting.
 - d. The Leader of BANES is visiting the valley in July and any items that need bringing to light can be forward to AB. JM suggested airport parking and planning enforcement.
7. Highways
 - a. Parking at the old quarry causing damage to the verges.
 - b. Grass cutting – to be request for the entire parish.

ACTION: PH has written to the business rates team at BANES to ask about the legality of the quarry parking facility. AB to make contact with the relevant planning enforcement officer.

ACTION: LH to write to green spaces and request the grass is cut asap. cc AB

8. Planning:
 - a. New applications:
None
 - b. Ongoing:
 - i. Bellevue Farm 23/04702/FUL/Retrospective
 - ii. Parcel 0578, Nempnett Street

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- iii. Linden Grove 24/01307/FUL
- c. Decisions:
 - i. Merry Hill Farm 23/04580/FUL Permitted
 - ii. Hillcroft, Nempnett Street 23/03652/FUL Permitted
 - iii. West Town House 23/03465/FUL Permitted
- d. Enforcement:
 - None

ACTION: AB to ask the relevant planning officer about the solar farm.

9. Finance:

- a. The bank reconciliation for 30th April 2024 to 31st May 2024 was reviewed. All agreed it was an accurate record. Vote 4:0
- b. Payments for approval:
 - i. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for May £350.99 Vote 4:0
- c. Limited Assurance Review:
 - ii. Standing Orders were reviewed, and changes discussed and approved. Vote 4:0
 - iii. Financial Regulations were discussed and changes to be actioned ready to review at the next meeting.

10. Code of Conduct

- i. Clarify position and content on the website - PH suggested that we adopt the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

ACTION: LH to make amendments to the Financial Regulations and circulate ready for signing off at the next meeting.

ACTION: All councillors to review the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 ready to make the decision to adapt at the next meeting. PH will send this out as a link.

11. Parish Councils Airport Association: No update until after the next meeting later in June.

12. Coronation Seat: The seat is now in place and the Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council would like to offer special thanks to Shane Bowkett for his assistance in getting this work completed.

13. Old finger-posts renovation: Quote for 2 finger posts refurb £137.50 from a local resident. JM mentioned the couple of finger posts that were replaced after the 2nd world war in the wrong place. Councillors to consider impact and costs of covering all 8 finger posts for next meeting.

ACTION: AB to explore where the emphasis needs to be placed for gaining multiple quotes for the finger posts.

ACTION: IW to ask who repaired the finger posts in Ubley and find out the costs.

14. Electric vehicle charger at the village hall: Difficulties in providing the increased electricity supply may prove problematic.

ACTION: JE to explore further

15. Welcome pack for NT residents.

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ACTION: IW has made initial enquiries and will explore further.

16. Website and email review.

ACTION: LH to ask other parish clerks what they do with their websites and explore costs.

17. Next meeting – 7.30pm, 2nd July 2024

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00

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