

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

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3/9/24

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

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), James Everett (JE), George Ford (GF), Peter Rendle (PR).

Ward Councillor: None

Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).

Members of the public- one member of the public present

2. Apologies: John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Jane Batten (JB), Anna Box (AB).

3. Approval of minutes of meetings:

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024 were reviewed and approved.
Proposed by JE. Vote: 4.0.

4. Public Participation:

- a. What is happening with the picture of the king and when would it be put up in the village hall.
- b. Speeding vehicles is a concern to one resident.

ACTION: JE to speak to the Village Hall Committee re the picture of the king that needs putting up in the village hall.

5. Declarations of Interest:

- a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.

6. Ward Councillor Updates:

- a. None

7. Highways

- a. Pit Lane -update required

ACTION: LH to email AB and ask if the signs at Pit Lane stating "Uneven surface" are permanent or does the council intend to resurface large parts of it.

8. Planning:

a. New applications:

- i. Summerleaze, Merry Hill 24/02421/FUL

ACTION: Application supported Vote 4.0

b. Ongoing:

- i. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/02214/VAR
- ii. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/02234/VAR

ACTION: Applications supported Vote 4.0

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c. Decisions:

- i. Linden Grove 24/01307/FUL – 24/P/0669/FUH Permitted

d. Enforcement:

- i. Parcel 0578, Nempnett Street
- ii. Old Quarry, airport parking 24/00170/UNAUTH
- iii. East House – suspected poisoning of trees on land owned by Bristol Water.

9. Finance:

- a. Bank charges will move from quarterly to monthly.
- b. The bank reconciliation for 30th June 2024 to 31st July was reviewed. All agreed it was an accurate record. Vote 4.0
- c. Payments for approval:
 - i. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for July £359.36. Vote 4.0
 - ii. John Mallone – expenses for attending the PCAA meeting £4.50. Vote 4.0
 - iii. All agreed that Liz can proceed to purchase a new parish laptop up to the value of £400.

10. Parish Councils Airport Association- No updates

11. Old finger-posts renovation: PH went through a list of finger posts and the maintenance required. See appendix A.

ACTION: Invoice for finger posts to be sent to AB for action.

ACTION: Further quotes for repairs to finger posts to be acquired from Redhill Engineering or Somerset Forge.

12. Electric vehicle charger at the village hall: JE has completed an online form and the supplier is looking at 2 units.

ACTION: JE to speak to the Village Hall Committee and then progress from there.

13. Welcome pack for NT residents. IW has found lots of information and will continue collating.

14. Website and email review.

ACTION: LH will look at what Meare Parish Council do and advise at the next meeting.

15. Next meeting – 7.30pm, 3rd September 2024.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.30

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Appendix A

Nempnett Thrubwell Finger Posts 2024

We have had a quote of £1164 to sand, prime and paint 7 sign posts which sounds good value and not be worth doing ourselves as individuals.

Somerset signposts were traditionally white finials and arms over a grey post, but as most people would imagine or describe as having black posts, I would suggest any repainting be done in black.

Near Lake

One arm missing. See photo at end.

Finial can be removed (grub screw undone) giving access to this position.

One arm has tip missing.

Suggested plan: *Obtain 1 replacement arm from Somerset Forge. (£450+VAT)*

3rd party to clean and repaint. (1)

Dewdown

One arm broken with the lose piece available.

Attempts to release the arms/finial have so far failed.

Suggested plan: *Obtain assistance to dismantle*

Have one finger repaired (at Redhill Engineering?)

Mike Ford to repaint with council funded paint

Fall-back plan: *Ask Redhill Engineering or Somerset Forge to sort it out at their hourly rate plus costs.*

Top of Awkward Hill

All arms present

Finial not attached by grub screw (but firm)

One arm is square ended and held by bolt

Spigot fixing bolt sheared.

Attempts to undo 2 grub screws so far failed (but no repairs required)

Suggested plan: *3rd party to clean and repaint. (2)*

Chapel Hill

Area around sign maintained by Robert Stuckey of Chapel House opposite.

Field behind sign probably owned by Denis Croker.

Top arm is (aluminium?) replacement.

Has modern 'Village Hall' finger strapped to post.

Rear of sign inaccessible due to dense hedge. There is an iron fence behind the sign.

Some fingers unable to point in correct direction due to hedge, put may not be easy to free-up anyway.

Suggested plan: *Contact landowner Denis Croker, and neighbour Robert Stuckey.*

Landowner or PC team to clear hedge with landowner permission.

3rd Party (or Robert Stuckey) to clean and repaint along with visible fence. (3)

The Forge

Repainted 10? years ago.

All fingers present.

Suggested plan: *Max Batten or 3rd party to repaint with council funded paint (4)*

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Near Nempnett Farm

Particularly rusty.

Incorrectly re-built post war. Original configuration not known?

One finger only with distances to Ubley and Nempnett. Loose

Suggested plan: *3rd party to clean and re-paint (5)*

Consider improvements or reinstatements later.

Windy Ridge

In good condition with just a bit of rust around the grub screws. In hedge/garden of what is now residential rather than original field, but well exposed.

Incorrectly re-built post war. Original configuration not known?

Three square ended arms, none with distances. They are not of the traditional chevron ended design with distances as found elsewhere in the village.

One arm has Butcombe on the side that is currently only visible from the garden and so of limited use.

One arm has Bristol on one side only, clearly visible from the main lane.

One arm has Ubley on both sides

Suggested plan: *Do nothing for now (perhaps oil grub-screws).*

Consider improvements or reinstatements later.

Green Lane X roads

Appears to have been painted in more recent years.

Suggested Plan: *Do nothing for now.*

Kingdown Road

Arms disappeared over the years, and even post may now be absent.

Suggested plan: *Do nothing.*



Old photo of sign near lake by Mike Ford.

Summary of plan agreed at Parish Council meeting, 6/8/24.

- Obtain new arm to replace that missing near the lake from Somerset Forge (£450 +vat)
- Arrange to have up to 5 signposts repainted (slightly less than £1164 (no vat) quoted for 7)
- Repair broken arm and repaint at Dewdown. Depending on work needed, this could be many £100's but this kind of amount would not be spent without getting a more accurate estimate.