**Parish Council meeting at 19:30 4th February 2025**

 **Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

1. Attendance:

Councillors: John Mallone- Chair of the meeting in PH absence (JM), James Everett (JE), George Ford (GF), Ingrid Wilms (IW).

Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).

Members of the public-4 members of the public present.

Apologies: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), Peter Rendle (PR), Ward Councillor: Anna Box (AB)

1. Public Participation:
	1. A query was raised by SR relating to an item discussed at the last meeting and not being minuted: - SR experiences issues with many cars exiting Bellvedere. JE suggested that if this was an issue they could open up the entrance at another point but would need 24 hour access across his land. SR agreed that this would be acceptable. SR asked if this was Parish Council business and in response JE confirmed that he was responding to an item SR had as a member of the public raised under Public Participation.
	2. Having raised the above points during the public participation section of this meeting, the agenda moved on to item 4,5, 6 and at item 7. SR interjected by bringing up items discussed at previous meetings that had been resolved/dismissed as completed. The Clerk advised SR that the meeting had moved on and that he should refrain from interrupting the meeting and keep his contribution within the Public Participation or the meeting would need to cease. He expressed dissatisfaction with the meeting and left.
2. Approval of minutes of meetings:
	1. The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by JE. 2nd by GF. Vote: 4:0.
3. Declarations of Interest:
	1. There were no declarations made by Councillors.
4. Ward Councillor Updates:
	1. See appendix A
5. Highways
	1. After recent storms, Street Farm and surrounding area loose stones have swept out of the bridle way and drains are blocked.

**ACTION: IW to report via Fix my Street.**

1. Planning:
	1. New applications:
2. Mary Paddock Farm 25/00111/CLEU

**ACTION: LH to report back to BANES that NTPC have no objection.**

* 1. Ongoing:
		1. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/03218/LBA
		2. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/02214/VAR
		3. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/02234/VAR
		4. Barn, Nempnett Street 24/04205/CLEU
		5. The Old Forge 24/04621/FUL
	2. Decisions:
		1. Linden Grove 24/04604/VAR-24/01307/FUL-Declined
	3. Enforcement:
1. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane 24/00362/UNAUTH

**ACTION: LH to report recent and todays activity to BANES and the Environment Agency: Large lorry loads of deliveries arriving today including roofing materials. Work has continued, despite BANES advising that work should cease, with large quantities of uncontrolled waste ie demolition material from an unknown source, being placed as hardcore to the track across the fields. A waste transfer license is needed to use these materials. Tom at Belle Vue had contacted BANES to advise them of activity. Work has not ceased to this site. Nempnett Thrubwell is a Zone 1 protected source for water and therefore the Environment Agency should be involved.**

1. Old Quarry, airport parking 24/00170/UNAUTH
2. Jessamine Cottage Item Closed

The resident of Jessamine Cottage was present and has Land Registry docs that clearly show the driveway in front of the garage doors belongs to her property where she is constructing a patio.

1. Finance:
	1. Bank reconciliations for 31st December 2024 to 31st January 2025 were agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed by JE and 2nd IW. Vote 4.0.
	2. Payments for approval.:
		1. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for November £374.81 JE Proposed and 2nd IW. Vote 4.0
2. Parish Council Airports Association.

JM was unable to join the January meeting but comments from other local Parish Councils have been circulated and JM objected to the Bristol Airport plan, which envisages 15 million passengers per annum on behalf of NTPC.

1. Old finger-posts renovation

Mike Ford is progressing well with his application for a grant, of the Green Spaces Group, will ask the Mendip Society for a grant for the sign nearest The Hatchery. Grant to be paid through NTPC to enable the reclamation of VAT.

1. Letter to Jane

**ACTION: LH to draft a letter to Jane to thank her for her long years service as Parish Councillor.**

1. Welcome pack for new NT residents. Ongoing and circulated to recently arrived new residents.

**ACTION: IW to add the 3rd notice board location - on the way to Winford.**

1. Emergency Plan- Ongoing.

**ACTION: LH to send out a WhatsApp message to the village to ask if there are any medically trained residents that would be willing to be included in the plan**.

**ACTION: JE to advise of all key holders for the Village Hall.**

1. Notice Boards

The new notice board has been erected and in use at the Village Hall. The notice board on the way to Winford has also been repaired and fully used.

1. Next meeting. Tuesday 4th March 2025 @ 7.30pm.

 There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.15

**APPENDIX A**

B&NES Council Ward Report: January - February 2025

**Chew Valley Ward – Councillor David Harding & Councillor Anna Box**

1. *PLANNING & HOUSING:*
* B&NES council have announced construction of 18 new affordable homes for social rent, owned and managed directly by the council. These are situation in Keynsham and Bath
1. *HIGHWAYS:*

Council have bought some new mobile vehicle activated speeds signs to share around the district. Sites for their use are requested ASAP from Parishes.

1. *SOCIAL CARE & CHILDREN’S SERVICES:*
* Ofsted have given a highly positive report to the council’s care experienced youth people. It is widely understood that children in care face further challenges and often have a multitude of health and social concerns long term. The Children’s Social Care Team should be proud of this report and we both welcome the hard work they continue to do in such a complex are with such vulnerable residents.
* SEND demand and budget continues to increase and the system is under stress. Council are working to reduce delays to Education, Health & Care Plans.
1. *THE ENVIROMENT AND THE CLIMATE EMERENCY:*

B&NES response to Bristol Airport Expansion Consultation has been circulated. Council oppose further expansion of the airport for many reasons including the environmental effects and the impact on our villages.

1. *FINANCE, CORPERATE & DECISION MAKING:*
* All our meetings seem to be resolving around the 2025/26 budget and the Local Plan Update.
* There was a single member decision through cabinet to say that we are now going back to drafting a new Local Plan for B&NES council, which is highly expected in these circumstances.
* We have a full council budget meeting at the end of February and we are both very pleased to report that unlike Somerset and Bristol council – we are in one of the better financial shapes than a high proportion of other English authorities.
1. *CIVIC:*
* The council have announced a Festival of Libraries across our region, including Employment and Skills Drop In; Creative Writing Workshop; Murder Most Cosy and Baby Bounce and Rhyme. Please see PDF: <https://baneslibraries.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/FOL-PROGRAMME.pdf>
* A press release on inviting residents to donate to B&NES a community fund, which is administered and regulated by the council serving local charities only. It has grown in population, and to date has raised over £44,000. Last year donations went to charities including Age UK BANES, two NES libraries and large collect of food support projects. Link: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/donate-community-contribution-fund>
* Holiday Activities and Food Programme which has been awarded an additional 1-year extension for 2025. Activate are looking to find out what is offered currently to the children and young people in Bath and North East Somerset and to see if there is a way we can collaborate to support families.

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