**Parish Council meeting at 19:30 8th April 2025**

**Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

1. Attendance:

Councillors: James Everett (JE), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), Peter Rendle (PR).

Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).

Members of the public- 1

Ward Councillor: Anna Box (AB)

1. Apologies: George Ford (GF), John Mallone (JM).
2. Public Participation:
3. SR submitted a list of items covered under item 7.
4. SR picked up rubbish over the weekend including over 30 yellow wheel nut covers off lorries using Pixie Hill/Gravel Hill.
5. SR asked if the drain under the notice board outside the village hall, was vented as it was omitting an offensive smell.
6. Approval of minutes of meetings:
   1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by JE. 2nd by IW. Motion carried.
7. Declarations of Interest:
   1. There were no declarations made by Councillors.
8. Ward Councillor Updates:
   1. Dave Harding, submitted at full council, a petition against the expansion of Bristol Airport. BANES will now write to Westminster.
   2. Chew Valley Gazette published incorrect stats on highways/potholes and budget in their latest issue.
   3. Considerable funds are being spent all over the ward in an attempt to address speeding and dangerous roads.
   4. Contact made with Somerset Avon Police re: anti-social driving behaviour.
   5. Housing – BANES has been unsuccessful in reducing their quotered numbers of housing issued by Westminster. Not very relevant to Nempnett Thrubwell as villages will get a maximum 5% not including infill.
9. Highways
   1. Items submitted from SR and raised with George Bottin, Senior Highways Officer at BANES:
10. Church Farm hedge rows off the highway
11. BANES new tarmac surface causing speeding vehicles at Church Farm
12. Either side of Village Hall – contractors fly tipping waste
13. Church Farm white lines and 2 “Slow” signs on the highway
14. Old Lane BANES contractors tipping waste in hedge row
15. Road repair down from Spring corner – 2 year gravel wash out into the brook with environmental impact.
16. Road drain at BANES boundary near Brook Head- Pipe collapse resulting in road storm surface water flowing out of the drain grid
17. Pit lane road – long heavy goods vehicle tyre caused damage to the earth bank collapse on narrow s bend.
18. Fly tipping on Pitt Lane
19. Pit Lane- overgrown hedge to private residence, causing impaired visibility.
20. Chew Valley Lake – have three chicane barriers to slow traffic.

**ACTION: LH to send a letter to resident to ask if they could cut the hedge to increase road visibility.**

* 1. Residents are parking at the last house on the left heading out of Breech Hill, Chew Stoke and restricting passing traffic plus parking on the grass verge is causing damage.

**ACTION: LH to liaise with Sarah J, Chew Stoke Parosh Clerk as to any action taken. AB to forward contact details**

* 1. Potholes have been filled around Nempnett Thrubwell. Also, storm debris in drains at the top of Awkward Hill and further down Chapel Hill towards Rugmore Farm has now been cleared.

1. Planning:
   1. New applications:
2. Howgrove Farm 25/01109/FUL

**ACTION. LH to submit Parish Councils support for this application.**

1. Howgrove Farm Solar Farm/see letter circulated 31.03.25

A meeting is taking place in the village hall 09.04.25 to discuss the extension to the existing solar farm. Various points were highlighted to be raised at the meeting including a community clean up fund.

**ACTION: LH to look into community benefit funds available.**

* 1. Ongoing:

1. Longachre Farm 25/00472/FUL
2. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/03218/LBA

**ACTION: LH to check Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/03218/LBA as this may have been passed**

* 1. Decisions

1. Barn, Nempnett Street 24/04205/CLEU Lawful
2. Mary Paddock Farm 25/00111/CLEU Lawful
3. The Old Forge 24/04621/FUL Permit granted
   1. Enforcement:
4. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane 24/00362/UNAUTH

**ACTION: LH to report to the Environment Agency that All waste used to fill the track at Bellevue Lane, came from the Water Gardens, Blagdon (Langford). This is potentially toxic as the water gardens stocked fish and aquatic supplies, snakes, pythons and lizards**.

* 1. In-Progress:

1. Greenhouse Lane/Parcel 0038 22/00364/FUL

Footpath closure/solar farm

1. Finance:
   1. Bank reconciliation for 28th Feb 2025 to 31st March 2025 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed by JE and 2nd IW. Motion carried
   2. Payments for approval.:
      1. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for February £368.11. JE Proposed and 2nd IW. Motion carried.
      2. Standing orders and Financial Regulations circulated prior to the meeting and reviewed. All agreed that they should stand for a further year. JE Proposed and 2nd IW. Motion carried.
2. Parish Council Airports Association- no updates.
3. Old finger-posts renovation- ongoing
4. Emergency Plan – Circulated 31.03.25 – This was agreed that it is now a working document

**ACTION: LH to add the Emergency Plan to the website.**

**ACTION: AB to forward Chew Valley First Responders info to organise a first aid event at the village hall.**

**ACTION: LH to organise a bleed kit to be kept with the defib at the village hall – AB offered to partially fund.**

1. Next meeting: Tuesday 6th May @7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.30