

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 1st July 2025

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), Ingrid Wilms (IW), John Mallone (JM), James Everett (JE).

Ward Councillor: Anna Box

Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).

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2. Apologies: George Ford (GF), Peter Rendle (PR).

3. Approval of minutes of meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by IW and 2nd by JM. Motion carried.

4. Public Participation:

- a) A parishioner complimented the minutes for being an accurate record of the June meeting but suggested there was a bit of confusion surrounding the overgrown hedge at a property on the junction of Pit Lane/ 5 Ways.

ACTION: IW to report overgrown hedge via Fix my Street and request that BANES contact the resident and ask them to ensure that it does not overhang the highway or obscure visibility at the junction but also mention Clean and Green to request that the same area of the highway is cleared of all debris ie stones, soil etc...

5. Declarations of Interest:

- a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.

6. Ward councillors update:

- a. There is going to be a bye election in Mendip ward due to David Harding being unwell.
- b. Respite care for adults with disabilities is available at Newton House.
- c. Local plan consultation – all are invited to get involved in the imminent consultation process.
- d. The deadline for the boundary review is 6th August.
- e. Chew Valley – There is a plan to expand the Strawberry line to join up with the Chew Valley Trail. The expected route would be to the south of Blagdon lake.
- f. Speeding – There is a meeting coming up with certain companies whose vehicles are regularly speeding in this Ward.
- g. Fix my Street now has extra funding to include Clean and Green
- h. Chew Magna – Major gas mains work to pavements and Highstreet during the summer holidays.
- i. Local Plan – part of the local plan is to try and join up amenities in the Chew Valley area.

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7. Highways –

- a. Cameras for Pitt Lane – IW went through a report sent to all councillors prior to the meeting and advised on the monitoring requirements.

ACTION: IW is going to take photos of the site where the cameras can go to finalise what could be possible.

- b. Hedge at Five ways overhanging the road- letter sent to resident 15.06.25
- c. Road closure- Snatch, Ubley/ Rugmoor Lane – closed for one day 09.07.25

8. Planning:

a. New applications:

- i. Parcel 0038 Green Lane (extension of Solar Farm)

ACTION: LH to submit the following comment: Nempnett Parish Council are broadly in favour of the scheme but have concerns over the additional buildings and would expect the provision of screening as per the original application.

b. Ongoing applications:

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| i. Oxbarton Barn | 25/02009/FUL |
| ii. Howgrove Farm | 25/0119/FUL |
| iii. Longacre farm | 25/00472/FUL |
| iv. Thrubwell Farmhouse | 24/03218/LBA |

c. Decision

d. Enforcement:

- i. Bellevue 25/01573/AGRN – no further developments

Concerns were expressed by 2 residents about the size of the barn planned to be erected at this site plus the number of abandoned vehicles/caravans etc.... The track has been removed as instructed by BANES but materials are still on site piled up. A website exists inviting interested parties to attend events at the site, which is further evidence that the owner of the site has other intentions other than agricultural for the proposed barn.

ACTION: LH to contact the planning department and ask what timescales they are working to regarding the enforcement relating to the removal of the track, cc to AB.

9. Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliation for 31st May 2025 to 30th June 2025 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed JE and 2nd JM. Motion carried.
- b. Payments for approval.:
 - i. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for June £368.11.
JE Proposed and 2nd JM. Motion carried.

10. Parish Council Airports Association-

- a) There is 62k of funds, most of which is ring fenced for fighting campaigns and there is £4k of working funds.

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- b) EPIC have had their planning permission granted for the large business complex at Long Ashton which could result in an extra 3000 staff vehicles on the roads in the surrounding area.
- c) NSC MP is in favour of the airport expansion although Dan Morris, Tessa Munt and BANES are opposed to it.
- d) North Somerset Local Plan will not be ratified before the airports application for expansion to 15 million passengers is submitted.
- e) Bristol Airport pay the salary of a local parking enforcement officer to ticket vehicles that are illegally parked in the area surrounding the airport.
- f) 2023/24 there were 10.5 million passengers, and this year is expected to reach 11 million passengers. They expect to reach 12 million by 2027/28
- g) Airport is up for sale with 2 interested parties.
- h) Night flights for 1st qtr of 2025 – 214 night flights planned plus 75 that were granted special dispensation to land. No penalties are levied for the additional night flights whereas Gatwick fine airlines that are not expected to land.
- i) Cardiff airport has received a Welsh Government grant to expand, including improving the road access and building a new terminal building at the airport.

11. Parish Matters-

- a) Bleed kit – LH circulated research on bleed kits prior to the meeting. There is currently no appetite to purchase a bleed kit.
- b) House Building Boundaries – not applicable to NT
- c) AONB plan – an interesting read but difficult to make comment in relation to NT.

ACTION: LH to add the contact details re flooding sent from BANES to IW Welcome letter.

12. Old finger-posts renovation- No update and awaiting Mike Ford.

13. Next meeting: Tuesday 5th August @7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.45