

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 5th August 2025
Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), John Mallone (JM), James Everett (JE), George Ford (GF).

Ward Councillor: Anna Box

Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).

Members of the public- 1 member of the public

2. Apologies: Councillors Ingrid Wilms (IW), Peter Rendle (PR).

3. Approval of minutes of meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by JM and 2nd by JE. Motion carried.

4. Public Participation:

- a. An accident has occurred at the church this week and resulted in one of the people installing the bells, falling through the belfry. JE would like to propose that we donate something to the air ambulance and PH suggested this be added to the agenda for the September meeting.
- b. Bristol airport –a resident noticed that when there is a westerly wind there can be a strong smell of aviation fuel coming from Bristol Airport.
- c. A resident has noticed increased traffic flow through Nempnett Thrubwell. AB advised that 2 accidents had occurred on the Chew Valley road and this was closed due to a fatality. In addition, the high street is temporarily closed in Chew Magna compounding the problem.
- d. SLOW signs need to be replaced to the tarmac where a new road surface has been added and SLOW sign was covered up.
- e. A resident suggested that 20mph limits should be applied to all lanes through Nempnett Thrubwell.

ACTION: LH to find emails previously sent to highways regarding 20mph limits and forward to AB.

ACTION: LH to request SLOW be re-painted on new road surface

5. Declarations of Interest:

- a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.

6. Ward councillors update:

- a. Persistent anti-social driving issues are being experienced through the Chew Valley throughout this summer, especially around Chew Valley Lake via Cheddar. Meetings have taken place with the police and residents have complained and raised their concerns. The recent fatality is possibly the result of this anti-social behaviour.
- b. Local Plan re: new homes- this does not affect Nempnett Thrubwell.

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- c. The consultation process and the opportunity to make changes to local planning regulations starts in September. All councillors and residents are encouraged to pass on their comments and suggestions.
- d. AB asked what the main employment was in NT. The Chair suggested management roles.

7. Highways –

- a. Cameras for Pit Lane – PH reviewed the report written by IW re the types of cameras and prices plus the legality of erecting a camera and reasons for recording as caution and guidance is needed around GDPR. All agreed that this will be reviewed again at the September meeting.

ACTION: IW to update at the September meeting.

- b. Hedge at junction of Pit lane and Five ways overhanging the road- IW visited this site to review the drains and look at a site for a possible camera. PH also visited the site to speak to the resident but there has been no progress with overhanging hedges.

ACTION: LH to contact highways to report the overhanging hedges and that the verge needs to be cleared back to uncover the full extent of the tarmac at the corner. 2 members of the PC have spoken to the residents but that the hedge was still overhanging the highway.

8. Planning:

a. New applications:

- i. Mary Paddock Farm 25/02668/FUL

Concerns were raised that the building is not in keeping with either of the existing structures but preferable and more modest than the previous planning application. Previous application was for 2 completely separate units whereas the new planning application is for one complete house.

ACTION: LH to submit a comment of No Objections.

b. Ongoing applications:

- i. Parcel 0038 Green Lane
(extension of Solar Farm) 25/02072/EFUL
- ii. Longacre farm 25/00472/FUL
- iii. Thrubwell Farmhouse 24/03218/LBA

c. Decision

- i. Oxbarton Barn 25/02009/FUL Permitted
- Howgrove Farm 25/0119/FUL Permitted

d. Enforcement:

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

ACTION: AB to email the planning officer at BANES and request an update.

9. Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliation for 30th June 2025 to 31st July 2025 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed JE and 2nd GF. Motion carried.
- b. Payments for approval.:
 - i. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for July £383.10

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- ii. John Mallone expenses for attending PCAA annual meeting £4.50
- iii. Annual insurance renewal £265.40.

Payments were approved for payment. JE proposed GF second. Motion carried.

10. Clerk and RFO vacancy- All responses to this vacance are to go to the current Clerk.

ACTION: The advert should be added to notice boards, WhatsApp village group, ALCA, Clerks groups.

11. Parish Council Airports Association- No further updates since the last meeting.

12. Parish Matters-

- a) PH raised some concerns with North Somerset Council regarding a planning application to build a solar farm in Dundry on the top of a north facing slope. Concerns had previously been raised regarding the light reflection from solar farms.
- b) AB asked for opinion regarding Valley Fest/Lake Paradiso and noise levels. No one objected or were disturbed although they did hear some of the music.

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

14. Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd September @7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.45

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