

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Peter Hellier
7/10/25

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 2nd September 2025
Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: John Mallone (JM), James Everett (JE), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Peter Rendle (PR).
Ward Councillor: Anna Box

Parish Clerk: Liz Horne (LH).

Members of the public- 4 members of the public

2. Apologies: Councillors Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), George Ford (GF).

3. Approval of minutes of meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by JE and 2nd by JM. Motion carried.

4. Public Participation:

- a. Planning application advice is requested by a resident regarding adoption of first 30 40 meters of tarmac at Stitchings Shord Lane/Ham Lane, Bishop Sutton where BANES have erected a 20mph speed limit sign on private property.

ACTION: AB to establish the cost of the 20mph sign and feedback.

- b. Resident complained about road sign clutter. AB responded that road signs are legislated by Westminster.

5. Declarations of Interest:

- a. There were no declarations made by Councillors.

6. Ward councillors update:

- a. Local plan update -most of BANES activities during August related to the local plan and related housing. Bath is UNESCO world heritage site and are short of areas for affordable housing and as a result the North East Somerset section of BANES has a high percentage of social housing compared with Bath. Consultations have taken place and plans submitted. There are a few items coming up that ward councillors AB and DH will be fighting but these can't be common knowledge yet. AB encouraged all to engage in the local plan and add their comments as evidence to assist with their case.
- b. There is a meeting tomorrow evening in Chew Stoke re antisocial car driving and illegal car meets in Chew Valley and Cheddar. Councillors were encouraged to attend.
- c. Chew Magna pavements – a small section has undergone improvements, but work has ceased as some in the community wish to have the pavement listed status.
- d. Chew Valley Comprehensive School – are planning expansion of a multi-purpose building. Planning application no 25/02972/FUL

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7. Highways –

- a. Cameras for Pit Lane – IW suggested there wasn't much more to add to previous information. The council need to decide if a camera is required.

ACTION: IW will explore the types of cameras available.

ACTION: LH to get in touch with Clutton & Hinton Blewitt clerks to find out how they have dealt with their fly tipping.

- b. SLOW signs need to be replaced to the tarmac where a new road surface has been added and SLOW sign was covered up: BANES have responded to this enquiry and will review both locations during their next visit to the area.

- c. Hedge at junction of Pit lane and Five ways overhanging the road- George Bottin called the clerk and advised this matter had already been discussed with a local resident who was advised that no further action would be taken. He has looked at photos from 2009 and the overhang is not materially changed although the height may have.

ACTION: LH to email details to AB who will escalate this issue.

- d. A resident suggested that 20mph limits should be applied to all lanes through Nempnett Thrubwell. An appetite from all residents would need to be shown and if there is then forward the interest to AB for her and David to lobby the change.

ACTION: LH to make contact with as many village residents as possible to assess level of interest in 20mph limits through the Nempnett Thrubwell. Contact Gill Ford to see if the Simple List can be used and how effective this may be.

- e. Adoption of Lakeside Close-Curo own the remaining social housing in the road but the council refuse to maintain the road. The occupants of the houses in Lakeside Close are supposed to maintain the road. However, there is opposition as Wessex Water use this road daily to test the outflow in addition to a weekly heavy goods vehicle also using the road to remove waste.

ACTION: AB to explore the adoption process and feedback.

- f. JE reported surface rain water on the road down from his property which may be a leak. It was suggested that he contacted Bristol Water to report.

8. Planning:

- a. New applications:

- b. Ongoing applications:

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| i. Mary Paddock Farm | 25/02668/FUL |
| ii. Parcel 0038 Green Lane
(extension of Solar Farm) | 25/02072/EFUL |
| iii. Longacre farm | 25/00472/FUL |

- c. Decision

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| i. Thrubwell Farmhouse | 24/03218/LBA | Permitted |
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- d. Enforcement:

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| i. Bellevue
developments | 25/01573/AGRN – no further |
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Nothing has been removed from site and more vehicles have arrived. Rubble has not been removed and half a container has also now arrived and being used for storage. AB/LH have chased BANES for updates but had no response.

ACTION: LH to report changes and breach of stop notice and request further action from BANES planning dept.

Cllr PH arrived and joined the meeting at 8.10pm

9. Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliation for 31st July 2025 to 31st August 2025 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed JM and JE 2nd. Motion carried.
- b. Payments for approval.:
 - i. Liz Horne – Clerks salary & expenses for August £383.10
 - ii. Outstanding: John Mallone expenses for attending PCAA annual meeting £4.50.

ACTION: Cllr GF to authorise this payment on the unity Trust Bank portal.

- c. NJC pay award of 3.2% became effective from 1st April 2025. Increase of £11.48 and back pay for 5 months totalling £57.40 to be paid in September salary. PH proposed and JM 2nd. Motion carried.
- d. JE proposed a contribution to the Air Ambulance following the recent accident at Nempnett Thrubwell church, when they were called and landed in a nearby field. 1 vote for, 1 against with 3 abstained. Motion rejected.

10. Clerk and RFO vacancy-

Application closing date was at the end of August. The clerk from Blagdon Parish Council showed some interest and PH may contact him again. New applicant Georgina Stevens, CV forward to PH for review.

ACTION: PH to forward applications received to PR. PR to support PH with interviews along with the LH.

11. Parish Council Airports Association- No updates available

12. Parish Matters- No matters raised

13. Old finger-posts renovation- PH mentioned that now hedges may be cut that PH/JM will liaise with Mike Ford to move this project forward.

14. Next meeting: Tuesday 7th October @7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.45