

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 2nd December 2025

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

Agreed MINUTES

1. Attendance:

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

Parish Clerk: Alicia Fox (AF).

Members of the public- 1 members of the public

2. Apologies:

Councillor George Ford (GF)

3. Approval of minutes of meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by JM and 2nd by IW. Motion carried.

4. Public Participation:

Member of the public advised he had attended the forum put on by Bristol Airport to discuss the Aircraft Lighting consultation. He said he spoke with a member of the airport team but was not happy with their response in regard to the night flights.

5. Declarations of Interest:

- a. Cllr J Mallone, Cllr I Wilms, Cllr P Hellier declared an interest in the adoption of Lakeside Close as per item 8b.

There were no other declarations made by Councillors.

6. Ward councillors update:

AB provided a brief update to the Council.

- Budget- BANES have been lobbying for a tourist tax to be applied in Bath, they hope this may be confirmed once the White paper is released. If the tax is implemented it is hoped the money raised from the tourist tax will go back to BANES. Tax raised from the Mansion tax goes to Government.
- The Government will be taking over the SEND budget but BANES are unsure how this will impact the Council tax.
- WECA funding of the buses are under threat, current funding will be ending the end of March 2026
- Walk/Wheel/Cycle/Trust (previously Sustrans) are collating proposals for cycle route 3. Residents in Chew Magna are not happy with the proposed plans as it will restrict parking within the village and cause traffic issues. The charity working on the consultation will share their findings with BANES once completed.
- BANES are making progress with Bristol Water and are having regular meetings.

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7. Highways

- a. Adoption of Lakeside Close

AB advised she had no update but she will escalate and ask why the road was never adopted.

Concerns were raised about blocked drains around the village. AB advised to log these on “fix my street”. If one blocked drain is reported BANES will know it will be all of them on the same system.

8. Planning:

- a. New applications:
- b. Ongoing:
 - i. Mary Paddock Farm 25/02668/FUL- pending decision
- c. Decisions:
 - i. Parcel 0038, Greenlane Solar Farm 25/02072/EFUL- permitted
- d. Enforcement:
 - i. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane 24/00362/UNAUTH

Clerk advised she had chased the enforcement officer but not had a further response. AB will reach out to the manager again to see if they have any new information after the response to the Council’s Planning Contravention Notice.

9. Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliation for 31st October 2025 to 30th November 2025 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed JM and IW 2nd. Motion carried.
- b. Budget for 2026/27 to be agreed
The budget was proposed to be set by IW and JE 2nd.
Motion carried.
- c. Precept to be set for 2026/27
The precept was proposed to be set at £7,000 by IW and JE 2nd.
Motion carried.
Payments for approval.:
 - i. Clerk salary - **£402.00**
 - ii. Clerk work from home allowance and expenses-
Putting agendas up- 24 miles -10.80
Attending meeting-24 miles – 10.80
Work from home allowance- £26.00
Microsoft renewal- £84.99
Total expenses: **£132.59**
 - iii. Great Western Air Ambulance- **£50.00**
 - iv. Vision ICT- **£175.76** (this was not on the agenda but approved and agreed to pay during the meeting.

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JM proposed the payments and PR seconded the payments.

10. Parish Council Airports Association

JM advised he had attended the most recent PCAA meeting. Key items raised included:

- Climate Committee change report due to be issued in June 2026 which could help impose airport restrictions.

- PCAA have agreed a response to the North Somerset Local Plan. Their main demand is that if the airport expand to 15mppa there must be a Mass Transit Plan in place. They also requested a cumulative list of planning applications against net zero.

- PCAA also agreed a response to the Home Buyers survey.

- PCAA finalised their response to the Airport lighting consultation. As the airports plans are for common land the application would need to go to the Secretary of State.

- Airport parking: police are still patrolling the red lines and are now aware the farmers have temporarily turned their barns into short term airport parking.

- Airport due to reach 12mmpa in 2027. So far in 2025 they have seen 60,000 aircraft movements out of the permitted 90,000.

- Dispensations continue to be an issue. There have been an additional 798-night movements up to the end of September 2025 for the current year.

- PCAA will be writing to their local MP and the King regarding the Lighting Consultation on Common Land.

The members discussed the draft responses that were circulated by the clerk for both the North Somerset Local Plan and The Airport Lighting Consultation. It was agreed that she would summarise the responses and recirculate for agreement.

11. Parish Matters-

a) Village Charity nominations

This matter has now been agreed and the £50 donation to the Great Western Air Ambulance has been approved for payment.

b) Old finger-posts renovation

PH will chase Mike Ford again. AB advised that she has some available money that could be used to fill a gap if required. IW will contact the painter who worked on the one near Nempnett Farm to gauge interest in the one on Chapel Hill.

12. Village Hall play area

No update on this as the next meeting is in February.

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ACTION JE will bring it up matter raised in November's meeting at the next Village Hall meeting.

13. Next meeting- 6th January 2026

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00.