

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 4th November 2025

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

Agreed MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: James Everett (JE), George Ford (GF), Peter Hellier (PH - Chair) John Mallone (JM), Peter Rendle (PR), Councillor Ingrid Wilms (IW).

Parish Clerk: Alicia Fox (AF).

Members of the public- 3 members of the public

2. New clerk introduction.

The Council welcomed the new Clerk, Alicia Fox who started in October.

3. Apologies: Ward Councillor: Anna Box

4. Approval of minutes of meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2025 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by JE and 2nd by GF. Motion carried.

5. Public Participation: This portion of the meeting was postponed for two members of the public until the discussion relating to Bellevue under 9d.

One member of the public advised he had noticed the new “Slow” sign been added to the road, but asked if only one sign was being put there? He advised he had evidence there was another stop sign by the Church and wanted that one replaced too.

The same member of public raised concerns around pollution created by the Airport. The Clerk advised him to submit the questions directly to the Airport through the Airport Consultative Committee.

6. 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.

7. Ward councillors update:

AB was unable to attend the meeting and no update was provided.

8. Highways –

- a. Cameras for Pit Lane

IW spoke to a camera provider and obtained quotes. She had contact with Dundry PC who are applying for funding for a camera from NSC. Further contact was made with the PC Clerk of Clutton and Penford. Clutton has no real problems and Penford has had problems but now seem to have gone away after warning signs of CCTV were put off. Neither will proceed with camera

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monitoring. IW has been unable to make contact with Dundry again to see if indeed they were given funding.

She explained that should we consider a scheme we would need to have a wireless camera, but the issue would be monitoring the feed, therefore multiple volunteers would be required. Camera models range from £60-£400 and you pay for a subscription; batteries would last 6-12 months. IW spoke to a camera provider and obtained quotes. She had also spoken with Dundry who received a camera from NSC.

She explained they would need to have a wireless camera, but the issue would be monitoring the feed, therefore multiple volunteers would be required. Camera models range from £60-£400 and you pay for a subscription; batteries would last 6-12 months.

PH thanked IW for her time researching the options, but the PC decided to take no action at this moment and will continue to monitor the situation.

b. Adoption of Lakeside Close

No update for the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to reach out to AB to explore the adoption process and feedback.

9. Planning:

a. New applications:

b. Ongoing applications:

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| i. | Mary Paddock Farm | 25/02668/FUL |
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c. Decision

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| i. | Longacre farm | 25/00472/FUL - permitted |
| ii. | Parcel 0038 Green Lane
(extension of Solar Farm) | 25/02072/EFUL- Permitted |

d. Enforcement:

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| i. | Bellevue | 25/01573/AGRN |
| | Parcel 5432 or 3356 | |

The Chair addressed members of public who wished to speak:

There have been 7 days a week of excavations followed by dumping loads around the perimeter of the field. Member of public contacted the planning enforcement officer and felt she received an inadequate response. They feel the situation continues to get worse and with the Planning Contravention Notice in place the applicant can still continue the work while he builds the business case.

She advised her house has been damaged by the vehicles accessing the land. There is rubble being dumped around the field making the footpath feel like a tunnel when walking along it. The members of public are very concerned about the irrecoverable damage being caused.

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JM advised he reported the mounds along the footpath to the footpath's officer at BANES who did a site visit but confirmed at that time they were not encroaching on the footpath.

ACTION: JM will ask the footpath officer to revisit.

ACTION: Clerk to ask AB to escalate with BANES and push for work to stop. Our understanding was that work would stop while they make their business case.

10. Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliation for 30th September 2025 to 31st October 2025 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed JE and PR 2nd. Motion carried.

- b. Budget 2026/27

Council reviewed the draft budget and agreed to submit any questions prior to the December meeting where the budget will be agreed.

- c. Payments for approval.:

- i. Exiting clerk salary – **£286.86**
- ii. New clerk salary - **£246.39** (pro rated for the month)
- iii. Clerk work from home allowance and expenses-
- iv. Blagdon round trip 12 miles=£5.40
Putting agendas up- 24 miles -10.80
Attending meeting-24 miles – 10.80
Work from home allowance- £15.94 (for the month)
Total expenses: **£42.94**
- v. Information Commissioner's Office annual fee - **£52.00** (sent on 10th October 2025)
JM proposed the payments and PR seconded the payments.

11. Parish Council Airports Association

JM gave the Council an update from the last Airport Consultative Committee. There are concerns about the recurrent use of 'dispensations' to permit night-time flights in excess of the agreed quota. Members of PCAA are unhappy with the difficulty of obtaining this information; and the fact that no penalties are being imposed on the airlines.

12. Parish Matters-

- a) Village Charity nominations

The Parish Council discussed the proposal of making a charitable donation which they budgeted £50 for. Following public input via a local WhatsApp group The Council decided they felt the Great Western Air Ambulance should receive the donation. It was proposed by IW and seconded by JE that a £50 donation would be made.

ACTION: The Clerk will set up the payment for approval at the December meeting.

13. Old finger-posts renovation

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No update on this.

14. Village Hall play area

The Council discussed whether there would be the demand for a larger play area by the Village Hall, they decided there may be the demand and need but it would have to be advertised as many people do not know about the current play area.

IW advised there are not many small children within the village and is concerned it might not get much use.

PR said they need to find out if the Village hall are interested in organising events where people would use the play equipment, such as coffee mornings or inviting the mobile library to attend the village hall once a month to create a community feel.

ACTION JE will bring it up at the next Village Hall meeting.

15. Next meeting- 2nd December 2025

All Thanked Liz (previous Clerk) for her hard work over the two years she was with them and wished her the best for the future.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.51.