

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 3rd February 2026

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

Agreed MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: John Mallone (JM), George Ford (GF), Peter Rendle (PR), Ingrid Wilms (IW)
James Everett (JE)
Parish Clerk: Alicia Fox (AF).

Members of the public- 1 members of the public

2. Apologies:

Peter Hellier (PH - Chair)
Ward Councillor: Anna Box

3. Approval of minutes of meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2026 were reviewed and approved.
Proposed by PR and 2nd by JM. Motion carried.

4. Public Participation:

One member of public attended the meeting and wished to raise his concerns regarding the way BANES make decisions on planning applications and delegated matters without consulting the Parish Council. He feels Dewdown Lodge breached their planning application by painting the property black when the application stated white. He feels the Parish Council are "powerless" to act.

JM advised that he did not believe Dew Down Lodge have breached any planning conditions.

The member of the public also wanted it noted that he believes BANES should be reflecting on how Council tax is calculated.

JM advised that is not a matter the PC would be involved in.

Lastly the member of public said he was amazed at the amount of money being spent on the drainage issue outside of the village hall.

JM advised that this was a matter for the Village Hall and not of the PC's concern.

5. Declarations of Interest:

- a. Cllr J Mallone, Cllr I Wilms 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:

This was sent by email:

Budget - Ongoing work:

- Government "Fair Funding" review will leave Council worse off.
- Corporate PDS 3rd Feb. Cabinet 12th Feb. Full Council 24th Feb.
- Local Plan – goes to Scrutiny Panel in March updates will be publicly available.

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General:

- Urge residents to use fix my street as much as possible for pot holes, time of year for these to be increasing.
- Buses - X91 and 99 are funded until the end of July (the school year)
- David spoke at WECA Joint Committee meeting to advocate for continued funding for Chew Valley buses.
- National Cycle Network 3 / WWCT (Sustrans)
- Further meetings with Highways undertaken, WWCT to meet with Highways and then arrange further meeting(s) in the ward with district councillors and PC members if they wish.

Ward Empowerment Fund

- Small amount left and must be allocated by end of March. AB has allocated all of hers, just David's left.

7. Highways

a. Adoption of Lakeside Close

AB advised BANES are highly unlikely to adopt road, following the email re from officer, no further update.

IW said that Wessex water are using the road significantly more to access the sewage tank. There are really bad pot holes which continue to get worse.

b. Drains or any other areas of concern

JM reported 3 blocked drains and received a response that they have been added to the planned maintenance schedule.

There is another blocked drain approximately 50 metres below Cuckoo's Nest. JM to report
JE advised there is a bad pothole by Pinho which he has reported.

ACTION: Anna to be asked to follow up the repair of the potholes around the village

JM said he was concerned about the large gap above the culvert at the entrance to Street Farm between 2 drains. IW has reported the issue twice.

ACTION: Clerk to report the issue.

8. Planning:

- a. New applications- None
- b. Ongoing- None
- c. Decisions- None

d. Enforcement:

- i. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane 24/00362/UNAUTH

AB advised As of Sunday, no update on enforcement issue.

Both PR and the Clerk had also chased for a response but the enforcement officer has not been responding.

ACTION: Clerk to contact enforcement officer again requesting a site visit to validate the photos which have been shared.

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JM advised a caravan for horses has been placed at “The Stables” despite the planning application being refused.

ACTION: Clerk asked to report that a caravan has been placed at “The Stables” even though the planning application was refused.

9. Finance:

a. Bank reconciliation for 31st December 2025 to 31st January 2026 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed PR and IG seconded. Motion carried.

b. Payments for approval.:

- i. Clerk salary - **£402.00**
- ii. HMRC tax refund to clerk **£18.60***
- iii. 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
Total expenses: **£47.60**

PR proposed the payments and JE seconded the payments. These will be sent by JM and GF

*this was not on the agenda as the payslip was produced after the agenda was raised. The refund will be sent from HMRC to the Parish Council in due course.

10. Parish Council Airports Association (PCAA)

There was no update as no meeting of the PCAA had taken place.

11. Parish Matters-

a) Village defibrillator

Following the last meeting and email discussions, the clerk advised she has now placed an order with The British Heart Foundation for the ZOLL AED Plus fully automatic defibrillator and unlocked DefibSafe 2 external cabinet package. The cost is £1453.32 plus VAT. The net amount will be covered by the ward empowerment fund.

IW expressed concerns over who will be managing the new defibrillator.

ACTION: Clerk to check with Jane Batten if she is happy to continue being the guardian.

12. Old finger-posts renovation

JM read out the quote that PR had obtained from Somerset Forge to fix the finger post. The cost is £985 plus VAT however there is grant for £825 so the PC only have to pay the difference.

Resolution: To accept the quote.

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Proposer: JM

Secunder: JE

IW advised she had obtained a quote for the finger post at Chapel Hill which has twice as many fingers, this was £690 inc VAT. She also advised there was another finger post that needed to be redone at Cuckoo's nest.

No action to be taken on this quote at the moment.

13. Village Hall play area

No update until March.

14. Next meeting- 3rd March 2026

GF sends apologies for the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.12.