

# Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

## Draft MINUTES

### **1. Attendance:**

Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), James Everett (JE)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Proposed by JM and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JE. Motion carried.

### **4. Public Participation:**

The member of public expressed his concern and frustration at the pollution caused by the airport. He is frustrated about the rules farms have to follow on their pollution and feels the airport is not held accountable.

He also said he feels that the Parish Council has no agency.

Clerk suggested the member of the public logs a complaint to NSC regarding to pollution and smells caused by Aircraft, they will investigate and follow this up.

JM asked if the member of public was referring to unburnt kerosine?

Member of public did not clarify.

Member of public asked AB what is the cost of a 20mph sign?

AB advised a singular figure cannot be given as it would fall under a project of multiple signs within an area. The expensive part is the legal aspect which is why BANEs would bulk the requests together for the consultation.

### **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:**

WECA – buses funding extended to end of July

Budget for 2026/27 has been set with a precept increase of 4.99%. Fair funding review has now come but are fairly protected for the coming financial year. Fair Funding review will cost

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B&NES £12.5M over the next 3 years in lost income . Money from government to support due to BANES being too affluent, unable to raise council tax to reduce the gap.

Day to day spending budget set of £193 million. Council tax is lowest in the region. Topped up Children's Social Care by £3-4 million and £1-2 million to WECA.

Local ward funds will see 3x more than average spend to be allocated on road repairs/footpaths.

Chew Magna planned works have been paused due to disquiet.

WECA funding has been extended until July. Both bus services are severely under threat.

Post office in Chew Magna is closing, unsure of the date.

JE- 27<sup>th</sup> March is what the Chew Valley Gazette has said.

Walk, Wheel Cycle Trust- lots of meetings, BANES will take a peppered approach with their ideas. Buttoned crossing on the B3134 to cross people from the cycle path, benefit of the crossing is that it comes with an average speed camera which will help target the antisocial speeding on the road. Controversial as it is a dark skies area.

IW asked if the traffic light is a "clever light" only turn on when it senses traffic.

AB will ask about those details but would request it is a clever light.

PH asked if there would be any other solutions rather than a constant traffic light being on.

IW asked if the reason is so that cyclists can cross separately then there are pedestrian crossings where the lights are in the tarmac, but they will not light unless there is someone there, it has sensors either side. This has not been seen in the UK but she will share information with AB.

AB no update on a local plan yet. Police are submitting all their data on antisocial behaviour to BANES to review with the aim of preventing antisocial drivers from congregating.

## 7. Highways

### a. Adoption of Lakeside Close

The Council agreed to remove this from future agendas.

### b. Drains or any other areas of concern

JM asked if AB can put some pressure on the drainage team to fix the drains as this will prevent the potholes from worsening, he said the teams need to work together.

JE advised the potholes and drains he reported have now been fixed.

AB said she can escalate the potholes and blocked drains within the village.

PH requested AB to chase up the repair of the collapsed drains by Street Farm as there is a large gap which a dog could fall in.

**ACTION: AB will follow up blocked drains, damaged drain at Street Farm and other potholes in the village.**

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## 8. Planning:

- a. New applications- 26/00249/FUL-Oxleaze Farm, Greenhouse Lane  
The Parish Council agreed to not make a comment on the planning application.
- b. Ongoing- None
- c. Decisions- None
- d. Enforcement:
  - i. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane                      24/00362/UNAUTH

**ACTION: Clerk to chase planning enforcement officer again for a further update.**

JM was disappointed that when the caravan was reported the response from BANES was they were too busy to take action.

## 9. Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliation for 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed JE and IW seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Payments for approval.:
  - i. Clerk salary - **£347**
  - ii. HMRC tax- **£53**
  - iii. HMRC National insurance- **£39.45**
  - iv. 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**

### **Payment of defibrillator: £1743.99**

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

## 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

Clerk confirmed the payment has been set up on the bank for the British Heart Foundation defibrillator at a cost of £1743.99 (inc VAT). She has sent the invoice to AB to request the funds are transferred from BANES. As the VAT will be reclaimed there has been no cost to the Parish Council.

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PH- The PC need to arrange a new guardian to carry out the monthly checks of the defibrillator. Also need to get the new defibrillator fitted to the wall.

IW will speak to Jane who previously managed the defibrillator to ask how long the checks take.

PH wanted to thank Jane for her help managing the defibrillator over the past years.

PH also thanked AB for contributing the net cost of the defibrillator from her ward empowerment fund.

AB suggested a coffee morning or event is held at the village hall to show people how to use the new defibrillator.

### **12. Old finger-posts renovation**

PH advised the PC were happy with the quote but unsure why Somerset Forge have not started work.

IW will advise Chris that the PC cannot proceed with his quote at the moment.

### **13. Village Hall play area**

The village hall meeting expressed no interest in expanding the play area. Play equipment has been inspected and one post needs repairing but nothing else is needing to be done.

### **14. Next meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

PH sent his apologies for the April meeting which is why the residents meeting has been moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.35.