

Annual Residents meeting at 19:00 on 5th May 2026

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Hall

Minutes

1. Attendance:

Councillors: P Hellier (PH-chair), James Everett (JE), George Ford (GF)

Parishioners: 1

Parish Clerk: Alicia Fox (AF).

2. Apologies:

- a. John Mallone (JM), Peter Rendle (PR), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Ward Councillor: Anna Box (AB)

3. Approval of minutes of meeting on 7th April 2025:

- a. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. JE proposed and PH 2nd. Motion carried.

4. Announcements from the Chair:

- a. The chair gave a report highlighting the key events of the last 12 months, copy below.

Member of public raised concerns around the management of BANES and their finances. Money has been spent on drainage issues and it was not bought before the Parish Council.

PH said he was unsure of the reason why BANES spent money on drainage. JE advised he could explain if the parishioner would like.

JE confirmed the drainage work in the village hall was carried out under their insurance it was not covered by BANES.

Member of public feels agricultural barns are being abused in neighbouring parishes.

Member of public shared some photos of the hedgerows which have been cut back allowing the wildflowers to bloom.

Member of public disappointed there is no renewable energy for the Parish. Asked if the Parish Council receive a handout from Howgrove Solar Farm.

PH confirmed the Parish did not receive anything from Howgrove Solar Farm.

5. Date of next meeting:

- a. It was agreed that the next meeting would be 6th April 2027.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:26.

Chair Person's report:

The year started with an agricultural permitted development application for a large shed in fields at the West of the parish. We remain disappointed that this did not even need prior

approval. At the same time the land owner had yet to clear a track made of waste hardcore. This shed construction gave rise to a large excavation with bunds of sub-soil and clay being constructed adjacent to the public footpath. This activity and the ongoing presence of non-agricultural items and vehicles plus other temporary stores has given cause for concern to many in the parish particularly those living nearby. Additionally there is local concern for the possibility of the fields being used for disruptive events. The situation remains concerning and unresolved with an Enforcement Notice in place.

As usual a number of other planning applications were discussed including an extension to the solar farm towards the north of the parish.

The Finger Post at the top of Awkward Hill was finally repainted, and thanks to the grant from The Mendip Society the one at the bottom of Pixey Hole is now undergoing renovation.

We spent time considering the costs and viability of a camera on Pit Lane but concluded this was not currently a viable option.

In November we said goodbye to Liz Horne who had done such a good job as a novice Clerk to the Parish, and hello to Alicia Fox who hit the ground running as our new, experienced Clerk.

The Council made enquiries regarding the adoption by BathNES of Lakeside Close, but were informed the request would need to come from Curo and the residents of the Close.

The airport has been busy working towards it's application now made for further expansion. A particularly concerning aspect is the proposal to instal lights on Felton Common which would ruin the core part of the common land. This Parish Councill continues to object to expansion plans and works with the Parish Councils Airport Association to that end.

Following problems with the old defibrillator the Parish Council has bought and installed a modern replacement with thanks to our ward Councillor Anna Box for use of her ward empowerment fund.