

# Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

## Draft MINUTES

### 1. Attendance:

Councillors: John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Peter Rendle (PR)

Parish Clerk: Alicia Fox (AF).

Members of the public- 1 members of the public

### 2. Apologies:

Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), George Ford (GF), James Everett (JE)

Ward Councillor: Anna Box

### 3. Approval of minutes of meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by IW and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JM. Motion carried.

### 4. Public Participation:

Member of public feels the increase in Council Tax is unfair and it should revert to the Poll tax. He was advised this is not a Parish Council level decision.

He was frustrated that 2 cars parked in his yard to attend a church christening and would like to know what can be done about church parking. He also said that he believes the public footpath that runs along the front of his farmhouse should be closed and relocated.

JM confirmed that church parking is not a matter that the PC can get involved in.

The member of public shared concerns around the kerosine smell produced by the airport. This was reported to PH prior to the meeting who has logged a complaint with the airport. Any complaints to the airport can be made on the following link:

<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/noise-and-environmental-concerns/>

Finally the PC were advised of drainage issues resulting in foul odours on the member of public's land. He is working on a report which cannot be shared yet but is frustrated that BANES did not consult with him.

IW requested that the PC follow up the concerns around sewage smells on the land mentioned.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact AB to see if she is aware of any action BANES are taking.**

### 5. Declarations of Interest:

None

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## 6. Ward councillors update:

### AB shared her update in advance of the meeting:

Local Plan – they have had an update from the cabinet lead for housing re the update from government about the National Planning Policy and been told government has rejected their hope to increase biodiversity net gain as well as making all new houses as EPC A. The ministers have said they can only make them EPC C or below.

There has been disquiet in the social services due to restructuring.

They remain chasing S&A police re the anti social behaviour issue with the racers around the lake.

Buses are changing – many are under threat, including Nempnett's. There is a new WECA consultation on the buses – please engage as they really do need to keep some public transport in the valley.

IW requested that the PC support and advertise WECA . she attended a meeting about publicising the buses. Currently there is still a bus that can be caught from Ubley to the Airport. Once the clerk has the advertising material she would like it shared on the village WhatsApp group.

**ACTION: Clerk to request the WECA advertising and share once received.**

## 7. Highways

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

IW expressed concern regarding a now visible concrete slab next to Nempnett Cottage opposite the garden of Jessamine Cottage, which poses a threat to road users, she will be reporting to BANES. She also advised there is a pothole at the top of Lakeside Close and Nempnett Street is also a danger to cyclists, in addition the one outside Street Farm remains unfixed.

JM said that from Nempnett Street to Chapel Hill has had a number of potholes filled but no others have been repaired. He asked if highways can be asked to send us plan of their schedule.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask AB if she can request the works schedule from BANES highways team.**

## 8. Planning:

a. New applications- None

b. Ongoing- None

c. Decisions- 26/00249/FUL-Oxleaze Farm, Greenhouse Lane- permitted

d. Enforcement:

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

An update was circulated prior to the meeting. An enforcement notice has been served, requiring removal of the vehicles, composting toilet and piles of earth.

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JM asked the clerk to contact BANES regarding the storage units still in situ opposite East House, now planning permission was granted on [24/04205/CLEU](#) for storage the shipping containers should be removed.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact BANES to ask if they have requested the removal of shipping containers.**

## 9. Finance:

a. Bank reconciliation for 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed PR 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**

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

## 10. Parish Council Airports Association (PCAA)

JM was unable to attend the most recent meeting but advised the Council on the updates from the PCAA.

15mppa application has been submitted by Bristol Airport and the PCAA will be objecting to it and encourage all Parish Councils to do the same. They have various actions planned to protest the proposed lighting on Felton Common.

The PCAA were bequeathed £50,000 of which they will be spending a large amount on fighting the expansion of the airport.

## 11. Parish Matters-

a) Village defibrillator

JM confirmed the defibrillator is in the process of being installed.

A plan needs to be established long term for the weekly and monthly checks. IW will monitor it until the next meeting where it can be discussed with the Council.

IW suggested that some training is offered to the villagers so they would feel confident using the defibrillator if required.

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## 12. Old finger-posts renovation

No update.

## 13. Next meeting- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

JM sent his apologies for the May meeting's.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.35.